

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
VIRTUAL/HYBRID

MARCH 1, 2021 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

TOM TOSTI, Chairperson	<i>(In person)</i>	}	
ANNA PAYNE, Vice Chairperson		}	
DAWN QUIRPLE/	<i>Secretary</i>	}	Board of Supervisors
AMY STROUSE	<i>(In person)</i>	}	
MIKE KSIAZEK	<i>(In person)</i>	}	
STEPHANIE TEOLI KUHLS, TOWNSHIP MANAGER			<i>(In person)</i>
JAMES J. ESPOSITO, ESQ., TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR			<i>(In person)</i>
ISAAC KESSLER, P.E., TOWNSHIP ENGINEER			<i>(In person)</i>

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Tosti read public meeting Public Comment instructions. Mr. Tosti called for a moment of silence for the 500,000 victims of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mr. Tosti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Quirple called roll. Supervisors Tosti, Strouse and Ksiazek attended the meeting in person along with the Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Solicitor James Esposito, Engineer Isaac Kessler and department directors. Supervisors Payne and Quirple attended the meeting virtually.

2. Announcements and Special Items.

- a. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting - Monday, March 15, 2021 @7:00 p.m.
- b. Teen Talent Show Winner - Layla Goodwin, 7th Grader - Maple Point School

Ms. Strouse stated that the Teen Talent Show was put on by the Parks & Recreation Department hosted by the "unstoppable" Joanne Morelli on February 16th at 7:00 p.m. over Facebook. Layla Goodwin, a 7th grader at Maple Point Middle School was the winner and danced to the classic "Fly me to the Moon" by Frank Sinatra. Layla is 13 years old and lives in Langhorne. She has been dancing since she was 18 months old at the Jovo Dance Studio in Oxford Valley Mall. Layla is also on the Jovo Dance Competition Team and takes vocal lessons. In addition to dance, Layla likes to hang out with family and friends, bake, watch the 76ers and go to the beach.

Layla won a trophy and free recording time at R & M Music Studios and a free photo session at John Casablanca's Model & Talent Management. All contestants won a \$25 gift card to a local eatery, sponsored by local realtor, The Diane Loomis Team.

3 Public Comment. **Non-Agenda Items only.**(Maximum 30 minutes)

None.

4 **Consent Agenda Items.**

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of March 1, 2021 Bill List in the amount of \$626,001.50
- b. Consideration of approving the February 16, 2021 Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board Of Supervisors.
- c. Consideration of enacting Resolution #21-0SR authorizing submission of an application to the Bucks County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- d. Consideration of approving Payment #1 in the amount of \$7,840.00 for the Langhorne Gables Drainage Improvement Project.
- e. Consideration of approving Change Order #2 and Final Payment for the 2020 Road Program in the amount of \$33,854.36.

Action: *Mr. Ksiazek moved to approve consent agenda items A thru E as listed above; seconded by Ms. Strouse. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

5 Presentation of Township Transportation Report - Phil Wursta, P.E., TPD

Phil Wursta, P.E., presented the Middletown Township Traffic Improvement Program stating the purpose is to review traffic throughout the Township and create a program to resolve issues noted by Township staff and Middletown Police Department.

A list of traffic problems noted by Township staff and the Police Department were discussed including South Flowers Mill Road backup at Lincoln Highway; Southbound Woodbourne Road at Trenton Road; Trenton Road and Durham Road southbound approach backup; Township wide traffic signal retiming; Railroad Tunnels and Stop signs at development intersections.

The following is a list of PennDOT projects:

- Langhorne-Yardley Road and Bridgetown Pike and Woodbourne Road (80% State/20% Township)
- Oxford Valley Road and Lincoln Highway (100% State)

Township Projects:

- Woodbourne Road and Swift Road
- Township Wide Guiderail Replacement
- School Zone Upgrades

Land Development Projects:

- SR 213 Delivery Parking Station
- SR 213 Warehouse
- Oxford Valley Mall Redevelopment
- Target Redevelopment
- Lincoln Highway Wawa

Pedestrian Facility Related Projects:

- Langhorne-Yardley Road and Community Park (Current, Completion Date of March 2021, Township funding through grant)
- Langhorne-Yardley Road and Maple Point Crossing
- George School Crossing (Funded by George School)
- Trail Program

Mr. Tosti stated that Bridgetown Pike/Route 413 is a state highway. Mr. Wursta stated a municipal signal permit is needed. Mr. Tosti inquired if a study has been done to determine the number of right turns. Mr. Wursta said the right turns impact flow of traffic through corridor. Mr. Tosti suggested looking at the installation of bollards in front of stores as an ordinance for future development.

Ms. Strouse thanked Mr. Wursta for his presentation. She asked if the Trails Program is a separate program or a to-be developed program.

Mr. Wursta explained the process.

Mr. Ksiazek also thanked Mr. Wursta for his presentation and said there are two projects that should move forward immediately; Woodbourne/Swift Road and 413/Bridgetown Pike.

Mr. Wursta stated that the traffic signal at Woodbourne and Swift Road are very important as it has received so much attention. The intersection of 413 and Bridgetown is mainly maintenance work.

Donna Salvucci, 144 Pine Glen, Swan Pointe, requested information on the timeline of the installation of the traffic signal at Woodbourne Road and Swift Road. She also asked if the intersection be blocked.

Mr. Wursta explained the process in detail stating the job should be complete by the summer of 2022. Poles for the traffic signal are 6 months out for delivery. Mr. Wursta stated that it will not be blocked and there will not be a detour.

Mr. Tosti asked if the widening on Woodbourne Road will be done prior to the installation of the traffic signal. Mr. Wursta said he is working with Pat Ennis to have this work put in with the 2021 Road Program.

Virginia Walsh, 313 White Swan Way, Langhorne asked how long the project would take. Ms. Teoli Kuhls explained the timeline. Ms. Walsh was advised to call the Township Manager at any time to get an update on the process of the traffic signal.

Mr. Kessler advised that the first thing the Swan Pointe neighborhood will see are surveyors from Remington & Vernick Engineers.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls explained that the Model Ordinance for Alternative Energy was developed by the Bucks County Planning Commission with guidance from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The ordinance will give Middletown Township and other communities in Bucks County options for addressing all types of alternative energy i.e.; solar, wind, geothermal or biofuel production. The ordinance includes potential incentives to encourage use of alternate energy.

Nearly 55 percent of Bucks County municipalities have some form of alternative energy ordinance in place. The proposed ordinance includes potential incentives to encourage use of alternative energy and also includes proposed language for land development and permitting.

The proposed ordinance will help build on the work accomplished to date by the Township:

- LED conversion for traffic lights
- LED street lights
- Interior and building lights.
- Township has 2 electric charging stations
- PML's Sustainable Community Certification-Silver level
- Local Climate Action Program

Ms. Strouse asked what it would take for the Township to become a gold level community.

Mr. Ksiazek is in favor of moving forward with this ordinance as well.

Ms. Quirple and Ms. Payne are in agreement with Ms. Strouse and are excited to learn more about this program.

Action: Mr. Tosti moved to authorize the staff to move forward with the development of an ordinance and forward to the Township Environmental Advisory Commission and the Township Planning Commission for review. Ms. Strouse seconded. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

7. Cooperation Agreement - Borough of Langhorne Manor and Middletown Township for Cairn University Land Development.

Mr. Esposito explained the property is located mostly in Langhorne Manor but Middletown Township will handle the land development including grading and stormwater management.

Action: Ms. Strouse moved to approve the Township entering into a Cooperation Agreement with Langhorne Manor Borough and Cairn University for the Township to be responsible for the inspection of the Cairn University athletic field project in both Middletown Township and Langhorne Manor Borough. Such Agreement shall be in a form as acceptable to the Township Solicitor and Township Manager/ seconded by Mr. Ksiazek. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

8 Other public comment. (Only applicable if initial Public Comment period exceeds the 30-minute time limit.

9 Other Business

Ms. Quirple congratulated Layla Goodwin, Teen Talent Winner.

Mr. Ksiazek said "Go Sixers"!

Mr. Esposito advised that the Board will meet in Executive Session after the adjournment of the public meeting.

Mr. Tosti thanked the Department of Public Works for their work during the recent snow/ice storms.

10 Adjournment.

Action: Ms. Strouse moved to adiourn the public meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Ksiazek. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.