

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

8:00 a.m.

February 13th, 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**

Charlie Pensinger

**Chairman Cressler called the meeting of February 13th, to order at 8:00 a.m. and announced the meeting may be recorded.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**VISITOR REMARKS**

Charlie Pensinger stated that at his last visit he questioned what “feasible” meant as a PennDOT response. According to PennDOT, they consider all of the factors and they determine what is feasible and what is not.

Paul Witter, who was involved with installation of the current beacon at Thornwood and Orrstown, told Mr. Pensinger that the reason it was chosen was because of the retrofit possibilities. There may be upgrades within the infrastructure that can be adapted to a traffic light.

The citizen also said that PennDOT invited the Township looked into grant money for a traffic light.

Supervisor Cressler asked Mr. Pensinger if he thinks cars will stop at a red traffic light if they don't stop for the red beacon.

Mr. Pensinger felt that cars would stop.

PennDOT does not keep data on blinking lights vs traffic light effectiveness.

Supervisor Brenize talked to quite a few people who do not want a light out the Orrstown Road.

Mr. Pensinger stated he has 70 people in favor of it out of 72 in his neighborhood who signed a petition. Township meeting turnout is not an indication of support.

Supervisor Hall's opinion is there should be another traffic study done and go from there.

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to authorize Township Engineers, Grove Miller to conduct a traffic study to see if it warrants any alterations to the intersection. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>.**

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the minutes of the January 23rd meeting as presented. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Maria Misner reported that she had a conversation with Architect, David Black and they suggested the following timeline.

2-14 – Bid Documents Delivered

2-14 - Bids uploaded to DCNR for Review

2-27 BOS meeting – Motion to move forward with the advertising pending DCNR approval.

4-2 – Bids Due to David, he will review and give to the Township and Solicitor Kelso for further review.

4-9 BOS meeting – Award Bid and Authorize Supervisor Cressler to execute the agreements.

#### Trail Improvements and Signs

Maria Misner reported that community resident Ron Ziegler has cleared a trail up the South Finger at Furnace Run to Polk Hill. He would like to put up some

simple directional signs. He knows that at some point the Township will put up nice signs, but he would like others to be able to take advantage of the trail.

Supervisor Cressler stated there have been other changes to the trails from the original plan. He would like to have a meeting to discuss an approach for signage.

There will be a workshop on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to discuss Furnace Run Trails and signage.

#### Dump Truck Accessories

Supervisor Hall stated that Shane Scott the road foreman, was supposed to provide information on the accessory package but wasn't able to get it due to the snow storm that morning.

Tabled until the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Building 1 Canopy

Supervisor Brenize would like to replace the canvas canopy with a vinyl one with a larger Township Logo. The quote is \$2,400.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to purchase a new vinyl canopy for the front of Building 1 at a cost of \$2,400. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Possum Hollow/Hostetter Intersection

Supervisor Cressler reported that he sent a letter to the Township Traffic Engineer regarding the options to protect the corner property.

Local-deliveries-only signs would not help due to the businesses in the area.

Supervisor Brenize suggested expanding the intersection to allow room for trucks to turn without going through Mr. Group's yard.

Supervisor Cressler said they will continue to explore possibilities but have not found any answers yet.

#### Parking – United Drive & Hurley Drive

Solicitor Kelso presented the board with a sample parking ordinance which outlines a method of enforcement. The board can review and suggest changes.

### Letter to PennDOT about Additional Signage on Rt. 696

Supervisor Cressler reached out to PennDOT District 8 and has a meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to talk about signage on SR 696.

### 2024 Costars Salt Contract

Kathy Durf asked for permission to complete the annual forms for the 300 Tons of salt that the Township typically purchases.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to apply for the salt contract. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### Nuisance Ordinance Discussion

Maria Misner presented the Board with a revised Nuisance Ordinance. She said there is expanded language for cats which are a continuing problem in the Township. The State does not regulate cats, so it is up to the Townships to manage as they see fit.

Feral and free-roaming cats are not only a nuisance to neighbors with spraying and feces, but according to the CDC, the NIH and the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, they are a health and safety issue. They are reservoirs of transmissible pathogens and the number one carrier of rabies among domestic animals and more likely to expose people to rabies than wildlife.

Supervisors and Staff can review the draft ordinance and make changes accordingly.

### **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Maria Misner reported that there will be a Conditional Use Hearing for Scenic Lane School on Stonewall Road at the March 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor's meeting at 5:00 p.m.

### **AGENDA AMENDED ITEMS**

There were no amended agenda items.

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

#### **Supervisors**

There were no supervisor comments.

**Solicitor – Melissa Kelso**

Solicitor Kelso reported that there will be a hearing for Mark Smith on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Planning/Zoning – Maria Misner**

Maria Misner reported that she received a request for a veteran’s banner on a telephone pole on Pinola Road. According to the Zoning Ordinance, §39-309.15, no sign shall be permitted attached to a public utility pole in the right-of-way; however, under the definition of a “sign”, this type of banner may not be included. She would like some direction.

The Supervisors suggested she talk with Solicitor Kelso for clarification.

**Code Enforcement – Jamie White**

Jamie White stated he is still waiting for 12 rental licenses to be renewed.

The nuisance cats are an issue in Herwin Village again. He sent out letters to the entire community. The Borough does not have a nuisance cat ordinance so those who live in the Borough portion of Herwin will not receive letters.

There is a hearing in March for Baldwin Blvd for trash on the porch.

**Secretary/Treasurer - Kathy Durf**

No report.

**ACTION ON PAYING BILLS**

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$65,436.68. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Cressler adjourned the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner  
Planning/Zoning/Recording Secretary