

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 12, 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, Lt. Jeff Heim, Finance Director Martin McKenzie, Director of Planning and Zoning Robert Smiley, Assistant to the Township Manager Jennifer Jacobs, 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

The Board did not meet in executive session prior to this meeting.

New Business

Minutes – Supervisor Lange moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 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 April 9, 2021. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Application to the Willistown Township Agricultural Security Area – Supervisor Lange moved to accept the application of Ryan Heenan, 8 Castlebar Lane, Malvern, for the addition of parcel #54-6-52.4H to the Willistown Township Agricultural Security Area and to refer the application to the appropriate reviewing agencies. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. Supervisor Lange explained the Willistown Agricultural Security Area was established in the 1980s to protect farms and farmland from non-agricultural uses. It gives farmers protection from local ordinances and nuisance lawsuits affecting normal farming activities, and it allows them to sell their development rights to the county or state. Finally, it gives farmers special consideration regarding the review of farmland condemnation by state and local government agencies. Bob Smiley added there are 81 parcels in Willistown and 2 in Tredyffrin currently in the Willistown Agricultural Security Area, totaling just over 2000 acres. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Advertising of an Ordinance - Supervisor Handelin moved to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 2 of 2021, which amends Chapter 46 of the code of Willistown Township by changing the name from the Recycling Commission to the Environmental Sustainability Commission and expanding its powers and duties. Supervisor Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Conditional Use Application– Supervisor Handelin made a motion to advertise Conditional Use Application C-2-21 for Jeffrey & Lindsay Gehret on May 10, 2021, for the construction of a pool in a precautionary slope at the property located at 7 Sugarbrook Lane, pending review of the application by the Willistown Township Planning Commission. Supervisor Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Police Report – Chief Klinger reported the Department is investigating the theft of a package from Plank Avenue as well as the theft of a catalytic converter from Bryn Mawr Rehab. A 39-year male was arrested for harassment due

to a domestic complaint. A 24-year-old male was arrested for drug paraphernalia due to a traffic stop and was served an outstanding bench warrant out of Bucks County.

Five Star Inc. vs. Willistown Township – Solicitor Christman announced a settlement agreement had been reached in the case of Five Star Inc. vs. Willistown Township regarding the construction of the Police building. The Township will have to pay \$5630 to Five Star to settle all claims. Supervisor Shoemaker moved to authorize the execution of the settlement agreement. Supervisor Lange seconded. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Citizens' Comments

Henry Jordan, 152 Grubb Road, asked if there has been any discussion with PreDoc or an alternative vendor to negotiate a post-privatization service rate for grinder pump owners. Ms. Slook replied it is premature to start negotiations, but it is still the Township's intent to do so once the Township has a settlement date. Discussion ensued.

Alexander Nikas, 7 Veterans Way, seconded Henry Jordan's comment of a Township negotiated service rate with PreDoc. Discussion ensued. He also asked if Aqua would be honoring the deduct meter he had installed for outdoor water use that is not discharged into the sanitary sewer system. Discussion ensued.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,



Sally Slook, Township Manager