



The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Rodi on the virtual meeting app Zoom.

VIRTUALLY PRESENT: SRAY, HOROWITZ, RODI, MALOSH, DERNOSEK (joined 7:16)

ALSO VIRTUALLY PRESENT: Township Solicitor: Robert Garvin; Township Manager: John M. Barrett; Township Executive Assistant: Peggy Patterson

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT – Dave Scott, 6361 Oyster Bay Court – I wrote a letter to the township to request a traffic calming study. A lot of the residents of the Villas of Woodcreek are concerned about the excess speed and the drifting through stop signs in the development. I would like the board to consider instituting the study.

Mr. Barrett – This is not a through-way issue but an in-and-out. We have a portable speed trailer that is a good deterrent We can do some intermittent speed checks and maybe some signage. I have been discussing this with Chief Phoennik, and we are hoping we can come up with something to help.

There was additional discussion regarding this issue.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- A. OAKRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT
- B. SOUTHBRIDGE EMS APRIL REPORT
- C. TRAFFIC CALMING REQUEST – OYSTER BAY COURT

Mr. Barrett reviewed the correspondence.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by SRAY and seconded by HOROWITZ to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2021 regular meeting. All members voted AYE to the motion.

## B. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

It was moved by MALOSH and seconded by SRAY to pay the April 2021 bills. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

## C. BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

Mr. Barrett – We are now with Washington Financial Bank, although we do have some parallel accounts with Northwest that we will be closing soon.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### A. BUILDING PERMITS REPORT

Mr. Barrett – Most of the building permits issued were for single-family homes and some accessory structures. We are well over the 2020 numbers, although that is largely because of COVID.

### B. COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Commissioner Dernosek joined the meeting.

Andrea Iglar, Director of Communications & Community Development – I am working on the summer magazine, and a preliminary list of article topics is listed on my report.

I did add the links to report road issues to PennDOT and Allegheny County to our website.

We are up to 66 military banners, and Public Works has been hanging them on Millers Run Road and Washington Pike. People can still order them, although they won't arrive before Memorial Day.

We have more than 600 total downloads of the mobile app.

We had a glass recycling event the first week of May and collected over 5.68 tons of glass. We are looking to schedule a second event later this year.

Commissioner Rodi – Since you posted the link for PennDOT a lot of residents are using it for complaints about the landslide on Millers Run. That triggered a news story and a response from PennDOT, who put up lights and additional signage.

Millie's Ice Cream opened last Saturday, and Andrea was able to put together a ribbon cutting, and we were able to welcome them to the community.

Commissioner Sray – I think the banners look great, and I had the honor of helping them hang one.

### C. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jason Paulovich, Division Manager, Gibson-Thomas Engineering – Our report dated May 5, 2021, outlines our current projects. We have a meeting next week to go over current design plans and proposed improvements for the Coal Pit Run Road culvert. We have a meeting tomorrow to review some of the existing residential stormwater facilities to possibly improve on some of those. We have been reviewing the preliminary geotech remediation work in Hastings, and the BJ's development has broken ground, so we are inspecting there. We are approving the final plans for GSL, and Alpine Point Lot 2 is on tonight's agenda.

### D. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Paula Willis, Recreation Director – We have continued our Drive-up Bingo, and it has been quite popular. We normally have 40 to 50 people attending. We will continue bingo throughout the summer months.

We had some delays with the playground project, but it looks like it will be under way in the next couple of weeks.

We hired Ian McNeill, and he started this week as the part-time recreation coordinator.

Commissioner Rodi asked about the signup numbers for summer camp and was told by Ms. Willis that the numbers are down by about half, about 20 to 30 kids every day, which might end up being better for social distancing.

Commissioner Rodi also asked about the fireworks, and Ms. Willis asked if we should have a certain amount of tickets for parking in Fairview Park.

They discussed this further and decided to just open the park for parking for the fireworks and not use tickets.

Ms. Willis – We were going to try to do something in the fall like a small Community Day, but I am helping Chief Phoennik with the 5K this September and I wonder if we can just focus on this. We will still have the hunt and the drive-thru light-up event and hold Community Day next year.

Commissioner Rodi asked about adding other smaller events and was told by Ms. Willis that she was planning to have more movies in the park and maybe some concerts.

### E. POLICE REPORT

Chief John Phoennik – We began our entry level hiring process and out of 59 applications that people paid for, we had 49 applications returned. I am looking to certify the list and have a target start date at the beginning of August.

## F. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Barrett - Public Works has been preparing the roads for the contractor to come in and do the paving. We will be bringing on summer employees to help with the grass cutting.

We are starting to implement the suggestions from the consultant that the board hired to look at the Public Works Department.

## G. REQUEST TRACKER REPORT

Mr. Barrett – This is an average month for request trackers, mostly missed trash and recycling pickups.

Some residents were complaining about the Port-a-John in some of the parks, so we did an inspection and reached out to the supplier. We added more, including some accessible ones. We want to look at making plans for restrooms for the parks that are more permanent even if it is years away. We will be adding more restrooms at Fairview in the coming months.

## H. ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

Pat Catena, Assistant Manager – We have received about \$150,000 since I started billing out the escrow, and we received another check today for \$20,000.

I have been in contact with the various LERTA applicants to make sure we have all the information we need and to stay on top of the applications. I am making sure the paperwork gets to all the taxing bodies: the county, the township and the school district.

The PEMA COVID resolution was submitted, so we should be getting a wire transfer for \$9,500. from the grant that we applied for.

I am assisting Mr. Barrett with the pension fund investment RFP.

I received, from Senator Casey's office, the interim guidance for the \$1.5 million the township is getting from the American Rescue Plan. It is 157 pages, and I am reviewing it.

Thoms Run Road will be reopening between Monday and Wednesday next week (May 17 – May 19).

## I. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Barrett – I wanted to talk about the township's status regarding COVID. I did get a request from our seniors, who want to come back into the senior center. Doors are closed to the public and staff is working both in the building and remotely. I would like to keep

the number of employees in the building down to about half, or no more than 9 at a time. We can ramp that up to about 12 and still rotate employees in. The seniors' events are usually small, and we might want to avoid the luncheons that they have over there. I was thinking we could open the doors to the public in July a few days a week. The next step could be indoor programming for the library later in the summer. The ultimate goal would be, maybe September 1<sup>st</sup>, opening the building and having staff in the building for 40 hours. I think we can still consider some remote options for some employees on a limited basis. We could start having our meetings live, although we could still try to have some virtual aspect to the meetings. I wanted to get input from the board.

The library's doors are opened for a limited number of patrons at a time, but they have not resumed indoor programming.

Commissioner Rodi – If we allow the seniors to resume at 50% capacity on June 1<sup>st</sup>, we should probably do the same for the library.

Mr. Barrett – I wanted to look into other senior centers in the vicinity, but I haven't had a chance to explore that yet.

Commissioner Malosh – This seems a little bit overly conservative for me.

There was further discussion regarding the reopening of the building and the board decided to follow the state guidelines, and they discussed reviewing the guidelines each month. Commissioner Rodi stated that she would like the board to continue to meet virtually until September. Mr. Barrett asked if the board would give the other boards and commissions permission to meet in person prior to that if they are interested and was told it would be fine.

Mr. Barrett – The traffic signal at Route 50 and Alpine Road is now live, and we are now in the 30-day test period where we can report problems to PennDOT. After that, we will be responsible for any issues with the light.

Chief Phoennik – We reached out this week to the company that installed it regarding the turning signal not operating.

Mr. Barrett – We had an issue with the contractor for the playground work. They had to replace the contractor, and they wanted to know if we would honor the replacement contractor's cost, and we said no. We do have bonding in place, and they have decided to mobilize, first at Boys Home Park. We are reaching out to residents who reserved a pavilion so they are aware when the work is going to be done at Fairview Park.

We have put a draft together for the pension fund investment RFP. I have not been happy with the personalized service that the township has been getting, and the fees seem to be a little high. There is about \$13 million in this fund.

We are happy that the Gladden Acid Mine facility is up and running with no tax dollars supporting it. The Conservation Group has secured grants to keep it running, but they will run out at some point. In the future, they will be coming to us for requests for additional funds to maintain the facility. I asked them to reach out to us prior to the budget process.

The police CBA, or collective bargaining agreement, is ratified and ready to be approved but not in signature format, so it will have to be done at the next meeting.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER F-03-2021 HASTINGS CROSSROADS LOT 179 & 180 LOT LINE REVISION

Mr. Paulovich – This item was intended to be handled during the overall development but fell through the cracks. It was passed by the Planning Commission with one contingency, which was to address the items listed on the KU letter, which have been addressed. No new lots were created; this is just a revision to the lot line.

Mr. Barrett – This is related to the veterinary clinic and the other hybrid building.

It was moved by MALOSH and seconded by DERNOSEK to approve F-03-2021 Hastings Crossroads lot 179 & 180 line revision. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

B. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SP-04-2021 ALPINE POINT LOT 2 PRELIMINARY AND FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, ENERGY DRIVE, ZONED B1

Mr. Paulovich – Alpine Point lot 2 is a 3.8-acre commercial development area. We have a couple of hanging items that I want to bring to your attention. The fire department had some minor comments, and those will be taken care of during the building permit process. Our transportation and traffic engineers determined the trip count and the impact fee to be \$53,808.00 based on the use and square footage of the building. They do show a robust landscape plan, but it doesn't meet the zoning ordinance. The Board of Commissioners has the authority to grant them a relief from the buffer requirements which Gibson-Thomas recommends. The developer will need to execute a stormwater management ONM agreement.

John Deklewa, developer representative – I am happy to answer any questions.

Commissioner Dernosek asked if they had anyone planned to go into the new building and if there is more room to build any other buildings.

Mr. Deklewa told him they didn't have anyone planned for the new building yet and they do have the room to build another building.

It was moved by MALOSH and seconded by DERNOSEK to approve SP-04-2021 Alpine Point lot 2 preliminary and final land development plan, Energy Drive, Zoned B1. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

It was moved by MALOSH and seconded by SRAY to approve a waiver on the landscaping and buffer requirements at Alpine Point Lot 2. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

**C. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2021-09, DCED GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATIONS GRANT**

Mr. Barrett – The township intends to apply for a \$250,000 grant from the DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreations to be used for the fields at Fairview.

It was moved by DERNOSEK and seconded by SRAY to approve Resolution 2021-09, DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation grant. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

**D. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAX REFUNDS**

Mr. Barrett – These tax refunds came to us from Kevin Biber through the appeals process.

It was moved by HOROWITZ and seconded by MALOSH to approve the tax refunds. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

**E. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE SECOND PARTIAL PAYMENT TO ALEX E. PARIS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE SOUTH FAYETTE MUNICIPAL BUILDING PHASE 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,320.14**

Mr. Barrett – This is the site work for the new township building and police station.

It was moved by HOROWITZ and seconded by DERNOSEK to approve the second partial payment to Alex E. Paris Construction Company, Inc. for the South Fayette Municipal Building Phase 1 in the amount of \$188,320.14. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

**G. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADVERTISE PHASE 1 OF FAIRVIEW PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Barrett – This is just a motion to advertise. The first phase includes construction of a roadway from Mayview to the top and around Fairview. (Mr. Barrett showed the board on a map).

Commissioner Rodi said she was very excited about the splash pad.

Ms. Willis – The new pavilion will have the restrooms nearby and can be used by people just visiting the park.

There was further discussion regarding the restrooms at the park.

Ms. Willis – I will be asking residents to submit pictures and videos of their dogs because PetSafe is having a contest for a dog park grant, and I am going to try to win \$25,000 for the fenced dog park.

It was moved by SRAY and seconded by HOROWITZ to approve the motion to advertise phase 1 of the Fairview Park improvement project. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

#### F. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AN RFP FOR PENSION ADVISORY SERVICES

It was moved by HOROWITZ and seconded by MALOSH to approve a motion to advertise an RFP for pension advisory services. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### BOARD DISCUSSION

Commissioner Rodi – I attended the Gladden treatment facility opening and was very impressed. The water looks so much cleaner already. Good work by our Conservation Group securing the grants for the work.

#### SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Garvin – I was involved with the DCNR grant and problem with the Acme Construction contractor, and hopefully that issue is resolved. There is a performance bond in place in case the contractor doesn’t perform. I am also working on the ModWash developer’s agreement, and it sounds like some additional developer agreements will be coming because of the approvals this evening. I have a few legal matters regarding real estate for executive session.

#### ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by MALOSH and seconded by DERNOSEK to adjourn. All members present voted AYE to the motion.



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John M. Barrett, Township Manager

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Gwen A. Rodi, President

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