

## **Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting**

### **Monday, February 6, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.**

#### **1) Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance.**

Ms. Payne called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

#### **2) Roll Call.**

After the Pledge of Allegiance Ms. Hannah called roll. Supervisors Ksiazek, Payne, Quirple, Hannah, and Kane attended the meeting along with the Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla, Solicitor James Esposito, and Township Engineer Isaac Kessler.

Ms. Hannah announced that Chief Joseph Bartorilla, Director of Building and Zoning Jim Ennis, Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Kopera, Director of Finance Mega Bhandary, and Superintendent of Public Works Eric Gartenmayer were in attendance.

#### **3) Announcements.**

a) Next Board of Supervisors Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

b) Black History Month Proclamation

Ms. Payne read the Proclamation into record.

c) Presentation by the African American Museum of Bucks County – Linda Salley, President and Executive Director

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Bucks County Commissioners Chair expressed excitement on behalf of the County Commissioners that the African American Museum of Bucks County will be located at the Boone Farm Middletown Township.

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia introduced Linda Salley, President and Executive Director of the African American Museum of Bucks County. Ms. Salley started her presentation by reading a passage for Black History Month. She thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support and recognition of the African American Museum.

Ms. Salley provided a background of how the African American Museum of Bucks County started its fundraising efforts and importance to sharing their stories. She added their gratitude for the County Commissioners acknowledged and providing a building for the museum.

William Reed, Vice President of the African American Museum of Bucks County provided comments on the growth of the museum and that volunteers are still needed as well as donations and support.

Greg Lyles, advisor for African American Museum of Bucks County provided a brief understanding of what is needed to tell the important story of African Americans in not just Bucks County, to the region and the world.

Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, presented two donation checks to the African American Museum of Bucks County. Ms. Teoli Kuhls encouraged those watching to consider supporting this important cause.

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

Ms. Payne provided a timeline of the Route 1 PennDOT RC3 Improvement Project and how Middletown Township has been actively involved with PennDOT and their engineers regarding this project.

**The following residents spoke in opposition to the Route 1 PennDOT RC3 Improvement Project:**

Frances Grous, 360 Green Ridge Road  
William Everett, 286 Hidden Spring Lane  
Kevin Belmont, 2020 Woodbourne Road  
Paul Shanahan, 507 S. Bellevue Avenue  
Ann Shaffer, 849 W. Gillam Avenue  
Bernadette Hart, 368 Tareyton Drive  
Pat Mervine, 960 Langhorne Yardley Road

#### **Additional Public Comments:**

Nancy Lyons, 302 Bluebell Ave; questioned public notification regarding the Barner subdivision (364 Cedar Ave) which was approved in 2020.

Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Township Manager provided an explanation of the approval process and encouraged Ms. Lyons to come in and review the plans. Isaac Kessler, Township Engineer provided and overall review of the land development process for Ms. Lyons.

Jim Flynn, 259 Aspen Ave; encouraged residents who have traffic concerns to attend the Citizens Traffic Commission meetings.

#### **5) Consent Agenda Items**

- a) Consideration of authorizing payment of February 6, 2023 Bills List in the amount of \$714,610.64.
- b) Consideration of approving the January 23, 2023 Minutes of the Public Meeting of Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.
- c) Consideration of approving Financial Security Release #1 (Final) for the Lykon Subdivision in the amount of \$80,699.03.

***Action: Mr. Ksiazek made a motion to approve consent agenda items as A-C, seconded by Ms. Hannah. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

- 6) Consideration of authorizing the purchase of breaching tools for all Police Department vehicles in the amount of \$16,384.74.

Chief Bartorilla noted that the following two purchases were approved in the 2023 Capital Budget. Chief Bartorilla explained that the police department is requesting to purchase thirty-five (35) JTC Claw 30s along with thirty-five (35) JTC Claw Go Slings for carrying and transport, for each of our police department vehicles. He added that this purchase will ensure that all department vehicles have a breaching tool to assist officers in entering secured buildings/structures in the event of exigent circumstances such as active shooter scenarios, medical emergencies, trapped motorists, etc. Officers will be trained in their use and one set will be placed in each patrol vehicle.

***Action: Mr. Ksiazek made a motion to authorize the purchase of 35 JTC Claw 30s and 35 JTC Claw Go Slings in the amount of \$16,384.74, to be paid out of the Capital Fund, seconded by Ms. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

- 7) Consideration of authorizing the purchase of the VirTra V-100 LE firearms training simulator system in the amount of \$54,356.96.

Chief Bartorilla described the request to purchase a firearms training stimulator to enhance the training experience for officers regarding rapidly evolving situations. He added that the system would supplement the standard firearms training by providing a realistic one screen simulation training environment using professionally produced scenarios.

***Action: Ms. Quirple authorize the purchase of the VirTra V-100 LE system for \$54,356.96 to be paid out of the Capital Fund, seconded by Ms. Hannah. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

- 8) Consideration of authorizing the purchase of 2023 Ford F-450 pickup truck with plow and liftgate in the amount of \$84,708.25.

Eric Gartenmayer, Public Works Superintendent reviewed the first recommended purchase under the 2023 budgeted for one (1) 2023 F-450 4x4 SD Regular Cab 8' box 142" WB DRW XL equipped with plow and liftgate, one (1) amber light bar, and (1) two-way radio.

Mr. Gartenmayer added that this purchase will replace an older 2008 pickup truck and that this purchase will be made through COSTARS.

*Action: Mr. Ksiazek made a motion to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2023 F-450 4x4 SD Regular Cab 8' box 142" WB DRW XL, from Chapman Ford of Horsham, PA, one (1) Soundoff Signal 54" amber light bar, from S.K.D. Tryon's Inc. one (1) two-way radio from Licom Communications of Bristol, PA for a total of \$84,708.25, seconded by Ms. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

## 9) Other Business.

Mr. Valla noted announced that notices are being sent to residents in the immediate area of Briggs Road in reference to the proposed parking restriction ordinance. He added that ordinance will be in front of the board at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Supervisor Kane thanked the residents who attended tonight's meeting and voiced their concerns for the Route 1 PennDOT RC3 Improvement Project. Ms. Kane added that the Board hears their concerns and that the Township is trying to gather all the information.

Supervisor Quirple thanked the resident who attended tonight's meeting and the representatives who presented from the African American Museum of Bucks County.

Supervisor Payne announced that newly elected State Representative, Joe Hogan may be a resource for residents concerned about the RC3 Project. She encouraged those concerned to reach out to him.

Mr. Kessler and Supervisor Ksiazek commented Go Birds!

## 10) Adjournment.

Ms. Ksiazek moved to adjourn the public meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors public meeting at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.