

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
688 SUGARTOWN ROAD, MALVERN, PA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 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, Supervisor George J. McHugh IV, and Robert T. Lange were present. Also present were Township Manager Sally Slook, Police Chief Robert Klinger, 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 McHugh moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2021. Supervisor Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Expenditures – Supervisor McHugh moved to approve the list of expenditures and interfund transfers dated October 22nd, 2021. Supervisor Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Resolution #13 of 2021 – Supervisor McHugh moved to approve Resolution #13 of 2021: Designation of Agent Resolution for Tropical Depression Ida, DR-4618. Supervisor Lange seconded the motion. Supervisor Shoemaker explained this resolution would designate Martin McKenzie, Finance Director and Emergency Management Coordinator, to make FEMA claims on behalf of the Township.

Motion to Advertise a Conditional Use Hearing for Application #C-4-21 – Supervisor McHugh moved to advertise the hearing on November 22, 2021 for the application #C-4-21 for Alexandra Murphy in order to allow the construction of stormwater pipes within areas of precautionary and prohibitive slopes in the Steep Slope Conservation District on the property located at 925 Plumsock Road. Supervisor Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Subdivision and Land Development- Supervisor Shoemaker introduced the final application #S-6-21 minor subdivision for Robert E. Turner 1994 Irrevocable Trust and Alex Zozaya located on White Horse Road. This lot line adjustment proposes the extinguishment of the lot lines bounding parcel E, UPI #54-7-16.3 totaling 1.920 acres, shown on the said plan and conveying the land to Lot 2, UPI #54-7-16, of said plan, thereby consolidating into one parcel. The property is located within the RU Rural District. Solicitor Christman asked the Board to grant waivers from Section 123 – 17b and Sections 123-18b(3) and b(4). Supervisor McHugh moved to approve the lot line change and grant the waivers. Supervisor Lange seconded. Mike Kerr, 33 Stonehenge Drive, asked if this lot line change would generate a non-conforming lot. Supervisor Shoemaker explained that several years ago the parties agreed to convey the 1.92 acres to straighten the lot line. Rather than merging the 2 lots, the County created a separate lot and parcel number for the 1.92 acres. This application allows the property to be correctly incorporated into the lot as initially intended. Solicitor John Mezzanotte, who represents one of the applicants, stated the correct parcel number is #54-7-16.3, not #54-7.18.3 as previously read by Supervisor Shoemaker. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Police Report –Chief Klinger reported the Department assisted the Philadelphia Police Department Homicide Division in executing a warrant in the 100 block of S Cedar Hollow Road for a subject wanted for homicide. The warrant was executed early in the morning with the regional emergency response SWAT team that the Department is a member of, and the subject was arrested without incident. The residence was searched, and a significant amount of money and drugs were found, along with 5 or 6 firearms. This arrest was in conjunction with a Philadelphia May homicide, and the subject has since been living in Willistown. The Department cited a 34-year-old male for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct while riding a SEPTA bus and also arrested a 43-year-old male for a DUI while speeding through the Sugartown Elementary afternoon school zone. Heroin and cocaine were also found in the vehicle. The Chief would also like to remind residents to be alert driving on Halloween and have trick or treaters wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight. Julie Frissora, 34 Chetwynd Road, asked if firearms were removed from the house and the subject from S Cedar Hollow Road is out on bail. As part of the search warrant, the Chief explained that they removed all contraband from the home, and the subject did not make bail. His bail will be reviewed at the preliminary hearing, and in the Chief’s experience, he does not see it being reduced. Ms. Frissora asked if neighbors would be notified if the subject did make bail and returned to the residence. The Chief replied to email him, and he will send her the link to the public court portal to follow the case and get updates as the case is adjudicated. David Trainer, 39 Duffryn Ave, suggested the Township remind residents in the Crier e-newsletter to wear reflective clothing when biking or walking on the roads. Residents can sign up for the Crier at www.willistown.pa.us under the “Notify Me” button.

Citizens' Comments

Mahala Renkey, 45 Tulip Drive, asked about Zoning Officer Bob Smiley's progress on figuring out when the phragmites should be cut at Applebrook Meadows. Ms. Slook replied he is still working on it. Discussion ensued.

Marie Kania, 2905 Sagewood Drive, commented on campaign signs by the Township building. Supervisor Shoemaker replied the signs were on his property.

David Trainer, 39 Duffryn Ave, asked if document shredding is on October 30. Ms. Slook said document shredding is the next scheduled event, and the date and time are on the website. Discussion ensued.

A resident asked how documents should be brought to the shredding event. Supervisor Shoemaker replied residents can bring documents in various ways, including boxes, envelopes, and plastic bags. The bags will not be shredded. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Lange shared a story of 130 second graders from an Upper Darby elementary school visiting his farm. He commented how the school includes children of all ethnicities and the children have no prejudices or animosity to one another, and it gives him hope for the future.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Township building.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Sally Slook', written over a horizontal line.

Sally Slook, Township Manager