

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
688 SUGARTOWN ROAD, MALVERN, PA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors came to order at 7:00 pm. Supervisors William R. Shoemaker and Robert T. Lange were present in person. Supervisor George J. McHugh IV called in. Also present were Township Manager Sally Slook, Police Chief Robert Klinger, Public Works Director Bill Hagan, Finance Director Martin McKenzie, 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 the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss legal issues. He also announced a special public meeting that will be held on Thursday, October 21 at 7 pm to discuss the stormwater issues and solutions in the Ronnie Park area of Paoli.

New Business

Minutes – Supervisor Lange moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2021. Supervisor McHugh seconded the motion. Jack McGinley, 2 Second Ave, inquired why minutes are not written verbatim. Supervisor Shoemaker explained the BOS minutes are known as summary minutes. They are not official transcripts of the proceedings. They include identifying the resident and their question, briefly summarizing the answer, and then writing discussion ensued. There were no further 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 October 8th, 2021. Supervisor McHugh seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Paoli library Presentation by Beverly Michael, Branch Manager of the Paoli Library– attached to these minutes.

Malvern Library Presentation by Maggie Stanton, Library Director of the Malvern Library – attached to these minutes.

Resolution #12 of 2021 – Supervisor McHugh moved to approve Resolution #12 of 2021: Authorizing the Distribution of Funds Provided by The American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Funding Program. Supervisor Lange seconded the motion. Supervisor Shoemaker explained these are Federal dollars being distributed to local municipalities. The Township will receive \$576,413.35 this year and the same amount of money next year. This year, \$345,848.01 will be given to nonprofit library and emergency service providers, as follows:

Newtown Square Fire Company	\$17,672.83
Goshen Fire Company	\$46,654.90
Paoli Fire Company	\$89,678.39
Malvern Fire Company	\$123,433.15
Malvern Library	\$34,204.37

The balance, \$230,565.34 will be used for stormwater mitigation and infrastructure projects in the Township. There were no further 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. Supervisor McHugh seconded the motion. Supervisor Shoemaker explained that this is to accept and refer the application to the appropriate reviewing agencies. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Police Report –Chief Klinger would like to remind residents no legitimate business or contractor should ask for payment in gift cards. Please alert the Department if any company asks you to pay for goods or services in this manner. With school back in session, the Traffic Officer has targeted Providence Road, Sugartown Road, Cedar Hollow Road, and Forest and Monument Lanes with speed warning devices to remind drivers to slow down. They will be moved to the roads where the Department often receives speeding complaints. A 30-year-old male was arrested for public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and creating a disturbance at Paoli Hospital.

Citizens' Comments

Jack McGinley, 2 Second Ave, commented brush on Malvern Prep property is hitting cars as they drive along Paoli Pike and brush obscuring sightlines on a Lloyd Avenue property by Greentree Park. Supervisor Shoemaker said the Township could not force a property owner to trim bushes, but the Police Department will communicate the issue with the Lloyd Avenue property owner. Malvern Prep is in the Malvern Borough, and Supervisor Shoemaker suggested Mr. McGinley contact the Borough.

Mahala Renkey, 45 Tulip Drive, also commented on the debris and brush along Paoli Pike. Discussion ensued. She also mentioned she met with Bob Smiley, Zoning Officer, and they walked the Applebrook Meadows property along Line Road to discuss the phragmites patch. Discussion ensued.

Wayne Lilly, 46 Jacqueline Drive, asked for clarification if the Township would cover any expenses caused by Hurricane Ida that FEMA would not cover. Mr. Shoemaker replied he did not say the Township would cover any expenses. Mr. Lilly also asked if residents could bring a tape recorder to meetings. Supervisor Shoemaker said yes, residents could record public meetings. Discussion ensued.

John Plonski, 63 Boxwood Court, asked why the HOA Board of Applebrook Meadows was not notified of Bob Smiley being on the property. Ms. Slook replied it was a private meeting with Ms. Renkey. Discussion ensued.

Susan Rosso, 1 Roselawn Lane, asked if the Township and Yerkes Associates would accept responsibility for the flooding on Jacqueline Drive due to Hurricane Ida. Supervisor Shoemaker said the Township has been meeting with Yerkes to discuss what happened during Hurricane Ida and will present the findings at the October 21 public meeting. Discussion ensued.

Wayne Lilly, 46 Jacqueline Drive, asked if the Army Corp of Engineers would be involved in the project. Mr. Shoemaker replied getting a project before the Army Corp of Engineers is not easy, but they are the experts. So far, they have not returned the Township's calls. Discussion ensued.

Harriet Lilly, 46 Jacqueline Drive, asked if the Township plans to contact the Army Corp of Engineers before proceeding with repairs to the plunge pool. Supervisor Shoemaker said they want to address this issue before heavy rain causes another problem. Waiting for the Army Corp of Engineers could take years. Discussion ensued.

A resident on Rollingview Drive asked if the Township would recoup some of the \$600,000 back from Yerkes Engineering and contractor John DiRocco from the Jacqueline Drive project. Supervisor Shoemaker replied he is not sure if the Township can legally do that.

Sally-Ann Fritzson, 2 Sunset Drive, asked if Solicitor Christman could address recouping money from the Jacqueline Drive project. Solicitor Christman replied he had not seen the contract, but it is something he could look into. Discussion ensued.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Township building.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,



Sally Slook, Township Manager