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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

January 23rd, 2023

OPENING OF MEETING: Chairperson Stuck called a regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, January 23rd, 2023, in the Public Meeting Room of the Township of Spring Administration Building, located at 2850 Windmill Road, Spring Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll call, Supervisors Stuck, Kocher, Smith, Royer, and Wertz were present. Also present were: John Groller, Mary Rossi, Judy Houck, Paul Darrah, Jen Bensinger, Jim Moll, Aaron Wozniak, Chief Powell, Daniel Becker, Esq., Carol & Darrell Wenrich, Tyler Wray, and Donnie Spitler. Chief Hackman, Glenn Kraft, Chuck Frantz, Gia Rafelli, Ben Robitzer, and Scott Anderson attended via Zoom.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Mr. Groller added Action Item #19- Authorization of the Reaffirmation of the Hofmann Tract Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement

Mr. Stuck added Action Item #20- Planning Commission Appointment

Motion to amend the agenda was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wertz. Upon roll call, All Supervisors in attendance voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Donnie Spitler of Spitler's Towing introduced himself to the Board and asked if there were any questions or concerns about Spitler's Towing services. Chief Powell confirmed for Mr. Stuck that the Department uses Spitler's Towing quite often, and everything is going well.

Carol & Darrell Wenrich, 665 Fritztown Road, addressed the Board. Mr. Wenrich stated that they addressed the Board approximately thirteen (13) months ago regarding the property at 625 Fritztown Road. Mr. Wenrich said he and Mrs. Wenrich wanted to thank the Board for their support. The project is near the finish line, and their plans have stayed the same: helping folks with special needs with employment in their restaurant.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: All items requiring action by the Board are listed below. Comments and discussion points are listed under the corresponding item.

1. Minutes from January 3rd Re-Org Meeting
2. Minutes from January 3rd Regular Meeting

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: *(Continued)*

3. List of Bills for Approval
 1. **General Fund - \$588,986.69**
 2. **Fire Hydrant Tax Fund - \$6,844.97**
 3. **Refuse Tax Fund -\$137,240.06**
 4. **Sewer District #3 Fund - \$661,371.63**
 5. **Fire Protection Fund - \$135,337.75**
 6. **Capital Fund- \$ 113,559.31**
 7. **Developer Escrow -\$15,554.80**
 8. **Street Lighting Tax Fund -\$ 29,654.01**

4. Authorization to Execute and Record Settlement Agreement for Penn Avenue Properties
Mr. Becker stated that the Zoning Hearing Board fully executed the final version. The agreement will be recorded, and the Hearing scheduled for mid-February will be canceled.

5. Authorization to Hire Full-Time Fire Prevention Inspector
Mr. Groller noted the position is included in the 2023 Budget.

6. Authorization of Revision of Fee Schedule: Resolution 2023-05 Mileage Rate-Effective 1/3/23. Mr. Groller stated that the change reflects the 2023 mileage rate of 65.5 cents per mile.

7. Authorization to Execute the Property Deed for West Lawn Park
Ms. Houck said that the Borough of West Lawn had received Federal funds for the project, and specific regulations were to be met, including a specific deed for the property. Mr. Becker has prepared the deed, which DCNR approved. Approval by the Board of Supervisors is needed to execute the deed.

8. Authorization to Repair Cacoosing Meadows Park Kitchen Building
Ms. Houck provided a memo to the Board with the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendation to approve the repairs to the Cacoosing Meadows Park Kitchen.

Ms. Houck confirmed for Mr. Stuck that the Township could not rebuild another structure in the same footprint if it were in the floodway. Ms. Houck noted that floodways and floodplains are set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Mr. Moll said that the floodway is the portion of the floodplain necessary to carry the hundred-year flow without raising the elevation too far.

Mr. Stuck suggested that the roof be repaired, the walls taken down, and replaced with cement block walls, perhaps alleviating flooding in the kitchen. Ms. Houck stated she did not discuss this with the insurance company. Mr. Moll said that the Flood Plain Ordinance would need to be reviewed.

Ms. Houck noted that this facility is in the boundaries of Lower Heidelberg Township, and we will need to check their Flood Plain Ordinance. Mr. Moll said that Lower Heidelberg's Flood Plain Ordinance should be the same as the Township's as they all come from the same standard State regulations.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: *(Continued)*

8. Authorization to Repair Cacoosing Meadows Park Kitchen Building *(Continued)*

Mr. Stuck stated he would like to look at investing funds to improve the building. Ms. Smith suggested having cinder blocks on the back wall to start rather than the wood. The Board decided that they would like to review a quote on doing the entire building in cinder blocks, following the same footprint.

Ms. Houck said that the cost to repair the damages was \$28,125.00. The Township has received a check from Traveler's Insurance in the amount of \$22,334.90. Ms. Houck said that no reservations for the park are scheduled before June 1st, 2023; if repair is prolonged, the site will be closed into the summer months. The Board of Supervisors agreed that they would like Ms. Houck to obtain a quote for the entire building to be cinder blocked. Ms. Houck confirmed for Mr. Royer that Lower Heidelberg Township would not be contributing to the cost of the repairs since it is the Township's building.

9. West Lawn Library-Flooring Request

Ms. Houck stated that the West Lawn Library submitted a request to remove carpeting in several areas of the Library and replace it with Epoxy Flake Flooring. Since the Library is Township property, the Library is requesting Township approval for the project. The Library is not looking for funding.

Mr. Stuck said that he had experience with epoxy flooring, noting that the surface can become very slippery if you have wet shoes. Ms. Houck indicated that the information about the epoxy flake floors stated that it provides each surface with subtle grooves to reduce slips and falls in addition to the seamless look. Ms. Houck said she would note Mr. Stuck's concern.

10. Authorization to Apply for DCNR Grant Funding

Ms. Houck stated that the Parks and Recreation Board discussed the grant process and its applicability to the West Wyomissing property, Kline's Creek Park, Shiloh Hills Park, and Shoener Lake. Based on the timeline the grant applications go through, the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the preparation and submittal of a Planning Grant Application to develop a Master Site Plan for Kline's Creek Park. Ms. Houck confirmed that Development Grants are looking for "shovel-ready" projects, which the Township does not currently have. Since the Township is in the comprehensive planning stage, a Planning Grant for a Master Site Plan would be the logical grant application to submit. If the grant was awarded to the Township, the project would start in May 2024.

11. PA Recreation & Park Society Conference Attendance

Ms. Houck requested approval to attend the 2023 Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society's Annual Conference, scheduled for Sunday, March 19th, thru Wednesday, March 22nd, at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: *(Continued)*

12. Schedule Conditional Use Hearing-McMillan Subdivision

Mr. Moll stated that the property owners of the 40.5-acre McMillan Subdivision located along Wheatfield Road are requesting to divide the subdivision into two (2) lots. The subdivision is located in the Rural Conservation (RC) District, and the applicant must obtain conditional use for this request. Mr. Moll requested that the Board of Supervisors authorize scheduling a Conditional Use Hearing at the regularly scheduled public meeting of February 13th or February 27th, 2023. Mr. Becker's office will take care of the advertisement.

Board Members opted to hold the Hearing at the February 27th, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting.

13. Authorize Advertising for Bidding of Werner Estates SWM Facility

Mr. Moll reviewed the background for this request, noting that this is regarding a detention basin in the Werner Estates Development. The portion of the development that includes the basin is Township property which was dedicated to the Township. The area also has a walking trail. Mr. Moll reported that in 2018, the Township was approved for two (2) grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for stormwater management and MS4 improvement projects. Mr. Moll explained that the retrofitting of the basin is one of those two (2) projects. The two grants that were awarded totaled \$757,000.00. The existing basin is dry and only has water when it rains. The State would like the basin to be more of a wet basin, where a portion contains water for much longer, seeping into the ground rather than going down to the stream, mainly to prevent sediment, and it will cut down on the flow going to the streams.

Ms. Smith asked if the sediment was settling and if it would need to be cleaned out as often. Mr. Moll said that it should not, noting that the area will be set up almost like a little wetland area with cat tails, vegetation, and things like that that will thrive in that environment. Mr. Moll requested authorization to have Great Valley Consultants advertise the public notifications and schedule the bid opening for March 16th, 2023.

14. PA SEO Conference Attendance

Mr. Wozniak requested approval to attend the annual PASEO Conference in Harrisburg on March 13th & 14th, 2023, with an overnight stay at the cost of \$100.00. Mr. Wozniak stated that he attends the conference training for continuing education credits

15. Approval of Non-Uniform Association Contract

Mr. Groller stated that the contract was negotiated in 2022 and signed by the association for a three (3) year contract. The contract is presented to the Board of Supervisors for their signature.

16. Authorize Payment- H&K Group, Inc.

Mr. Groller requested approval of Payment Application No. 2, for the 2022 Streets Project-Contact 1, in the amount of \$105,680.00. The request has been reviewed by the Township's Engineer, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc., and they are recommending payment.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: *(Continued)*

17. Authorize Installation & Maintenance Agreement- 665 Fritztown Road
Mr. Becker reviewed the applicant's proposal for an agreement for the Camelot Inn. Mr. Wozniak and the Sewage Enforcement Officer, Alan Maderia, looked into sewage issues at the site. Mr. Becker said that Mr. Maderia concluded that the applicant could create an on-site, on-lot system at the house and the apartment above the tavern and use holding tanks for the restaurant. The holding tanks will hold 2,000 gallons for a total of 4,000, which will comply with DEP regulations. Mr. Maderia drafted an agreement, and Mr. Becker made comments on the agreement. Mr. Becker stated that he would like to have an additional discussion with Mr. Wozniak and, if the Board takes action to approve the agreement, that the approval is subject to the Solicitor and Township staff questions or comments.

Mr. Stuck questioned, with the tanks having a total of 4,000 gallons capacity, how often the tank would need to be pumped out. Mr. Moll said it all depends on what is put in the tanks. Mr. Wozniak said every restaurant is a bit different and must have three (3) days of capacity with alarms at 75% capacity. Mr. Wozniak said the agreement talks about metering the water so that the Township can compare water in to water out to ensure compliance. Mr. Becker said that based on the application, the estimated flow for the restaurant is 600 gallons a day, and 800 gallons a day is permitted. Mr. Wozniak said that alarms, annual inspections, and receipt collections are all part of the agreement to ensure that the holding tanks are properly maintained.

Ms. Smith asked if DEP approval is required for the agreement. Mr. Becker said that DEP's regulations would allow it and that the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) is the one who approves it since it is under 800 gallons a day. Mr. Kocher questioned if the estimated daily gallons seemed accurate for this location. Mr. Becker stated that Mr. Maderia believes it is reasonable.

18. Authorize Resolution 2023-08 Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal
Mr. Becker stated that the resolution is to allow the Township to intervene in the Tax Assessment Appeal for the Reading Hospital. Mr. Stuck asked for clarification on the paperwork that the Reading Hospital had their Hearing, which needed approval. Mr. Becker said there was a Hearing, but they were not approved, and the Reading Hospital appealed it. Now the Township will intervene in the court process.
19. Authorize the Reaffirmation- Hofmann Track Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement
Mr. Becker stated that PennDOT originally sent back the agreement due to the signature lines. This time, PennDOT returned the agreement because more than six (6) months have passed since the Township signed it. PennDOT is requesting that the Township resign and reaffirm the agreement. Mr. Becker noted that neither the Township nor PennDOT made any changes to the document.
20. Planning Commission Appointment
Ms. Smith said she would like to nominate Brad Weisman to re-appoint him to the Planning Commission and the Traffic Advisory Committee.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: (Continued)

Motion to approve Action Items #1-20, with the following notations, was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Royer.

- 1) *Action Item #8- Requesting Ms. Houck obtain pricing for concrete vs. wood for the walls of the kitchen in Cacoosing Meadows Park*
- 2) *#17 Subject to the Solicitor and Township staff review*

Upon roll call,

Ms. Smith abstained from Action Items #1&2-Approval of minutes & payment of checks #9704 & 9705.

Mr. Kocher voted no on Action Item #20-The re-appointment of Brad Weisman to the Planning Commission and the Traffic Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wertz abstained from voting on payment of Fire Fund #14 & Action Item #5

Mr. Stuck abstained from voting on the payment of check #108190.

Action Items #1-2 Approved 4-0-1

Action Items #3 & 4 Approved 5-0

Action Items #5 Approved 4-0-1

Action Items #6-19 Approved 5-0 (With notations as listed above)

Action Item #20 Approved 4-1-0

MOTION CARRIED

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS

A. Zoning/Building Codes Department

- 1) Mr. Wozniak submitted the monthly report for December and the Annual Report for 2022. Mr. Stuck asked about the complaint of commercial vehicles parking along the street in West Lawn and the complaint of a dog barking at night in a rural area of the Township. Mr. Wozniak reported that the Department forwarded the commercial vehicle parking complaint to the Police Department and that the dog was a sheepdog guarding a flock of sheep. Mr. Wozniak stated that the Township does not have a dog barking ordinance; in this case, it seems to fall into regular agricultural use. Mr. Wozniak said he would provide another response and explain private civil action. Mr. Wozniak noted that dog barking and ways to control that is another concern of residents that come up frequently in the Codes Department. Mr. Groller said that the complainant has been very persistent regarding the sheepdog barking, and the Codes Department has done a nice job addressing the situation.

Mr. Kocher asked if the six (6) residential rooftop solar projects are done by one (1) company that frequently solicits in the Township. Mr. Wozniak reported that Trinity Solar was doing the work and noted that the Township had received more solar permit applications in 2022 than in prior years, a total of fifty-nine (59). Regulations for solar projects have increased, and there are more restrictions than in the current code, and it is safer for firefighters.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS (Continued)

A. Zoning/Building Codes Department (Continued)

1) Monthly report for December and the Annual Report for 2022 (Continued)

Mr. Wozniak noted that it was the Board's goal to be friendly to solar and encourage alternative energy and said that the Township had yet to receive any concerns from neighbors regarding solar panels on roofs.

Mr. Royer asked if Mr. Wozniak ever came across someone installing solar without going through the permit process. Mr. Wozniak said that he is not aware of any instances at this time.

Mr. Wozniak confirmed for Mr. Stuck that the sixty (60) new apartment dwellings located at the Reserve at Hofmann are currently approved for three (3) of the twenty (20) unit apartments.

Mr. Wozniak reported that 2022 was very similar to prior years, very busy, with over 1,000 permits issued. Real estate transactions were very high, with a total of 461 transactions. Construction value added to the Township was \$28,396,815.00. Mr. Wozniak said that only four (4) homes were built in the Township in 2022 as only a few lots are remaining in the Township to build on, although the Township is adding a lot of apartments. Mr. Wozniak agreed with Mr. Stuck that the Township would want to keep an eye on redevelopment and ensure the Township's Zoning Ordinance is sufficient for that process, adding it will be something to look at in the next few years. Mr. Stuck stated that the Township being a desirable place to live goes to all the hard work of all the staff in the meeting this evening and on Zoom.

2) Goals for the Zoning & Building Codes Department for 2023

1. One of the goals of the Department is to get the Sewage Management Program up and running. The DEP mandates the program to manage the Township's on-lot septic systems, the same as public systems. The procedure is to have a Pumping Program, where the Township would pump and inspect on-lot systems and keep an eye on their proper functioning. Mr. Wozniak said that the program stalled due to the retirement of Mr. Bitz. Since then, the Solicitor's office and Township staff have revised the Township's ordinance. An annual fee of \$42.50 will be added to the on-lot properties in the Township (approximately 800 properties) to pay for the inspection and administration of the pumping requirement. Mr. Wozniak noted that the Township's proposed fee is lower than neighboring Townships and that the program, run by Berks Enviro Tech, is very similar to neighboring municipalities.

Mr. Wozniak confirmed for Mr. Stuck that the Township used to charge the fee only every third year. When the program started, the Township was reimbursed by the State fifty percent of the cost, noting that reimbursement stopped in 2007. Mr. Wozniak stated that the fee would be explained to residents, that it is basically to pay for the activities of the third party, and is funded by properties with on-lot systems. Mr. Groller said that the fee would start with the 2024 Tax Bill. Mr. Wozniak said that staff would send out informational letters to redistrict, restart the program, and explain to residents what it does and why it benefits them.

2. Adding a Full-Time Permit Technician- Mr. Wozniak stated the Department is excited to hire a candidate to fill the void in the Department.
3. Re-Codifying Code of Ordinances- Mr. Wozniak stated that it is recommended that the Township re-codify its Code of Ordinances. It might be something to work on in the upcoming years, but not necessarily in 2023.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS (Continued)

A. Zoning/Building Codes Department (Continued)

2) Goals for the Zoning & Building Codes Department for 2023 (Continued)

4. Update Plan Management Software- Mr. Wozniak stated that the Department is on track to complete the update in 2023.

3) Long-Term No Parking Request for Blight Reclamation Dwelling Construction- Mr. Wozniak stated that the Township received a request from a contractor building a new dwelling at 2438 McKinley Avenue. The property had gone through the Blight Committee with the Berks County Redevelopment Authority. The property owner abandoned the property, and it had defined blight conditions. The Township went through the blight process and turned over the property to the County to have the blighted building razed. A new dwelling is being built under the Redevelopment Authority into a new signal family home. The contractor initially requested long-term parking, which the Township does not have in its ordinance. The street is narrow, and the property does not have a driveway or traversable alley. With parking pressures on the street, the contractor finds it challenging to get their heavy equipment in with deliveries close enough to the site to make it convenient. The contractor is asking for a no-parking restriction until May 31st, 2023, to finish the project. Mr. Wozniak confirmed for Ms. Smith that the request was just in front of the property. The property is 60' wide and has a dumpster at the site. Mr. Wozniak confirmed a permit was issued for the dumpster.

Motion to authorize a no-parking restriction at 2438 McKinley Avenue until May 31st, 2023, was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kocher. Upon roll call, all Supervisors in attendance voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED

B. Parks and Recreation Department- Ms. Houck submitted the monthly report for January 2023. Mr. Royer asked for confirmation that the Oaks Trail/ Berger Pond parking concerns were discussed at the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting as listed on the agenda. Ms. Houck confirmed that the Parks and Recreation Board did discuss it and that she is arranging a meeting with the Traffic Sergeant to review that and the accessible parking space at West Lawn Park.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS (Continued)

D. Finance Department - No Report

E. Human Resources - No Report

F. Public Works - No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Police Department

1) Chief Powell submitted monthly reports for November and December 2022.

2) Traffic- Chief Powell stated that last year the Department reinstated the Traffic Unit to increase the Department's presence due to one of the main complaints received by residents. Monthly stats provided by Ms. Correll were provided in the packets and show that traffic enforcement increased by approximately 61%, and warnings increased by almost 200%. Chief Powell noted a slight reduction in overall accidents in the Township and an 8.9% reduction in reportable accidents. End-of-the-year stats show that the Department's busiest times remain between 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Police Department *(Continued)*

- 2) Traffic-*(Continued)*-The main drivers of calls for service remain the same top Districts as they have in the past: West Lawn- north of Penn Avenue, Broadcasting Square, West Lawn-south of Penn Avenue, and SR 222. Chief Powell noted that the Department received approximately 15,000 calls in 2022. Of the 15,000 calls, the Department had nine (9) incidents of use of force, only about .06 of their calls, which Chief Powell noted is a testament to the officers.
- 3) Chief Powell stated he would like to recognize Ms. Ann Correll for her very well-written reports for the Department.

Mr. Royer noted that most offenses were down except for theft, which increased dramatically. Chief Powell confirmed that retail thefts increased. Mr. Stuck pointed out that he has seen retail thefts at businesses that occur monthly, such as Home Depot. Chief Powell mentioned that retail businesses are looking into more sophisticated means of deterring theft.

- 4) Chief Powell said that Joan Perkins is working on the Department's Crime Watch web page and has added thirty (30) to forty (40) items. Ms. Perkins has had one-to-one training with the company that hosts the web page.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS *(Continued)*

C. Engineering/Planning Department

- 1) Reserve at Gring's Mill-Parking Setback Variance

Mr. Moll reviewed the application that shows an area where a lack of parking creates an issue or residents who reside in a particular building who have to walk a significant distance than the norm. The applicant requests a Variance from the Township's setback regulations, 30' from the road right-of-way line, to construct twelve (12) parking spaces. The parking area in the far-left corner of the parking lot would end up 11.13 ft from the right-of-way line as opposed to the required 30' and goes down to 0 where the garage was built, so it will vary along the 120' length.

Mr. Stuck questioned how far the 11.13 ft mark was from the cartway. Mr. Moll said that he does not have that dimension, noting that the edge of the paving is closer than the usual cartway. Mr. Moll said he would estimate it to be 20' plus a little bit from the parking lot to the edge of the cartway.

Mr. Moll confirmed for Mr. Kocher that the setback regulation was why adequate parking was not installed when the building was constructed. Mr. Moll noted from the standpoint of Township regulations; there is sufficient parking at the property.

If the Zoning Hearing Board approves the Variance, the application must go through the Land Development Process because this will change a Recorded Plan. At that time, the applicant will be required to address any stormwater changes that may occur to ensure the facilities are adequate to manage stormwater.

The Board of Supervisors opted to refrain from making a recommendation to the Zoning Hearing Board on the application. Mr. Moll stated that the application would be reviewed at the Planning Commission Meeting on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS (Continued)

C. Engineering/Planning Department (Continued)

1) Reserve at Gring's Mill-Parking Setback Variance (Continued)

Mr. Becker confirmed for Ms. Rafelli that the Board of Supervisors did not have any questions or recommendations regarding the application and opted to forward the request to the Zoning Hearing Board.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Continued)

B. Township of Spring Fire Rescue Services

- 1) Chief Hackman submitted the December 2022 Monthly and Year End 2022 reports. Chief Hackman thanked the Board of Supervisors for their continued support. Chief Hackman reported that 2022 was a busy year, system-wide, between Spring Township and Wyomissing; there were 3,257 responses. Chief Hackman noted the report included the breakdown of the Township and the Borough with mutual aid. The Spring Station ran 2,391 calls, an increase of 225 from 2021. Significant items include a total property loss in the Township of \$3,514,000.00, noting two (2) significant fires in 2022, one with a fatality and one on Christmas night. The saved property for the Township was \$13,967,450.00. Chief Hackman said that now that COVID-19 has eased up, the Department is ramping up fire prevention and hosted forty-one (41) events, including the entire 2nd grade at Wilson School District. The Department has contact with over 3,623 people for fire prevention and public education. Chief Hackman said that some of the goals for 2023 are the approval of the Full-Time Fire Prevention Inspector, also working on the hiring process for Wyomissing. Mr. Stuck complimented Chief Hackman, especially for working with the 2nd graders.

C. West Side Regional EMA – No Report

SOLICITOR:

- 1) Dwight Street Bridge Update- Mr. Becker reported the meeting with Township staff, the PUC, Norfolk Southern Railway, and PennDOT went well. Mr. Becker said that the project will be moving forward, noting the most surprising thing is that optimistically the project won't go out to bid until 2027. Mr. Groller said that currently, the funding is 80/15/5. Eighty percent is Federal funding, fifteen percent from PennDOT, and 5 percent is local funding.
- 2) Agreement for the Highlands- Mr. Becker reported that his office received an agreement Friday afternoon. Mr. Becker reviewed and marked up the agreement, and the information was included in the Board Members' packets. The agreement is part of the process with the West Lawn Interceptor Project with the Borough of Wyomissing. The agreement states that the Borough of Wyomissing will bear all costs associated with the upgrade. The final version of the agreement will be on the agenda at the next Board of Supervisors Meeting to request final approval. Mr. Becker said if anyone has comments or questions related to the agreement, to please provide them.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Green Light GO Project Update- Mr. Groller said that Mr. Anderson, Mr. Darrah, and he met with PennDOT officials about the Green Light GO Project. Mr. Anderson noted that the project is moving forward and that PennDOT's Sub-Consultant, Michael Baker, is running with the design. The improvements will include six (6) intersections: Stevens Avenue, Dwight Street, Cecil Avenue, Woodside/West Wyomissing Blvd, Perkasio Avenue, and Morwood Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS: *(Continued)*

1) Green Light GO Project Update- *(Continued)*

Mr. Anderson noted that the plans remain close to the grant application, including new signal controllers, hardware, and emergency preemption for emergency vehicles where there was no emergency preemption previously. In addition, PennDOT will update signal crossings for pedestrians. There will be radio communications, so there is a coordinated system, and the timing will move everyone in the corridor through the Township much smoother. The other improvements are controller cabinets and upgrades to LED lights.

Mr. Anderson said that the project's estimated cost still seems to be slightly less than what was in the budget. As far as a timeframe for the project, PennDOT is looking to provide the plans and the specs to the Township by the beginning of April 2023; Mr. Anderson said he would probably add another thirty (30) days to that. The Township will be required to advertise the project, and the project will likely move towards construction towards the end of summer 2023. The project is not weather prohibitive and should only hold up traffic a little. The project is required to be completed by June 2024. Mr. Groller stated that the Green Light Go Grant is estimated at \$562,000.00. The grant is 80/20, with 20 percent being the Township's share.

- 2) 40 Four Capital LLC- Mr. Moll stated that an applicant had requested an informal meeting with Township officials regarding a potential warehouse project along Mohn's Hill Road in the vicinity of the Gouglersville exit of SR 222. Mr. Moll said that the proposed warehouse is not a permitted use in either of the two (2) districts where it would be located, and the applicant would need to seek a Variance. The Board of Supervisors agreed with Mr. Moll, Township staff, and the Township Solicitor's recommendation that the applicant attends a regular Board of Supervisors Meeting if they would like to discuss the project.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. An Executive Meeting was held before this meeting to discuss personnel, potential litigation matters, and real estate.
2. Next Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13th, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairperson Stuck adjourned the Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary L. Rossi
Township Secretary