

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2021

VALLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The first monthly meeting of the Valley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, via virtual meeting through *Go To Meeting*.

The Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patrice Proctor at 7:52 p.m. Those participating in the meeting were Supervisors Kathy O'Doherty, Sharon Yates, Carmen Boyd, and Patrice Proctor. Also participating in the meeting were Amanda Sundquist, Esquire of Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees (Township Solicitor); Michael J. Ellis, P.E., of Pennoni Associates, Inc. (Township Engineer); Scott T. Piersol, Township Manager, and Kris Lenhart, Township Roadmaster.

It was noted that the meeting was being conducted through *Go To Meeting* to comply with Governor Wolf's order that all individuals in Chester County stay home in an effort to slow the spread and minimize public exposure to COVID-19 and maintain social distancing.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS/ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Proctor noted that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session following the January 19, 2021, public meeting relative to real estate/legal issues. Ms. Proctor also noted that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to this evening's meeting at 6:30 p.m. relative to personnel and litigation/real estate matters.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Boyd, to take the agenda out of order. The meeting passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yates, to add under "New Business" the Emergency Management Report. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emergency Management Report – Ms. O'Doherty noted that Mr. Sciandra, Emergency Management Coordinator, has conflicts on the third Tuesday of each month. It was requested that Mr. Sciandra's EMC report be presented at the first meeting of each month. The Board advised that the Emergency Management report could be reported at the first meeting of each month.

Mr. Sciandra reviewed the reported that was forwarded to the Township Secretary for distribution for the month of January 2021. He noted that the EMC was virtually activated for the winter storm starting on January 31 and ending on February 2, 2021. The Emergency

Declaration was issued and ReadyChesco messages went out to 3,139 subscribers. Mr. Sciandra stated that he continues to update the Township Emergency Operations Plan to be consistent with the County's new format and an updated Notification and Resource Manual (NARM) will be submitted to the county this coming month. He also noted that he is working with County staff to program and deploy 800MHz radios for the public works department.

Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yates, to add under "New Business" "ratification of the Emergency Declaration, issued on January 30, 2021, and the extension". The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES AS WRITTEN

Ms. Boyd made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yates, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021, Board of Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded Ms. Boyd, to approve payment of bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD GENERAL COMMENTS

Ms. Proctor noted that the Township office and public works department would be off on Monday, February 15, 2021, for President's Day; trash and recycling scheduled for February 15 will be collected on the following day. She also noted that due to weather, this Monday and Tuesday's trash and recycling collection was canceled and the material will be collected next week. It was noted that prior to the next public meeting on February 15 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Conditional Use Hearing to consider the application of Precision Welding Supply LLC/High Properties for 555 Fox Chase, Suite 107, to operate a welding supply business.

Ms. O'Doherty noted that she received comments on the great job with the plowing at Hillview.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Discussion/consideration regarding Valley View Business Park Lot 7 (Little Red Dog LLC) Financial Security Release #5 in the amount of \$76,346.12 – Based on the recommendation of the Township Engineer, **Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yates, to approve Valley View Business Park Lot 7 Financial Security Release #5 in the amount of \$76,346.12 requested by Little Red Dog LLC.** The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ellis submitted the Engineer's Report which is on file in the Township Office. The following items from the report were reviewed:

- Township Municipal Complex– Mr. Ellis reported that Gomez Excavating plans to construct the detention basin underdrain as soon as weather permits. He also noted that the letter and concept sketch plan of proposed Lincoln Highway eastbound left turn lane restriping, guiderail, and access drive signage was submitted to PennDOT by the Township Secretary on January 20; we are awaiting response. He also noted that Pennoni met with Township staff onsite on January 29 about recommendations regarding protection and enclosures for the exterior generator, HVAC equipment, building and other potential site improvements. Mr. Piersol noted that he had a meeting with Trefz regarding recommended placement of bollards and fencing around the outdoor equipment and generator. Ms. O'Doherty questioned if the lighting had been addressed. Mr. Lenhart advised that there is a light that is not working and that G.A. Vietri had been contacted to look at that light and recommendation for the flag pole lighting. Mr. Ellis talked about the possibility of moving boulders that are currently at the main entrance near the digital sign to the south end of the building along Business Route 30 for protection. He recommended, however, to keep those in place and look at look at bringing in new boulders from a quarry. Ms. O'Doherty also noted it was previously discussed about the possibility of planters at the main entrance for protection as well. She further noted that the COG had a request for equipment that could be shared by the group
- Storm Sewer System – Mr. Ellis reported that the CWMP had a recent webinar that discussed their new website (www.cwmp.org) and the available resources. Krista Brown from PaDEP gave a few updates regarding the MS4 permitting cycles at the webinar. She stated that her office is currently working with PaDEP central office to extend the MS4 permit cycle beyond the current five years due to the financial pressures of the Covid-19 pandemic on municipalities. This would extend the timeframe required for MS4 and TMDL projects to be implemented as proposed in the MS4 permit.
- Planning Commission Meeting – Mr. Ellis reported that Pennoni has reviewed the conditional use application of Precision Welding and has issued a comment letter. The C/U application will be reviewed at the February 9, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.
- Millview Basin Retrofit/DEP Growing Greener Grant – Mr. Ellis reviewed again that Coatesville was awarded \$300,000 under the DEP's Growing Greener grant program for the Millview Basin Retrofit project which was a multi-municipal application between Coatesville and Valley Township to include the Millview Basin retrofit and the outfall/swale reconstruction at 359 East Glencrest Road in Valley. The total grant requested was in the amount of \$401,826 with an overall estimated combined project cost of \$472,000. A coordination meeting was attended with Coatesville's manager and engineer o January 21, 2021, to discuss alternatives for the path forward given the funding shortfall. The current road condition was also discussed as it continues to deteriorate. It was noted that paving and drainage infrastructure improvements on the Coatesville side of the road are need to adequately capture stormwater runoff without pipes and inlets becoming repetitively clogged. Ms. Boyd recommended that a follow up letter be sent to the City of Coatesville and Ms. Proctor suggested that copies also be sent individually to each City Council member. Mr. Piersol stated that the and Mr. Lenhart will revisit the site and reach out to Mr. Logan first to advise of the forthcoming letter to him and the Council members and noting that this is an item that needs addressed as soon

a possible. The Board also discussed the issue regarding additional funding needed for the project and Mr. Piersol and Mr. Ellis will continue to talk with the City of Coatesville regarding the additional funding needed.

- Concord Street – Mr. Ellis reported that Pennsylvania American Water is finishing up their work and that it is estimated that Marino will be remobilizing in March.

At this time, Mr. Ellis departed the meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Discussion/consideration to adopt a Resolution adopting revisions to certain portions of the Sanitary Sewer Use Rules and Regulations – Ms. Sundquist reviewed a proposed Resolution that would adopt revisions to the Valley Township Sanitary Sewer Use Rules and Regulations that would only be effective immediately upon the closing of the sale of the sanitary sewer system to Pennsylvania American Water Company. In the event the sale of the system to PAWC fails to consummate, this Resolution would become null and of no further force or action needed by the Board. After discussion, **Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yates, to adopt Resolution 2021-10, a Resolution adopting revisions to certain portions of the Sanitary Sewer Use Rules and Regulations.** The motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Ms. Sundquist and Mr. Lenhart departed the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Piersol thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the recent storm, with some of them putting in 16-hour shifts. He reported that he is meeting with Perrotto tomorrow and is working on consolidating reports to make a master outstanding list for the building.

Consideration regarding Hill International Contract Extension – Mr. Piersol stated that reviewing what he believes needs to be done, that he recommends retaining Hill International on an “as needed” basis. After discussion, **Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yates, to extend the services of Hill International on an hourly basis as needed by the Township Manager.** The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/consideration remove William Kriston from probationary period that was extended to February 14, 2021 – **Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Boyd, to table the decision to remove William Kriston from probationary period.** The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration to appoint Daniel Chaput to the Environmental Advisory Council – **Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Boyd, to appoint Daniel Chaput to the Environmental Advisory Council to fill the vacant seat that would expire on December 31, 2021.** The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Emergency Declaration Ratification – **Ms. O’Doherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Boyd, to ratify the Emergency Declaration** issued for January 31, 2021, and ending on February 2, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was properly adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Township Secretary