

# Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

January 18, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Ksiazek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Quirple called roll. Supervisors Ksiazek, Quirple, Hannah and Kane attended in person, along with the Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Solicitor James Esposito, Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla, and Engineer Tyler Williams. Supervisor Payne attended the meeting virtually.

## 2) Announcements and Special Items.

- a) Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Monday, February 7, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b) Retirement Recognition of Lisa Berkis

Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Township Manager and Mike Ksiazek, Chairperson, both congratulated Ms. Berkis on her years of service to Middletown Township and all the tremendous work she has accomplished during her tenure.

Representative Frank Farry and Nick Diasio, Constituent Outreach Specialist for Sen. Tommy Tomlinson, presented citations on behalf of Reps. Farry, Davis, Galloway, and Guent, Senator Tomlinson, and Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, commending her more than 30-year career in the Township.

- c) Swearing-In Ceremony – Officers Drew Amoroso and Nick Platenecky

Chief Joseph Bartorilla provided a brief background for each newly sworn-in police officer. The officers were welcomed by the Board of Supervisors.

## 3) Public Comment. *Non-Agenda Items only.*

Christina Reger, 53 Teal Drive, inquired about when the proposed elementary school at the Maple Point site will be reviewed. Mr. Esposito stated that discussion is planned for the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Karen Fried, 260 Pintail Court, stated she also attended the meeting intending to comment on the proposed elementary school.

## 4) Consent Agenda Items

- a) Consideration of authorizing payment of January 18, 2022 Bills List in the amount of \$759,259.65.
- b) Consideration of approving the January 3, 2022 Minutes of the Public Meeting of Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.
- c) Consideration of authorizing advertisement of a Cleaning Services Bid.

**Action:** *Ms. Hannah made a motion to approve consent agenda Items A-C as listed above; seconded by Mrs. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

## 5) RDA Grant Resolutions

- a) Consideration of approving Resolution #22-01R, accepting a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County for police vehicles in the amount of \$128,536.
- b) Consideration of approving Resolution #22-02R, accepting a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County for public works vehicles in the amount of \$240,076.
- c) Consideration of approving Resolution #22-03R, accepting a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County for William Penn Fire Company Chief's vehicle in the amount of \$47,585.

*Action: Ms. Hannah made a motion to approve the RDA Grant resolutions; seconded by Mrs. Kane.*

Andy Warren, Shadybrook Drive, ask if the RDA Grants need to be paid back, and what the criteria of selection is for the grants. Mr. Ksiazek stated that the grants do not need to be repaid, and are funded by revenue generated by Parx Casino.

*Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

## 6) Consideration of enacting Ordinance #21-09 Age-Qualified Overlay.

Mr. Esposito provided an overview of the Ordinance and confirmed that all legal and advertising requirements were met.

*Action: Mr. Ksiazek moved to table the Ordinance and continue the agenda item to the February 22, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kane. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

## 7) Consideration of approving Resolution #22-04R, establishing a Fee Schedule.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls provided background about the proposed Fee Schedule and identified new additions, such as a Massage Parlor license fee and a fee for chronic false alarms at commercial businesses. Ms. Teoli Kuhls recognized Don Harris, Interim Director of Fire & Emergency Management, and credited him with several proposed updates.

*Action: Mrs. Quirple moved to approve Resolution #22-04R authorizing a fee schedule; seconded by Ms. Payne.*

Mary Sly, 197 Iron Rock Court, asked if the false alarm fee applies to residents with emergency alert medical devices. Ms. Teoli Kuhls stated that the fee is intended for commercial properties.

*Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

## 8) Board Resignations and Appointments.

- a) Consideration of accepting the resignation of Kristi Ann Morris from the Board of Auditors.

*Action: Ms. Hannah moved to accept the resignation of Kristi Ann Morris from the Board of Auditors;*

*seconded by Mrs. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

- b) Consideration of accepting the resignation of Roberta Laney from the Zoning Hearing Board.

*Action: Mrs. Quirple moved to accept the resignation of Roberta Laney from the Zoning Hearing Board; seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

Mr. Ksiazek thanked Ms. Laney for her service to the Zoning Hearing Board.

- c) Consideration of accepting the resignation of Bernadette Hannah from the Human Relations Commission.

*Action: Mrs. Quirple moved to accept the resignation of Bernadette Hannah from the Human Relations Commission; seconded by Mrs. Kane. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

Mr. Ksiazek thanked Ms. Hannah for her service to the Human Relations Commission.

- d) Consideration of appointing John Allen, Mark Shubin and Anthony Sposato to the Historical Preservation Commission for 2-year terms to expire 12-31-23.

Mr. Ksiazek stated that Messrs. Allen, Shubin, and Sposato were all previously appointed to the Historical Preservation Commission and that their prior terms had expired.

*Action: Mrs. Quirple moved to appoint John Allen, Mark Shubin, and Anthony Sposato to the Historical Preservation Commission for a two-year term expiring 12-31-2023; seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

- e) Consideration of appointing Zoning Hearing Board member to fill a term that will expire 12-31-24.

*Action: Mr. Ksiazek moved to appoint James McCafferty to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term expiring 12-31-2024.*

Mr. Ksiazek stated Mr. McCafferty's qualifications to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board.

*Seconded by Mrs. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

## 9) Consideration of authorizing a contract with Dynamix Consulting Group for development of a Fire Services Strategic Plan.

Mr. Valla provided details about Dynamix Consulting Group's proposal to conduct a Fire Services Strategic Plan. He stated that the same consultant conducted and presented a Fire Services Study in 2021, which included all four of the Township's volunteer fire companies and Township staff. He stated the strategic planning process would provide opportunities for residents and service providers to give input, including a one-day workshop for the Board of

Supervisors and other stakeholders. He added that part of the process would include identifying and prioritizing changes recommended in the 2021 study for implementation. The planning process is expected to run through May 2022.

Mr. Ksiazek asked what the timeline for implementation of the strategic plan would be. Mr. Valla stated that it would be a three- to five-year plan with some level of implementation happening as soon as later this year.

Mr. Valla stated that the fee of this contract would be \$15,385. Mr. Ksiazek confirmed that this project was budgeted in the 2022 budget.

***Action: Ms. Hannah moved to authorize a contract with Dynamix Consulting Group to develop a Fire Services Strategic Plan; seconded by Mrs. Quirple.***

Eric Nordberg, 122 Granite Hill Court, asked if Ms. Hannah's motion should include the value of the contract.

***Mr. Ksiazek asked Ms. Hannah to amend her motion to authorize a contract with Dynamix Consulting Group to develop a Fire Services Strategic Plan in an amount not to exceed \$15,385. Ms. Hannah accepted the amendment to her motion.***

Andy Warren, Shadybrook Drive, stated he read the 2021 study and liked what it reported. He commended the Board of Supervisors for authorizing the strategic plan and volunteered to participate in its development.

***Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

#### **10) Other Business.**

James J. Esposito, Esq., announced that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session prior to this meeting to discuss litigation.

Ms. Hannah, Mrs., Quirple, Ms. Payne, and Mr. Ksiazek commended Ms. Berkis for her dedication and service to Middletown Township, and welcomed newly-sworn in officers Amoroso and Platenecky to the Township.

#### **11) Adjournment.**

***Action: Mrs. Quirple made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors at 7:43 p.m. Ms. Hannah seconded. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***