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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA

May 22, 2019

Call to Order 7:30 p.m.

Presentation of a Proclamation to Eagle Scout Niklaas Owen Jimmink

1. Public Comment (Maximum 30 minutes)
2. Board's Announcements:
 - The Buckingham Township Administrative Offices will be closed Monday, May 27, 2019, in observance of Memorial Day.
 - Various Park and Recreation Programs including Summer Camps and our Thursday Concert Series at Hansell Park begin in June. Go to our website at www.buckinghampa.org or call 215-794-8834 for more information.
3.
 - a. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 13, to Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc., for work completed on the **Fieldstone Spray Field Upgrades – General Contract BT-17-01**, in the amount of \$121,095.05.
 - b. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 8, to GS Developers, for work completed on the **Fieldstone Spray Field Upgrades – Electrical Contract BT-17-02**, in the amount of \$43,173.00.
 - c. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 6, to GS Developers, for work completed on the **Pump Station Generators and Upgrades, Pump Station 1 - Contract BT-18-01**, in the amount of \$9,000.00.
 - d. Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending April 28, 2019 and May 12, 2019, and the Bill List for the meeting of May 22, 2019.
4. Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the April 24, 2019 Work Session and April 24, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.
5. Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.
6. **8:00 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING**
Consideration of approving **Ordinance 2019-01**, an Ordinance of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Adopting Regulations for the Control of Bamboo.
7. **8:15 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING**
Consideration of approving **Ordinance 2019-02**, an Ordinance of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Adopting the International Code Council (“ICC”) 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code, (“2015 International Fire Code”) as the Fire Code of Buckingham Township Repealing Section 3 of Ordinance No. 94-03 of Buckingham Township and all other Ordinances and Parts of The Ordinances in Conflict Herewith.

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8. Consideration of approving the Proposed Master Trail & Bicycle Plan dated April 2019.
9. Consideration of accepting the offer of Agreement to Extend the Land Development Contract to June 11, 2020 for the **"Bucks County Airport Authority, Doylestown Airport – Phase II"** Land Development, Township File LD 2003-02.
10. Consideration of approving the Indemnity Agreement for the **"Swank Tract"**, Township File SA 2017-01.
11. Additional Business / Manager's Items:
 - Consideration of authorizing township staff to advertise the Police Pension Ordinance.
 - Consideration of approving a request to extend the completion date for Contract 2016-04, Holicong Park Expansion, Phase 1, to September 1, 2019.
 - Consideration of authorizing the township staff to enter a 3-year contract to Patriot Energy Group to supply electricity for township facilities beginning January 1, 2020.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held May 22, 2019 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

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| 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 |
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| Not Present: | John Ives | Bucks County Planning Commission |
| | Tom Kelso | Township Water/Wastewater Consultant |

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

Presentation of a Proclamation to Eagle Scout Niklaas Owen Jimmink

The Board of Supervisors were very proud to present a Proclamation to Niklaas Owen Jimmink for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Nicole Skowronek, Duke Drive, requested help in correcting an area of her yard that has a stormwater swale and easement. She said that when they purchased the home 10 years ago, the drainage system worked properly, but now is filled with standing water and overgrown grass. Ms. Skowronek said she was told by the township last summer that the swale needed to be regraded and the township would fix it before the ground froze. She said nothing happened, and she contacted the township again this spring, but so far, the situation has not been corrected.

Mr. Gray related that he understood Mr. DeMeno, the township Roads and Facilities Director, had spoken with Ms. Skowronek last fall, but then weather hit and he was unable to get the work done. Mr. Gray said it also has been an excessively wet spring, interfering with the ability to do any grading. Mr. Gray commented there is a culvert that discharges into the swale upstream of Ms. Skowronek's property, and there may be road materials that have built up in the swale that need to be cleaned out. Mr. Gray offered to meet with Ms. Skowronek onsite to review the situation.

BOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Forest made the following announcements:
- The Buckingham Township Administrative Offices will be closed Monday, May 27, 2019, in observance of Memorial Day.
 - Various Park and Recreation Programs including Summer Camps and our Thursday Concert Series at Hansell Park begin in June. Go to our website at www.buckinghampa.org or call 215-794-8834 for more information. Mr. Calderaio announced the series will begin on June 20th at 7:00 p.m. with a dedication of the Hansell Park band amphitheater in honor of Captain Connor Bednarzyk who was an Army Ranger who lost his life serving our country. After the ceremony,

the summer concert series will begin with the traditional ice cream social while listening to the music of the Offenders.

REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT, PAYROLL and BILL LIST

Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 13, to Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc., for work completed on the Fieldstone Spray Field Upgrades – General Contract BT-17-01, in the amount of \$121,095.05.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Payment Request No. 13, to Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc., for work completed on the Fieldstone Spray Field Upgrades – General Contract BT-17-01, in the amount of \$121,095.05. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 8, to GS Developers, for work completed on the Fieldstone Spray Field Upgrades – Electrical Contract BT-17-02, in the amount of \$43,173.00.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Payment Request No. 8, to GS Developers, for work completed on the Fieldstone Spray Field Upgrades – Electrical Contract BT-17-02, in the amount of \$43,173.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 6, to GS Developers, for work completed on the Pump Station Generators and Upgrades, Pump Station 1 - Contract BT-18-01, in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Payment Request No. 6, to GS Developers, for work completed on the Pump Station Generators and Upgrades, Pump Station 1 - Contract BT-18-01, in the amount of \$9,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending April 28, 2019 and May 12, 2019, and the Bill List for the meeting of May 22, 2019.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Payroll for the weeks ending April 28, 2019 and May 12, 2019, and the Bill List for the meeting of May 22, 2019 in the total amount of \$1,854,485.04. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Consideration of approving the draft Supervisors' Minutes of the April 24, 2019 Work Session and April 24, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve, as most recently presented, the draft Supervisors' Minutes of the April 24, 2019 Work Session and April 24, 2019 Regular Business Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of approving Ordinance 2019-01, an Ordinance of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Adopting Regulations for the Control of Bamboo.

8:07 p.m. Mr. Forest opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Smith noted the proposed ordinance was legally advertised a week ago in the Intelligencer, including the ordinance summary, and the full ordinance was available on the township website, in the township administrative office, and at the office of the Intelligencer.

Mr. Gombosi, Mechanicsville Road, said he has learned that bamboo cannot be eliminated by chopping it up and composting it, rather it must be burned. Mr. Gombosi wanted to confirm the ordinance allows burning of the bamboo. Mr. Smith confirmed the Board instructed him to include the ability to burn bamboo in the ordinance, and as advertised, the ordinance allows burning.

Ms. Andrea Strout and Mr. Richard Mator, both members of the Buckingham Township Environmental Advisory Commission were present. Ms. Strout said they had presented their comments previously to the Board of Supervisors and felt the ordinance is much needed and are happy to have it in place. Mrs. Rash thanked the Environmental Advisory for taking the time to review the draft ordinances and offer their comments.

8:11 p.m. There being no other comment or discussion offered, Mr. Forest closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Ordinance 2019-01, an Ordinance of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Adopting Regulations for the Control of Bamboo. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of approving Ordinance 2019-02, an Ordinance of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Adopting the International Code Council (“ICC”) 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code, (“2015 International Fire Code”) as the Fire Code of Buckingham Township Repealing Section 3 of Ordinance No. 94-03 of Buckingham Township and all other Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith.

8:15 p.m. Mr. Forest opened the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Cozza explained the township is updating the Fire Code to the latest edition, which is the 2015 edition as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania did not adopt the 2018 code.

Mr. Smith again noted the proposed ordinance was legally advertised a week ago in the *Intelligencer*, including the ordinance summary, and the full ordinance was available on the township website, in the township administrative office, and at the office of the *Intelligencer*.

8:17 p.m. There being no other comment or discussion offered, Mr. Forest closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Ordinance 2019-02, an Ordinance of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Adopting the International Code Council (“ICC”) 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code, (“2015 International Fire Code”) as the Fire Code of Buckingham Township Repealing Section 3 of Ordinance No. 94-03 of Buckingham Township and all other Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Proposed Master Trail & Bicycle Plan dated April 2019.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the Proposed Master Trail & Bicycle Plan dated April 2019.

Mr. Craig Wurst, Carversville Road, stated we live in a growing community and the idea to have connection for the community and between developments is imperative to the healthy growth of this community. Mr. Wurst thanked the board for considering approval of this plan.

Mr. Wurst further commented that he had heard some residents in developments were upset that the trail plan proposed to include them, and wondered why. Mr. Calderaio said that some homeowners’ associations had voiced concern with sharing the trails in their communities with non-neighborhood persons. Nonetheless, trails around the developments are planned as part of the township-wide trail system for all to enjoy and to bring people together.

Mr. Emil Gombosi, Mechanicsville Road, had several concerns. First he noted seeing a jogger in the road rather than running on an adjoining existing trail and wondered how to assure the use of the trails. Mr. Gombosi further expressed concern that the ongoing maintenance of the trails not imperil the preservation of the American Chestnut Trees in front of his circa 1688 home. Mr. Gombosi also requested clarification on segments of Mechanicsville Road near his home, shown on the plan as both a “shared use road” and “shared use path”. Mr. Gray explained that different road segments of Mechanicsville Road have different concepts assigned. The “shared use road” meaning mostly bicycle riding along the edge of the road sharing it with cars versus “shared use path”, which means a path shared by bicycles, pedestrians and joggers. Mr. Gray also mentioned the Master Trail & Bicycle Plan is a planning document; that just because a path is shown on the plan, that does not mean the township is authorized to build the path. Mrs. Rash noted that easements would have to be granted by or acquired from the landowners for the path to cross their properties.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Developer's request to Extend the date by which the improvements are to be completed in the Land Development Contract to June 11, 2020 for the "Bucks County Airport Authority, Doylestown Airport – Phase II" Land Development, Township File LD 2003-02.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the Developer's request to Extend the date by which the improvements are to be completed in the Land Development Contract to June 11, 2020 for the "Bucks County Airport Authority, Doylestown Airport – Phase II" Land Development, Township File LD 2003-02. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Indemnity Agreement for the "Swank Tract", Township File SA 2017-01.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the Indemnity Agreement for the "Swank Tract", Township File SA 2017-01. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS / MANAGER'S ITEMS

Consideration of authorizing township staff to advertise the Police Pension Ordinance.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to authorize township staff to advertise the Police Pension Ordinance.

Mrs. Cozza explained the new police contract includes a few changes to the police pension plan. Mrs. Cozza said the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) requires the changes to be made by ordinance, and has provided the draft ordinance, which is what she is requesting authorization to advertise for consideration during the next Board of Supervisor's meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving a request to extend the completion date for Contract 2016-04, Holicong Park Expansion, Phase 1, to September 1, 2019.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve a request to extend the completion date for Contract 2016-04, Holicong Park Expansion, Phase 1, to September 1, 2019.

Mr. Gray said that due to the extreme amount of rain this spring, the contractor has requested an extension of the completion date for the Holicong Park Expansion, Phase 1, to September 1, 2019. He said the work should be substantially complete by July 1st.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of authorizing the township staff to enter on behalf of the township a 3-year contract with Patriot Energy Group to supply electricity for township facilities beginning January 1, 2020.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to authorize the township staff, on the township's behalf, to enter a 3-year contract with Patriot Energy Group to supply electricity for township facilities beginning January 1, 2020.

Mrs. Cozza explained the townships' 3-year contract will expire the end of 2019, and in watching renewal prices, which change daily, the current rate is better than the one locked in 3-years ago. She said the rate typically goes up in the summer with demand, and the township has the ability now to lock in the rate for the next contract which will begin January 2020 before prices are anticipated to increase.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of appointing George Michel to the Zoning Hearing Board, filling a vacancy with a term expiration of January, 2021.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to appoint George Michel to the Zoning Hearing Board, filling a vacancy with a term expiration of January, 2021.

Mrs. Rash said that Mr. Michel had been serving the township on the Zoning Hearing Board in an alternate position, and is moving up to fill a regular position, which recently became vacant.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of appointing David Fisher as 1st alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board, filling a vacancy with a term expiration of January, 2020.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to appoint David Fisher as 1st alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board, filling a vacancy with a term expiration of January, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of appointing Susan Sciacca as 2nd alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board, filling a vacancy with a term expiration of January, 2021.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to appoint Susan Sciacca as 2nd alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board, filling a vacancy with a term expiration of January, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Stormwater Facility Development Contract between Buckingham Township and Tyler Wille and Ann Stratton for TMP 06-014-044, Ash Mill Road.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the Stormwater Facility Development Contract between Buckingham Township and Tyler Wille and Ann Stratton for TMP 06-014-044, Ash Mill Road. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement between Tyler Wille, Ann Stratton and Buckingham Township for TMP 06-014-044, Ash Mill Road.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement between Tyler Wille, Ann Stratton and Buckingham Township for TMP 06-014-044, Ash Mill Road. The motion carried unanimously.

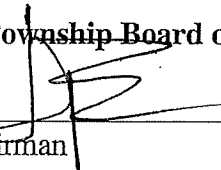
Consideration of approving the Grant of Easement between Tyler Wille, Ann Stratton and Buckingham Township for TMP 06-014-044, Ash Mill Road.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the Grant of Easement between Tyler Wille, Ann Stratton and Buckingham Township for TMP 06-014-044, Ash Mill Road. The motion carried unanimously.

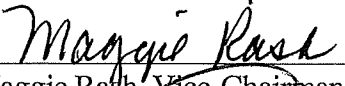
Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 26th day of June, 2019.

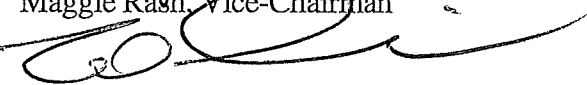
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Jon Forest, Chairman

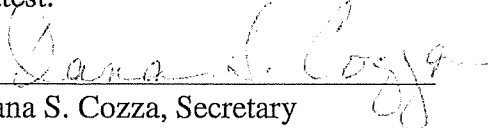


Maggie Rash, Vice-Chairman



Paul Calderaio, Member

Attest:



Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.

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