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BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors Work Session Agenda November 18, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Manager's Items:

- Grants
- Tree Lighting

Executive Session

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors Work Session Minutes

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held November 18, 2020 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:

Jon Forest

Chairman

Maggie Rash

Vice-Chairman

Paul Calderaio

Member

Dana S. Cozza
Daniel Gray

Township Manager Township Engineer

Craig A. Smith, Esquire

Township Solicitor

Not Present:

Tom Kelso

Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

Luke Rosanova

Bucks County Planning Commission

The work session began at 6:00 p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

In light of this year's COVID-19 restrictions on social gatherings, the Board discussed various options of holding the annual tree lighting ceremony. Mr. Calderaio suggested a video be recorded of Santa counting down and lighting the tree, which could be posted on the township website. The Board agreed this would be nice. Mr. Calderaio agreed to coordinate the video recording.

Letters to Santa were discussed as a possibility, with a decorated mailbox placed in front of the township building and residents encouraged to included a self-addressed envelope if they wanted a reply letter from Santa. Mrs. Cozza suggested a deadline of December 15th be set for letter submissions in order to provide time for Santa to send a response.

Grants

Mrs. Cozza informed the Board of two resolutions on this evenings agenda to apply for grants: 1) Multi-Model Grant – application for \$600,000 to be used towards trails in the park and other locations, and 2) PECO Grant – application for \$10,000 to be used towards the Deschamps property trail connecting Buckingham Forest with Upper Mountain Estates. Mrs. Cozza said the trails were all included on the approved Bicycle and Trail Plan prepared by Bucks County Planning Commission.

Insurance

Mr. Smith updated the Board on three new endorsements released by ISO in the last year regarding additional insured coverage to the township on "completed operations" performed by a builder/Developer/Homeowner. Mr. Smith indicated that he is currently

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trying to get pro forma copies of the endorsement to see if they afford better coverage for the Township. Mr. Smith reported that given the vagaries of the standard forms it is arguable such forms provide no coverage for completed operations to the Township. Mr. Smith suggested that smaller developers and persons building houses would find the obligation of insuring the Township for completed operations hard to secure and onerous. Mr. Smith said the maximum the township could be liable for would be \$500,000 under the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act. The Board agreed not to insist on completed operations insurance coverage.

Township Holiday Luncheon

Mrs. Cozza asked the Board their thoughts on the annual township holiday luncheon traditionally held for the township staff and consultants. It was agreed with the COVID-19 social gathering restrictions not to hold the usual luncheon, but perhaps to order individual boxed lunches for the employees to individually enjoy as a sign of appreciation and holiday cheer.

6:45 p.m. The Board retired into Executive Session to discuss personnel and Agricultural Preservation matters concerning potential offers for Agricultural preservation easements.

7:30 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 9th day of December, 2020.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors

Jon Forest, Chairman

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Paul Calderaio, Member

Attest;

Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.