

# BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

## AGENDA (amended 8/24/23)

AUGUST 23, 2023

Call to Order 7:30 p.m.

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### *Swearing in Police Officer Tim Wacker*

Consideration of confirming the appointment of Gregory Paul Wasko as a Special Fire Police Officer, for the Midway Volunteer Fire Company.

### *Swearing in Special Fire Police Officer Gregory Paul Wasko*

1. Public Comment (Maximum 30 minutes)
2. Board's Announcements
3.
  - a. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 11, to GS Developers for work completed on the **Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, Electrical Contract BT-21-05**, in the amount of \$76,950.00.
  - b. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 5, to GS Developers for work completed on the **Water Company Generator Upgrades, Contract BT-22-01**, in the amount of \$9,000.00.
  - c. Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending July 30, 2023 and August 13, 2023 and the Bill List for the meeting of August 23, 2023.
4. Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the July 26, 2023 Work Session and July 26, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.
5. Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.
6. Consideration of approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Buckingham Township and the Central Bucks School District regarding the placement of a Buckingham Township Police Officer at Central Bucks School District schools within the geographical boundaries of Buckingham Township with the primary placement at Central Bucks High School East, located at 2804 Holicong Road, Doylestown, under a program commonly known as the "School Resource Officer Program".
7. Consideration of agreeing to the Developer's Request for an Extension of time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Stormwater Facility Development Contract to August 24, 2024 covering property owned by **Thomas and Kelly Ann Mallon, TMP 06-018-127**.

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8. Consideration of agreeing to the Developer's Request for an Extension of time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Residential Development Contract and Water and Sanitary Sewer Development Agreement covering "**Mill Creek Ridge / Smith Pfeiffer, Phases I and II**", Township File SA 2001-05C, to September 11, 2024.
9. Consideration of agreeing to the Developer's Request for an Extension of time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Commercial Development Contract to September 25, 2024, covering "**Autoland**", Township File LD 2014-01.
10. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2599**, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Accepting Public Improvements as Complete and Affirming the Acceptance of the Deed of Dedication of Ultimate Right-of-Way of York Road, US 202 – SR 263 Dated July 25, 2018 and the Grant of Easement of July 25, 2018 in the Development of Lands Known as the **Leaver Cable Funeral Home**, (LD 2017-04).
11. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2600**, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Accepting Public Improvements as Complete and Affirming the Acceptance of the Deed of Dedication of the Right-of-Way of Forest Grove Road Dated April 24, 2019, the Grant of Easements of April 24, 2019 and the Declaration of Covenants, Easements and Restrictions in the Development of Lands Known as the **Swank Tract** (SA 2017-01).
12. **ESCROW RELEASES:**

"Scardetto Property", Stormwater Facility Development Contract", Permit #PSW190013, 808 Pineville Road, TMP 6-23-55-1	Request for Release #5	\$72,658.36 recommended for release
"Sycamore Hollow Farms (Hiland Tract) – <b>Lot 2</b> ", Township File SA 2010-01	Request for Release #12	\$0.00 recommended for release

13. Additional Business / Manager's Items

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***1 of 2: VOTE TO ADD ITEM AND THEN VOTE ON THE ITEM:***

Consideration of adding the following item to the agenda and to post the agenda so amended on the township's website and at the township office by the first business day following this meeting:

**Consideration of approving payment to Harris Blacktopping for the 2023 Road Improvement Program Final Invoice in the amount of \$577,802.13.**

*This item is being added because it was received on the day of the meeting.*

***2 of 2: VOTE ON THE ITEM:***

Consideration of approving payment to Harris Blacktopping for the 2023 Road Improvement Program Final Invoice in the amount of \$577,802.13.

**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held on August 23, 2023 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:	Paul Calderaio	Chairman
	Maggie Rash	Vice-Chairman
	Jon Forest	Member
	Dana S. Cozza	Township Manager
	Daniel Gray	Township Engineer
	Luke Rosanova	Bucks County Planning Commission
	Craig A. Smith, Esquire	Township Solicitor

Not Present: Gary Weaver                      Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

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

**Consideration of confirming the appointment of Gregory Paul Wasko as a Special Fire Police Officer, for the Midway Volunteer Fire Company.**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to confirm the appointment of Gregory Paul Wasko as a Special Fire Police Officer for the Midway Volunteer Fire Company. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Consideration of approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Buckingham Township and the Central Bucks School District regarding the placement of a Buckingham Township Police Officer at Central Bucks School District schools within the geographical boundaries of Buckingham Township, with the primary placement at Central Bucks High School East, located at 2804 Holicong Road, Doylestown, under a program commonly known as the "School Resource Officer Program".**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Buckingham Township and the Central Bucks School District regarding the placement of a Buckingham Township Police Officer at Central Bucks School District schools within the geographical boundaries of Buckingham Township, with the primary placement at Central Bucks High School East, located at 2804 Holicong Road, Doylestown, under a program commonly known as the "School Resource Officer Program".*

Mrs. Rash thanked the Central Bucks School District for partnering with Buckingham Township in support of the School Resource Officer Program.

Mr. Glen Schloeffel, Lovering Drive, expressed gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for partnering with the school district to implement the School Resource Officer Program. He said the presence of officers enhances safety, fosters positivity, and helps to secure our kids futures making sure they have a safe and secure school environment.

Mr. Tom Ciacciarelli, Rosewood Drive, said as a retired police officer he appreciates that nothing beats having an officer in the school to help deter problems. He said he was very happy and glad that this was being done.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Swearing in Police Officer Tim Wacker.  
Swearing in Special Fire Police Officer Gregory Paul Wasko.**

*Judge Maggie Snow was present to swear in new police officer Tim Wacker and special fire police officer Gregory Paul Wasko. Several family members and friends were also present to celebrate the occasion.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Dan Gray, Duke Drive, thanked the Board for waiving the park fee for the non-profit organizations' "3 For Matt Foundation" annual fundraiser on August 12<sup>th</sup>. He said they had 200 walkers and the money raised is used for community based initiatives, such as sponsoring and providing financial support to local families in need. He explained that his son and friends gather to honor the time they spent with their late friend, Matt. Mr. Calderaio noted that upon request the township waives the park usage fee for local non-profit organizations to benefit the community and to support good causes.

Mr. Glen Schloeffel, Lovering Drive, thanked the township for the recent Police Night Out event held at Peddler's Village. He said the event provided great interaction between residents and the police and fire companies that were present.

**BOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Calderaio stated the Board held an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss police personnel issues and land preservation matters and litigation.

**PAYROLL and BILL LIST**

**Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 11, to GS Developers for work completed on the Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, Electrical Contract BT-21-05, in the amount of \$76,950.00.**

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Mr. Calderaio explained the money for this project comes directly from the income received from the customers of the wastewater service area using the facilities, not from the townships' general fund or tax revenues.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

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**Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 5, to GS Developers for work completed on the Water Company Generator Upgrades, Contract BT-22-01, in the amount of \$9,000.00.**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Payment Request No. 5, to GS Developers for work completed on the Water Company Generator Upgrades, Contract BT-22-01, in the amount of \$9,000.00.*

Mr. Calderaio reiterated the money for this project comes directly from the income received from the customers of the water service area using the facilities, not from the townships' general fund or tax revenues.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending July 30, 2023 and August 13, 2023 and the Bill List for the meeting of August 23, 2023.**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Payroll for the weeks ending July 30, 2023 and August 13, 2023 and the Bill List for the meeting of August 23, 2023, in the total amount of \$1,620,413.56. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### MINUTES

**Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the July 26, 2023 Work Session and July 26, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve, as most recently presented, the draft Supervisor's Minutes of the July 26, 2023 Work Session and July 26, 2023 Regular Business meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to accept for inclusion in the Township's records the various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### BUSINESS

**Consideration of agreeing to the Developer's Request for an Extension of time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Stormwater Facility Development Contract to August 24, 2024 covering property owned by Thomas and Kelly Ann Mallon, TMP 06-018-127.**

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*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to agree to the Developer’s Request for an Extension of time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Residential Development Contract and Water and Sanitary Sewer Development Agreement covering “Mill Creek Ridge / Smith Pfeiffer, Phases I and II”, Township File SA 2001-05C, to September 11, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Consideration of agreeing to the Developer’s Request for an Extension of time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Commercial Development Contract to September 25, 2024, covering “Autoland”, Township File LD 2014-01.**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to agree to the Developer’s Request for an Extension of time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Commercial Development Contract to September 25, 2024, covering “Autoland”, Township File LD 2014-01.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2599, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Accepting Public Improvements as Complete and Affirming the Acceptance of the Deed of Dedication of Ultimate Right-of-Way of York Road, US 202 – SR 263 Dated July 25, 2018 and the Grant of Easement of July 25, 2018 in the Development of Lands Known as the Leaver Cable Funeral Home, (LD 2017-04).**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Resolution No. 2599, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Accepting Public Improvements as Complete and Affirming the Acceptance of the Deed of Dedication of Ultimate Right-of-Way of York Road, US 202 – SR 263 Dated July 25, 2018 and the Grant of Easement of July 25, 2018 in the Development of Lands Known as the Leaver Cable Funeral Home, (LD 2017-04).*

Mr. Gray explained this is the Givnish Life Celebrations project which included a parking lot expansion and a building addition for a new space that was completed some time ago. He said there had been landscaping and lighting issues, that have now been resolved with the lighting meeting the approved plan. Mr. Gray explained the applicant had requested that the township waive the Maintenance Period, however he and the Landscape Review Consultant recommend against that, as there had been some landscaping matters that will need to be inspected in September 2024 for a February 2025 or earlier Maintenance security release. Mr. Smith noted the Resolution includes the requirement for the township to be granted an easement for the offsite stormwater facility that was acquired by the funeral home.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2600, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Accepting Public Improvements as Complete and Affirming the Acceptance of the Deed of Dedication of the Right-of-Way of Forest Grove Road Dated April 24, 2019, the Grant of Easements of April 24, 2019 and the Declaration of Covenants, Easements and Restrictions in the Development of Lands Known as the Swank Tract (SA 2017-01).**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Resolution No. 2600, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Accepting Public Improvements as Complete and Affirming the Acceptance of the Deed of Dedication of the Right-of-Way of Forest Grove Road Dated April 24, 2019, the Grant of Easements of April 24, 2019 and the Declaration of Covenants, Easements and Restrictions in the Development of Lands Known as the Swank Tract (SA 2017-01).*

Mr. Gray reported that this project involved a single family house with a detention basin, both of which have been constructed for over 18 months with no issues. He said the delay in requesting dedication was due to paperwork required by the Bucks County Conservation District to get the NPDES permit closed out, which is now concluded. Mr. Gray said he and the Landscape Review Consultant recommend the Board waive the maintenance period for this project. The Board agreed to do so as the project is and has been complete for 18 months, which is the length of the maintenance period.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

#### ESCROW RELEASES

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"Sycamore Hollow Farms (Hiland Tract) – Lot 2", Township File SA 2010-01	Request for Release #12	\$0.00 recommended for release

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the "Scardetto Property", Stormwater Facility Development Contract", Permit #PSW190013, 808 Pineville Road, TMP 6-23-55-1, Request for Release #5, in the amount of \$72,658.36 to be reduced by the amount of money currently owed.*

Mr. Scardetto argued that he should not be required to keep a \$5,000 minimum account escrow which is noted in the townships' billing. He said he should only have to pay the expenses charged by the township engineer. Mr. Smith reminded Mr. Scardetto that the Stormwater Facility Development Contract with the Township which Mr. Scardetto signed, requires that \$5,000



minimum escrow must be maintained towards costs and expenses until the project is completed, at which point any unused money may be returned. Mr. Scardetto asked that the \$5,000 minimum escrow be waived, as he is under extreme hardship as he owes his contractor money. The Board denied the request to waive the \$5,000 minimum escrow as it is a requirement of the contract, is required of every other development and is a protection to the residents of the township for payment of money owed by the developer in case invoices are not paid.

Mr. Gray explained that the remaining escrow is being held until the driveway entrance is completed, and noted the pipe and final pavement are the only outstanding items. He suggested that requesting a waiver of the final pavement might be considered once the correct pipe is installed. Mr. Gray explained the existing culvert needs to be lowered and built to township standards. Mr. Scardetto said he is being held up because the required headwall has to be custom made and he cannot find anyone to make it. Mr. Gray reminded Mr. Scardetto that Mr. Gray had suggested a flared end section, which would require a longer pipe; a suggestion that was rejected by Mr. Scardetto's engineer. Mr. Gray said that extending the pipe and getting a flared end are standard PennDOT specs. Mr. Gray suggested Mr. Scardetto speak with his engineer and request a polar extension with flared ends.

Mr. Scardetto said he had requested release of the contingency amount, and Mr. Gray explained that amount is released when all of the requirements have been completed per the agreement.

Mr. Forest stated that Mr. Scardetto will be issued the escrow release amount less the amount currently owed. Mr. Scardetto asked for the check, and Mrs. Cozza said it would need to be prepared as she did not know the amount to release until this discussion took place.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the "Sycamore Hollow Farms (Histand Tract) – Lot 2", Township File SA 2010-01, Request for Release #12, in the amount of \$0.00.*

Mr. Gray explained the reason for a zero amount release is due to the Residential Development Contracts' requirement for the projects NPDES Permit termination by the Bucks County Conservation District and the posting of a Maintenance Deposit prior to the final release of funds. He said the request for release was premature.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS / MANAGER'S ITEMS**

**Consideration of adding the following item to the agenda and to post the agenda so amended on the township's website and at the township office by the first business day following this meeting:**

**Consideration of approving payment to Harris Blacktopping for the 2023 Road Improvement Program Final Invoice in the amount of \$577,802.13.**

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*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve adding the following item to the agenda and to post the agenda so amended on the township's website and at the township office by the first business day following this meeting: Consideration of approving payment to Harris Blacktopping for the 2023 Road Improvement Program Final Invoice in the amount of \$577,802.13, noting the invoice was received on the day of this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

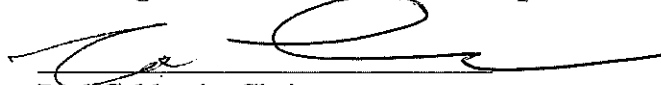
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*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve payment to Harris Blacktopping for the 2023 Road Improvement Program Final Invoice in the amount of \$577,802.13. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.**

**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors**



Paul Calderaio, Chairman

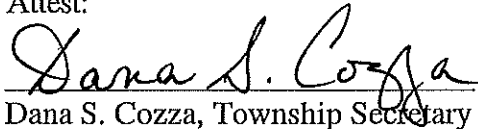


Maggie Rash, Vice-Chairman



Jon Forest, Member

Attest:



Dana S. Cozza, Township Secretary

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.*