

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 8, 2021 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, Barbara L. Handelin, and Robert T. Lange were present. Also present were Township Manager Sally Slook, Police Chief Robert Klinger, Finance Director Martin McKenzie, Director of Planning and Zoning Robert Smiley, and Solicitor Bill Christman.

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

Announcements

Supervisor Shoemaker announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on February 5, 2021 to discuss real estate matters.

New Business

Minutes – Supervisor Lange moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2021. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Expenditures - Supervisor Lange moved to approve the list of expenditures and interfund transfers dated February 5, 2021. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Resolution 7 of 2021 - Supervisor Lange moved to approve Resolution 7 of 2021 - A Designation of Agent Resolution for Pennsylvania Emergency Management Association (PEMA). Supervisor Handelin seconded. Ms. Slook explained this designation allows Emergency Management Coordinator Martin Mackenzie to sign and apply for grant money on behalf of the Township for reimbursements for costs incurred due to the pandemic. Supervisor Handelin asked if this Resolution is specific to the COVID pandemic and if reimbursements are coming from the State via the Federal Government. Ms. Slook said it is specific to the current pandemic, and reimbursement monies come from FEMA to PEMA, and PEMA then distributes the money to the local municipalities. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Escrow Release – Supervisor Handelin moved to authorize a release of escrow funds to the development known as Willistown Point. This is request #3 in the amount of \$60,209.19, with \$1,214,838.20 remaining in escrow balance. Supervisor Shoemaker seconded. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried by a vote of 2-1. Supervisor Lange has gone on record previously opposing this development.

Conditional Use Application – Supervisor Lange made a motion to advertise the Conditional Use Application of Cornerstone Construction Engineers & Architectural, Inc on behalf of Wendy's Restaurant for Conditional Use Approval pursuant to Section 139-111.C of the Willistown Township Zoning Ordinance. Supervisor Handelin seconded. Supervisor Shoemaker commented this is a motion to advertise the Conditional Use hearing. The Planning Commission has yet to give a final recommendation or not on this application and will do so at their next meeting. Supervisor Handelin asked Supervisor Shoemaker to explain what Wendy's is requesting to do with this application. Supervisor Shoemaker explained the Wendy's at the corner of Lancaster Avenue and North Cedar Hollow Road has been refurbishing their building and would like to redo its signage. Under the Township ordinance, some of the signs, specifically the illuminated ones, require Conditional Use. The number, illumination, and locations of the signs are still being discussed with the Planning Commission. Supervisor Handelin thanked the Planning Commission for having the foresight to craft an Ordinance that keeps the number of signs and their style

in line with the look of the Willistown. She and Supervisor Shoemaker also commented they both believe in preserving the dark skies as a critical environmental issue. Discussion ensued. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Police Report – Chief Klinger reported there was a case of unemployment fraud from a prior identify theft. The federal government is now investigating. The Department is also investigating eBay fraud where a resident was asked to buy gift cards instead of sending payment. Unfortunately, these crimes are harder to solve because, many times, the perpetrator is in another country. The Chief also reminded residents during snowstorms; parking is prohibited on the street. Please park cars in the garage or on driveways so the Public Works crew can quickly and efficiently plow the roads. He also thanked Public Works Director Bill Hagan and his team for doing a tremendous job during the last two snowstorms. Finally, the Chief announced they applied for a grant and received \$19,000 for a decontamination system for small spaces such as police cars and a temperature screening kiosk from the County.

Citizens' Comments

None

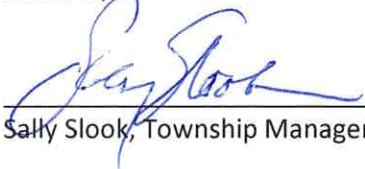
Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sally Slook", is written over a horizontal line.

Sally Slook, Township Manager