

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON MINUTES  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

5:00 p.m.

January 23th, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Samuel Cressler – Chairman  
Randy Brenize – Vice Chairman  
Roger Hall

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Melissa Kelso Esq.  
Kathy Durf – Secretary/Treasurer  
Jamie White – Code Enforcement  
Maria Misner – Planning/Zoning/Recording Secretary

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Doug Brehm – Brehm-Lebo Engineers  
Delvin Zullinger – Curfman Zullinger  
Paul Witter – Roxbury Road  
Charlie Pensinger – 10700 Thornwood

**Chairman Cressler called the meeting of January 23rd, to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced the meeting may be recorded.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**VISITOR REMARKS**

Charlie Pensinger

Mr. Pensinger said PennDOT used the term, “if feasible” as a reason for Big Dog Apartment’s ingress/egress to come off of Thornwood Road as opposed to Orrstown Road. He feels it is not feasible to use Thornwood Road. He would like a more definitive answer.

Supervisor Cressler replied that “feasible” is an arbitrary word that PennDOT probably uses as a catch-all.

He asked if the township would put an application in to PennDOT for a traffic signal at Orrstown and Thornwood Roads.

Supervisor Cressler said he would be interested to know if there is any substantial data collected by PennDOT throughout the state to say a traffic

light is more effective than a blinking light. He would like justification before spending additional Township funds.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 9TH.**

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to approve the minutes of the January 9th meeting as presented. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Furnace Run Water/Sewer/Welcome Center Update

Bid documents for the Welcome Center still have not been received.

### NPDES Review Comments

The Township received the second set of comments from DEP for the NPDES permit. It is now considered a "High Level" review. B & L does not foresee any problems satisfying any of the comments. Martin & Martin are helping with the last comment. Deadline to resubmit is January 31<sup>st</sup>. It should be a few weeks after that for final approval.

Supervisor Brenize asked Solicitor Kelso about cost increases with David H. Martin since it has been so long since the bid was submitted

Solicitor Kelso will check into the agreement.

### Tree Planting

Maria stated she has been talking with Eric Oliver about more trees. He can get us about 1,500 more trees as Furnace Run Park is considered a mine site. Susquehanna River Basin Commission has agreed to send about 15 people to help plant. We need about 15 volunteers, which should not be a problem. That is tentatively set for April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Dump Truck Accessories

Supervisor Hall reported that Shane Scott, Road Foreman, got another quote from Lancaster Truck Body that is lower than US Municipal. US Municipal is going to try to beat the quote so any decision should be delayed until the next Supervisor's meeting.

### Smith Settlement

Solicitor Kelso stated she has not heard back from Mr. Smith's attorney in regard to a settlement. She will ask for a continuance for Thursday's hearing to be rescheduled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Higher Info SaaS Alerts

Maria reported that Higher Information Group had sent a letter stating increased computer security benefits would cost the Township \$2.00 per user per month.

### Building 1 Canopy

Supervisor Brenize said the canopy out front was leaking and can no longer be cleaned. He got a quote for a vinyl awning replacement of \$2,400.

Supervisor Cressler stated that he would like us to try a water-proofing agent before a new canopy was purchased.

### Bulky Trash Days 2024

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to set spring Bulky Trash Days as May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

### SD2024-001 Paul Witter Modification Request

Delvin Zullinger was present to explain the plan and the request for modification for an additional access to be granted on a driveway with more than three residences. The parcel is landlocked.

Mr. Zullinger stated the parcel is slated for farmland preservation, but will be eligible for a residence.

Solicitor Kelso stated that if it is only used for agriculture then the access is easier. If a residence is built, that changes the usage on the lane and it should come to the Township for further approval.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to grant modification subject to the condition that lot H is only used for agricultural use, but Township approval would be required before a dwelling can be constructed. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### Timber Hill Cell Tower

Mr. Doug Brehm explained that Cumberland County is putting in about 20 cell towers up and down Cumberland County for emergency services. The cell tower

will be sharing space with the existing water tower on Timber Hill off of Possum Hollow Road. They are asking to waive the official review process.

Solicitor Kelso stated that she did review the agreement a few months ago and it says that if the County doesn't use the tower, they either have to tear it down or continue to pay rent. There are no plans for any cellular carrier to ever use these towers.

Supervisor Cressler asked that they demonstrate there will be no change of stormwater flow at the property line.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to waive the formal review of the cell tower pending Tim Cormany's approval of their certification of stormwater standards. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA AMENDED ITEMS**

There were no amended agenda items.

#### **REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES**

##### **Supervisors**

No reports

##### **Solicitor**

Solicitor Kelso stated she is working on a draft document for enforcing parking on United Drive.

The Herwin Village stub street only has one heir left to sign off. One of the owners recently died which has slowed the process.

She has the additional comments to update personnel policy. It should be ready in the next few days.

##### **Planning/Zoning – Maria Misner**

###### Fees-in-Lieu-of-Recreation for Big Dogs

Maria reported that she had a conversation with Lane Thrush of Big Dogs. Mr. Thrush asked that instead of submitting all of the fees-in-lieu-of recreation at one time, that he be allowed to submit them as a requirement for a Land Use Permit for each apartment building.

Supervisor Cressler stated he is not in favor of it because it will be very difficult to track years down the road.

The Supervisors agreed the ordinance should be followed and the fees submitted prior to release of the plan.

**Code Enforcement – Jamie White**

Permits/License/OLDS

Jamie White reported that the last chance letters were sent out on January 17<sup>th</sup> with 30-days to comply.

Open Violations

There were 23 Rentals, 9 Septic and two (2) Mobile Home Parks.

Closed Complaints

There is a vehicle that parks at the intersection of Roxbury Road and Hurley Drive that interferes when turning off of Roxbury Road.

Supervisor Hall stated the vehicle is more than 20 feet from a crosswalk so it is legal.

The supervisors asked Solicitor Kelso if they could regulate parking and extend it to 40 feet?

Solicitor Kelso will check into it.

**Secretary/Treasurer - Kathy Durf**

No report

**ACTION ON PAYING THE BILLS**

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$15,670.46. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Supervisor Cressler closed the regular meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner  
Planning/Zoning/Recording Secretary