

**MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

1. Call to Order: The September 11, 2024, regular scheduled meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Chairman, James McComb, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

James McComb	Chair
Daniel Hilferty	Vice Chair
Kenneth Lichtenstein	Member
Gregory Bankos	Assistant Secretary
Matthew Given	Assistant Treasurer

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Township Manager:	Stacey Mulholland
Township Solicitor:	Jonathan Reiss, Esq.
Township Engineer:	Timothy Fulmer, PE

* Not Present

2. Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. McComb led the Board and Audience in a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Announcements:

Mr. McComb announced that the Board met in executive session on September 11th, to discuss litigation matters; there is a bridge dedication on September 14th at 10:30 am on Burnt House Hill Rd. over the Pine Run Creek in honor of Serg. Leonard Frank Skoniecki Jr.; PPVFC is having a 100th anniversary celebration on Sept. 14th from 12-4 pm at 6500 Point Pleasant Pike. Additionally, Mr. McComb expressed his gratitude toward all the police officers in attendance.

4. Public Comment: Chris Gambino of 5085 Rebecca Fell Drive expressed his concern regarding the billing for public water and suggested a rebate/discount to those who use less water.

5. Swearing in of Officers Ahmed Elkadousy & Sean Cunningham:

Chief Mettin made a presentation in which he introduced each incoming officer and read a brief biography of each incoming officer explaining their background and their skills that are being brought to the Plumstead Township Police Department.

Judge Lisa Gaier performed the swearing-in of Officers Ahmed Elkadousy and Sean Cunningham. Prior to swearing in the officers, Judge Gaier reflected on the importance and impact of September 11, 2001, and how meaningful it is to swear in officers on the anniversary of September 11th. Both officer's fathers held the Bible for the swearing-in ceremonies.

6. Old Business:

6.1. Plumsteadville Cemetery Resolution #2024-20: Mr. Reiss gave a brief explanation of the legal issues that the Township has been dealing with regarding the maintenance of the cemetery in Plumsteadville. Mr. Reiss stated that the State recently passed bills that would permit the Township to take ownership of the cemetery to maintain the property.

Ms. Mulholland explained that this has been an issue that multiple organizations and municipalities have been working to rectify the problem for municipalities across the State.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously authorized the Township Manager to acquire Plumsteadville Cemetery by deed of dedication from Doylestown Presbyterian at a cost not to exceed the closing costs.

7. New Business:

7.1. Authorization to draft zoning ordinance amendment to allow Commercial Swimming Pools as a permitted use in all districts where recreational uses are permitted:

Mr. Reiss explained that the Commercial Pool use was established a few years ago but was never assigned as a primary use in any zoning district in the ordinance.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. McComb, seconded by Mr. Given, the Board unanimously authorized the Township Solicitor to draft a zoning ordinance amendment to allow Commercial Swimming Pools as a permitted use in all districts where commercial recreational uses are permitted.

7.2. Public Sewer EDU Allocation Request – 5657 Meetinghouse Rd.:

Mr. Fulmer explained that the property has an on-lot system that is failing and the BCHD recommends connecting to public sewer.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board unanimously authorized the allocation of 1 EDU for 5657 Meetinghouse Road, subject to conditions in the Wynn Review Letter dated August 20, 2024.

7.3. Public Water Connection Request – 4877 Swamp Rd.:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board unanimously authorized the public water connection to 4877 Swamp Rd.

7.4. Authorization to execute Verizon Consortium Agreement Engagement Letter:

Ms. Mulholland explained that the current agreement is up for renewal in 2025 and was last renewed in 2021. The Township will once again be a part of the consortium that is represented by Cohen Law Group.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. McComb, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously authorized the Township Manager to execute the Letter of Engagement for Services with the Cohen Law Group.

7.5. Authorization to execute the Bee Bergvall & Co. Engagement Letter:

Ms. Mulholland explained that this would be a consultant for the end of the year to assist with the financial operations. Ms. Mulholland expects at most 10 hours/week for their service.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board unanimously authorized the Township Manager to execute the Letter of Engagement for Services with Bee Bergvall & Co. at a rate of \$155/hour.

AMENDMENT: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. McComb, the Board unanimously amended the motion to include a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

7.6. EAC Resident Notices of Interest:

Ms. Mulholland stated that the Township has received Notices of Interest from several residents and asked for the Board to provide directions regarding the next steps. Mr. Bankos explained how this process has been handled in the past.

CONSENSUS: Upon General Consensus, the Board unanimously agreed to continue the existing process for Notice of Interest reviews.

7.7. Consideration for naming Owls Nest Pond after Tom Lurz:

Mr. Lichtenstein recommended naming the pond at Owls Nest Park in memory of Tom Lurz, who passed recently. Mr. Hilferty suggested that the Township investigate naming something in the Point Pleasant village after Mr. Lurz, as that was his home and where he was known.

The Board decided to take no action at this time.

7.8. Tincum Board of Supervisors Request to Contact PennDOT concerning River Road:

CONSENSUS: Upon General Consensus, the Board unanimously authorized the Township Manager to draft a letter of support to the Tincum Board of Supervisors.

7.9. Resolution #2024-21 – Day of Honor for David Wayne Comber:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution #2024-21, making October 12, 2024, a day of honor for David Wayne Comber.

8. Consent Agenda:

8.1. Bills List Dated August 27, 2024, in the amount of \$280,039.59, subject to Audit:

8.2. Bills List Dated September 11, 2024, in the amount of \$611,818.51, subject to Audit:

8.3. Minutes of Meeting of August 14, 2024:

CONSENSUS: Upon General Consensus, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

9. Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

10. Board of Supervisors Comments:

10.1. Firearms Discharge:

Mr. Reiss reviewed recent court cases regarding the restriction of firearm discharge in residential areas.

CONSENSUS: Upon General Consensus, the Board unanimously authorized the Township Solicitor to research ordinances in other municipalities to be discussed at a later date.

10.2. Fire Company Future Outlook:

The Board talked about the need for discussions to start back up between the Township and the two volunteer fire companies.

CONSENSUS: Upon General Consensus, the Board unanimously authorized the Township Manager to meet with the chiefs and presidents from PPVFC & PVFC to initiate discussions.

10.3. Consideration for resolution opposing HB1976 & HB2045 – Statewide Zoning Mandates:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. McComb, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution #2024-22, opposing HB1976 & HB2045.

Mr. McComb briefed the Board regarding a PSATS call that took place on September 11, 2024. Mr. Lichtenstein was also on that call.

Mr. Hilferty stated that since the two new Township trails have opened to the public, he has noticed many residents taking advantage of the trails for physical activities.

Mr. Lichtenstein would like an article to be written for the next newsletter, providing the public with information about the new trails.

13. Adjournment: Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date Approved: _____

Stacey Mulholland, Township Manager