

BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING Call to Order 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

December 9, 2020

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1. Public Comment (Maximum 30 minutes)
2. Board's Announcements:
 - **Letters to Santa!** Bring to the special "Santa Mailbox" at the Township Office or Mail before December 18th. Include a self-addressed envelope for a response from Santa.
 - The **Buckingham Township Administrative Offices will be closed** December 24th at noon, and all day on December 25th. The offices will also be closed on December 31st at 3:00 p.m., and all day on January 1st, 2021.
 - The December 23, 2020 Board of Supervisor's meetings are cancelled.
 - The Annual **Board of Supervisors Reorganization and Regular Business Meeting and Work Session (if needed)**, will be held Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
 - The Annual **Board of Auditors Reorganization Meeting** will be held Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
3.
 - a. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 4, to Premier Builders, Inc. for work completed on the **Buckingham Township Water and Wastewater Department Facility - General Contract**, in the amount of \$115,093.80.
 - b. Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending November 22, 2020 and December 6, 2020 and the Bill List for the meeting of December 9, 2020.
4. Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the November 18, 2020 Work Session and November 18, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.
5. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2426**, A Resolution of the Township of Buckingham, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Fixing the Earned Income Tax Rate, Local Services Tax Rate, and the Realty Transfer Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2021.
6. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2427**, A Resolution of the Township of Buckingham, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2021.
7. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2428**, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Establishment of Checking, Savings and Investment Accounts and Designating Various Institutions to Serve as Depositories for the Funds of the Township in 2021.

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8. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2429**, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, Township of Buckingham, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Township Secretary's Certification of the 2021 Budget Preparation & Publication.
9. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2430**, A Resolution of the Township of Buckingham in the County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Appropriating Specific Sums Estimated to be Required for the Specific Purposes of the Municipal Government, Hereinafter Set Forth, During the Year 2021 and **Adopting the Annual Budget** Reflecting These Amounts.
10. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2431**, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Electing to Reduce the Member Contributions to the Police Pension Plan Administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) to Three and Three-Quarters Percent (3.75%) from the PMRS Police Pension Plan Five Percent for the Year 2021.
11. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2432**, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for the Purpose of Amending the 2020 Budget.
12. Consideration of accepting the Developer's Request to Extend the date by which the improvements are to be completed as set forth in the Residential Development Agreement to December 17, 2021, covering "**Pine Crest Farm, Lot 2**", Township File SA 2010-03.
13. Consideration of approving Release of the Maintenance Bond securing "Arbor Point", Township File SA 99-02A.
14. Consideration of approving the Stormwater Facility Development Contract, Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement, Grant of Rights of Way and Easement, and the Indemnity Agreement, between Sean McGorry and Christie McGorry and Buckingham Township for property located at Forest Grove and Smith Roads, TMP 06-023-003-003.
15. Additional Business / Manager's Items:
 - Consideration of approving the emergency connection for 2539 Ash Mill Road, TMP #06-014-061-001 to the Buckingham Township Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - Consideration of approving the Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement between John and Elizabeth Gemmi and Buckingham Township for Tax Parcel #06-042-027.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was duly advertised and held December 9, 2020 electronically via the Zoom application due to the current State and Federal regulations in place from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Present:	Jon Forest	Chairman
	Maggie Rash	Vice-Chairman
	Paul Calderaio	Member
	Dana S. Cozza	Township Manager
	Daniel Gray	Township Engineer
	Craig A. Smith, Esquire	Township Solicitor
Not Present:	Tom Kelso	Township Water/Wastewater Consultant
	Luke Rosanova	Bucks County Planning Commission

Mr. Forest called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Amy Conoscenti, Oxfordshire Road, was present to request the Board's assistance in limiting the use of fireworks within the township as the noise disturbs her dogs. She said that Warrington Township recently passed something that limits the use of fireworks. Mrs. Cozza confirmed that Warrington Township did pass a resolution which includes limiting the use of fireworks. Mrs. Rash said this topic has been discussed by the Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO), with the determination that since a State Law was passed that preempts township ordinances, there is nothing else local governments can do that is enforceable. Mr. Smith indicated he would contact Warrington's solicitor to discuss the legal basis by which Warrington asserted it had the authority to act. Mrs. Rash said she will suggest through BCATO that the township officials need to contact their State Representative to request a change in the law.

BOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Forest announced the following items:

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Mrs. Rash noted the township offices are open only by appointment and are operating with a staggered staff due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

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REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT, PAYROLL and BILL LIST

Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 4, to Premier Builders, Inc. for work completed on the Buckingham Township Water and Wastewater Department Facility - General Contract, in the amount of \$115,093.80.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Payment Request No. 4, to Premier Builders, Inc. for work completed on the Buckingham Township Water and Wastewater Department Facility - General Contract, in the amount of \$115,093.80. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending November 22, 2020 and December 6, 2020 and the Bill List for the meeting of December 9, 2020.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Payroll for the weeks ending November 22, 2020 and December 6, 2020, and the Bill List for the meeting of December 9, 2020 in the total amount of \$699,419.05. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the November 18, 2020 Work Session and the November 18, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve, as most recently presented, the draft Supervisors' Minutes of the November 18, 2020 Work Session and the November 18, 2020 Regular Business Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

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Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Resolution No. 2427, A Resolution of the Township of Buckingham, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2021.

Mrs. Pistory, Finance Director, noted that Buckingham Township now has the lowest Real Estate Tax Rate in Bucks County. Mr. Forest announced that once again, there is no tax increase and no general fund millage in Buckingham Township.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2428, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Establishment of Checking, Savings and Investment Accounts and Designating Various Institutions to Serve as Depositories for the Funds of the Township in 2021.

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Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Resolution No. 2432, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Amending the 2020 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting the Developer's Request to Extend the date by which the improvements are to be completed as set forth in the Residential Development Agreement to December 17, 2021, covering "Pine Crest Farm, Lot 2", Township File SA 2010-03.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to accept the Developer's Request to Extend the date by which the improvements are to be completed as set forth in the Residential Development Agreement to December 17, 2021, covering "Pine Crest Farm, Lot 2", Township File SA 2010-03. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Release of the Maintenance Bond securing "Arbor Point", Township File SA 99-02A.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Release of the Maintenance Bond securing "Arbor Point", Township File SA 99-02A. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Stormwater Facility Development Contract, Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement, Grant of Rights of Way and Easement, and the Indemnity Agreement, between Sean McGorry and Christie McGorry, Audax Homes, LLC and Buckingham Township for property located at Forest Grove and Smith Roads, TMP 06-023-003-003.

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ADDITIONAL BUSINESS / MANAGER'S ITEMS

Consideration of approving the emergency connection for 2539 Ash Mill Road, TMP 06-014-061-001 to the Buckingham Township Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the emergency connection for 2539 Ash Mill Road, TMP 06-014-061-001 to the Buckingham Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement between John and Elizabeth Gemmi and Buckingham Township for Tax Parcel #06-042-027.

This item was tabled.

Consideration of granting a Waiver of Land Development for 300 Carousel Lane, TMP #06-014-053 and 06-014-055, as requested by Kellie McGowan, Esq. on behalf of The Inn at Fox Briar Farm.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to grant a Waiver of Land Development for 300 Carousel Lane, TMP #06-014-053 and 06-014-055, as requested by Kellie McGowan, Esq. on behalf of The Inn at Fox Briar Farm, with the following conditions:

- A Professional Services Agreement shall be completed to maintain escrow for township consultant reviews.*
- The Township Engineer shall review the Lighting Plan, lighting shop drawings and processing of the lighting engineer's as-built certification after the lighting is installed.*
- Additional screening shall be provided for the newly converted parking area (where the existing tennis and basketball courts are located) by planting a second row of evergreens between the existing evergreens and the perimeter property line along the three sides of the parking area; specifically an additional 40 Serbian Spruce trees, spaced 15' apart, will be needed to fully enclose the parking lot in a double row of evergreen trees that would effectively screen the parking area from the residential properties. This makes a total of 48 Serbian Spruce trees required for planting versus the submitted proposal which proposes only 8 trees.*
- Adjustment of the line striping patterns for the existing parking/tennis courts to meet current Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance requirements.*

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of granting a Waiver of Land Development for 2380 Street Road, TMP #06-016-020, as requested by Kellie McGowan, Esq. on behalf of Longland Invest LLC.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to deny the requested Waiver of Land Development for 2380 Street Road, TMP #06-016-020, as requested by Kellie McGowan, Esq. on behalf of Longland Invest LLC.

Mr. Forest stated there are too many stormwater and impervious surface issues raised in the submitted Waiver of Land Development request which would be better addressed and resolved during the process of a formal land development plan submission.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Forest announced the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session prior to the beginning of the business meeting for the purposes of discussing potential litigation, ongoing litigation concerning OOR appeals and personnel matters.

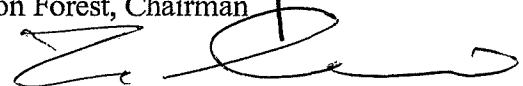
Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rash to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 4th day of January, 2021.

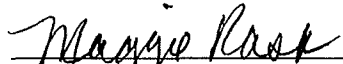
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Jon Forest, Chairman

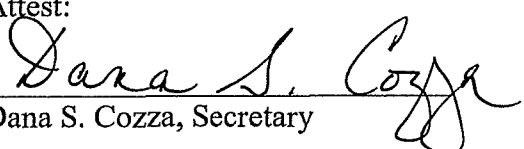


Paul Calderaio, Vice-Chairman



Maggie Rash, Member

Attest:



Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.