

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 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.

New Business

Minutes – Supervisor Lange moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 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 March 5, 2021. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance 1 of 2021 - Supervisor Lange moved to approved the proposed ordinance authorizing the execution of a cable franchise agreement between Willistown Township and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC. Supervisor Handelin seconded. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Subdivision and Land Development – Supervisor Lange made a motion to approve the preliminary/final land development plan of L-1-20: Villa Maria Student Union and Tennis Courts. This plan involves UPI parcels #54-1-16 and #54-1-21 with a total gross area of 45.8 acres to develop a new Student Union Building and Tennis Courts. Supervisor Handelin seconded. Solicitor Christman read standard conditions to the approval, which will be included in the decision letter. They include compliance with outstanding review letters, signing developer agreements, financial security, and paying all outstanding invoices. Supervisor Lange moved to accept the list of conditions read by Solicitor Christman. Supervisor Handelin seconded. 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 an arrest of a 23-year-old male for unauthorized use of a vehicle on Greentree Lane. A 43-year-old male was arrested for drug possession on Sugartown Road. Over 30 citations were issued for a large underage drinking party, with over 75-100 juveniles in attendance. Supervisor Handelin asked about PA laws for parental liabilities for hosting underage parties. Chief Klinger stated the parents were out of town and had no knowledge the party would occur. If the parents had hosted the party, there would have been legal ramifications.

Citizens' Comments

Fred Haack, 486 King Road, asked about the lawsuit status on the Line Road soccer field, and how much money the Township has spent on the case. Solicitor Christman stated it's ongoing litigation, and he can't go into great detail, but the pleadings have closed, and now the parties are serving discovery on each other. Supervisor Shoemaker explained there are issues the Township has to peruse in the matter of enforcement that is not designed to recover costs. This case involves important issues to the Township, and the three Supervisors are in agreement ordinances need to be enforced, or there is no point in having them. Mr. Haack also enquired about the interfund transfers passed every meeting and if they are published anywhere. Supervisor Shoemaker

explained they are a matter of public record after they have passed. Ms. Slook said they are not published anywhere, but anyone can request copies under the Right to Know Law. Supervisors Lange and Shoemaker explained they are long lists of checks to pay bills, including ground maintenance, office supplies, laundering police uniforms, repairs to Township vehicles, road salt, and many other day-to-day expenses. Rob Rosend, 61 Boxwood Court, asked what the soccer field lawsuit is about and if it includes the field entrances. Supervisor Shoemaker said the Township can't comment since it is in ongoing litigation, but it is regarding enforcing ordinances, and the entrance is one of those issues. Mr. Rosend also asked if the soccer association received approval to pave their parking lot, affecting impervious coverage. Supervisor Shoemaker commented this is part of the litigation and can't be discussed at this point. Supervisor Handelin commented the litigation subject is the lease the Township holds over some aspects of the property.

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,



Sally Slook, Township Manager