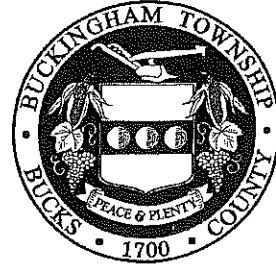


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**BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Work Session Agenda
February 28, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

6:00 p.m. Executive Session

6:45 p.m. Resident Concern

7:00 p.m. Manager's Items

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Minutes

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held February 28, 2024 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

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

Mr. Calderaio announced the Board held an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel, litigation on Froehlich and Rockafellow conservation easements and acquisition of land.

Resident Concern

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Finan, Smith Road, were present to discuss an ongoing issue with their neighbor storing commercial landscaping equipment used by his business in Warminster, PA on his property in the R1 zoning district. Mrs. Finan said the neighbor was sent a letter in 2022 from the zoning officer stating that no more than 1 item shall be parked on the property, and it shall be stored in a garage. She said the neighbor was given a deadline to comply or appeal, and he chose to comply.

Mrs. Finan said a year later the equipment was returned to the neighbor's property, she told the zoning officer, and in July of 2023 most of the equipment had left.

Mrs. Finan said in February 2024 all of the equipment has now returned, including a dump truck, trailer, etc., and is all parked in the front yard. Mrs. Finan said there also is a halogen light shining from the neighbor's property directly into their bedroom window, and that she has suggested it be put on a timer or have a blinder installed as it is on all night. Mr. Smith said he had discussed this issue today with the zoning officer. The Zoning Officer advised he had discussed this with the neighbor, who had agreed to shine the light downward. Mrs. Finan said that has not been done.

Mr. Smith explained the zoning officer feels he is getting voluntary cooperation and will continue to encourage that and will continue to monitor the property. Mr. Smith said cooperation, if it can be had, is preferable to a lawsuit, which will not resolve this situation for a long time and will be costly. Mr. Smith added that the zoning officer has prosecutorial discretion, and the Board of Supervisors should not interfere with the right of the exercise of that discretion. Through the exercise of that discretion the Zoning Officer has the right to send a notice of violation and/or to seek voluntary cooperation.

Mrs. Rash asked Mrs. Finan to continue sending emails to keep the Board informed of the status, and to create a record. Mr. Calderaio wanted Mr. and Mrs. Finan to know they are being heard.

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

8:22 p.m. The Work Session resumed.

Township Building Patio's

Mrs. Cozza reported the slate patios both on the main and lower levels of the township building are in need of replacement. Mrs. Cozza suggested replacing the slate with stamped concrete as it is far less expensive than slate. Mrs. Cozza said to remove the slate, install drainage piping on the lower level and install stamped concrete on both levels would come to \$87,000. The Board agreed that Mrs. Cozza may select the color of the stamped concrete. Mrs. Cozza said the purchase order for this item would be on the next Board of Supervisors' agenda for approval due to the price.

Floodgates

Mrs. Cozza said during department head meetings they had discussed locations within the township that regularly flood. The problem is that people drive through the flooded roadways regardless of any temporary roadblocks. Mrs. Cozza suggested floodgates, which are permanently installed mounted gates that can be closed when needed. Mrs. Cozza explained that Road Closed signs would be placed at the main entrance to the roadway so people would know how to avoid the area. Mrs. Cozza said the purchase order for this item would be on the next Board of Supervisors' agenda for approval due to the price.

General Greene Inn, TMP 6-10-240

Mrs. Cozza said she and township staff met with Mr. Chris Valeri, Pelham Place, to discuss his interest and ideas for the preservation of the General Greene Inn. It is a daunting task, but the Township will support the preservation efforts within its means and abilities.

3178 York Road, TMP 6-8-32, Wastewater EDU's (Equivalent Dwelling Units)

Mrs. Cozza said the property owners of 3178 York Road have requested to reserve 17 EDU's for use in the proposed development of the site. Mrs. Cozza said she would discuss the reserve fee and its terms with Mr. Clark, Director of Water and Wastewater Department, and proceed from there.

9:20 p.m. *The Work Session adjourned.*

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 27th day of March, 2024.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors

Paul Calderaio, Chairman

Maggie Rash, Vice-Chairman

Jon Forest

Attest:

Dana S. Cozza, Township Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.

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