

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 26, 2020 AT 7:00 PM via Zoom

The Regular Meeting of the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors came to order at 7:00 PM. Supervisors William R. Shoemaker, Robert T. Lange, and Barbara L. Handelin were present. Also present were Township Manager Sally Slook, Police Chief Robert Klinger, Zoning Officer Robert Smiley, Finance Director Martin McKenzie, Director of Public Works William Hagan, Solicitor Bill Christman, and Assistant to the Township Manager Jennifer Jacobs.

Supervisor Shoemaker led a moment of silence for military personnel, first responders, and all front-line workers in the current pandemic.

New Business

Minutes – Supervisor Lange moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2020. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Expenditures - Supervisor Handelin moved to approve the list of expenditures and interfund transfers dated October 23, 2020. Supervisor Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Escrow Release - Authorization to Release Partial Escrow Funds for Radnor Hunt Foundation. The first escrow release is in the amount of \$133,193.63. Supervisor Shoemaker stated this escrow relates to the covered arena Radnor Hunt Foundation built, and the balance remaining is around \$12,000. Supervisor Handelin asked for clarification on what else needed to be done on the project since the covered arena is finished and in use. Supervisor Shoemaker said 10% is the contingency, and the remaining balance will be left till the spring when Radnor Hunt finishes the landscaping and drainage. Supervisor Lange moved to approve the escrow release. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Appointment of Grace Frain to the Parks and Recreation Board – Supervisor Lange moved to appoint Grace Frain to an unexpired vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Board. Supervisor Handelin seconded. Supervisor Handelin commented it is exciting to have a resident join the Parks and Recreation Board who is an avid user of the parks and raise a family here in Willistown. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Emergency Generator – Supervisor Lange moved to approve the administration building emergency generator replacement in the amount of \$64,939.00. Supervisor Shoemaker said the current generator was installed in 1992 when the administration building was used as the police department. Ms. Slook explained Tropical Storm Isaias hit during the workweek, and the current generator cannot power the entire building, which disrupted the Township's continuity of service. Supervisor Handelin seconded. Supervisor Handelin asked how long it will take to be installed. Director of Public Works Bill Hagan commented it would take 3-5 weeks once the unit is ordered. In the meantime, the public works department will be tearing out the old fencing and prepping the site so the generator will be installed quickly once it arrives. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance #3 of 2020 – Solicitor Chrisman introduced the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to remove structures located at 1720 West Chester Pike from the historical resources inventory. Both the Historical Commission and the Planning Commission recommended removing the structures from the Historical Resources Inventory. Supervisor Handelin asked Mr. Penders what triggered having this structure removed. Mr. Penders

explained Rouse Chamberlin is developing 1720 West Chester Pike and three adjoining properties. The tenant home at 1720 was the subject of a historic resource impact study done on the home and the surrounding properties in 2015 when the Conditional Use Application and hearing were held for the site's land development. When Rouse Chamberlin became involved and submitted a demolition permit earlier this year, the Township pointed out this property is still identified as a Class II Resource even though the impact study and recent analysis showed it was a 20th-century structure. Supervisor Shoemaker said the original creation of the Historical Resources Inventory was based on the 1883 Breou Atlas. Still, this property was misidentified as being historic and placed on the list erroneously from the beginning. Elizabeth Jekot, 18 Applewood Road, stated she has been following these properties' development and hopes the developer keeps the beauty and open space of Willistown in mind when building these townhomes. Supervisor Handelin moved to remove 1720 West Chester Pike from the historical resources inventory. Supervisor Lange seconded. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Police Report – Chief Klinger reported a burglary in the 100 block of Lancaster Avenue, and a car was also broken into related to the burglary. There were several criminal mischief incidents along the 40-60 blocks of Street Road and the 2000 block of Dutton Mill Road. A 49-year-old female was arrested after a crash on Stoneham Drive. An identity theft case was investigated after a resident reported several accounts were opened in their name. Several items were stolen from Industrial Boulevard; the person attempted to use the stolen credit cards unsuccessfully. Finally, Chief Klinger wished Detective Corporal Will a wonderful retirement and thanked him for his service of 30 years with the Willistown Police Department. Supervisor Handelin asked the Chief to thank the Officers who assisted her and her dog after they had car trouble on Boot Road. Elizabeth Jekot, 18 Applewood Road, asked if the Willistown Police Department had police dogs. Supervisor Shoemaker replied the department does not have a K-9 unit.

Citizens' Comments

None

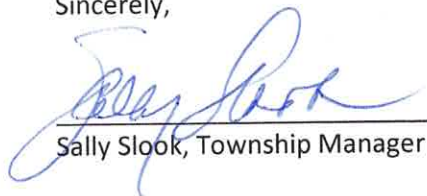
Next Meeting

The special meeting of the Board of Supervisors is on the sewer evaluation results and is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The next regular meeting Board of Supervisors will be Monday, November 9, 2020, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Ms. Slook commented the Zoom registration link for the October 29th special meeting is posted on the Township website.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,



Sally Slook, Township Manager