

**MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

**1. Call to Order:** The September 13, 2022, regular scheduled meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Chairman, Daniel Hilferty, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Daniel Hilferty	Chair
James McComb	Vice Chair
Kenneth Lichtenstein	Assistant Secretary
Pete Busillo	Member
Greg Bankos	Assistant Treasurer

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Township Manager:	Angela P. Benner
Township Solicitor:	Jonathan J. Reiss, Esq.
Township Engineer:	Timothy Fulmer, PE

\* Not Present

**2. Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Hilferty led the Board and Audience in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Announcements:** Mr. Hilferty stated that the Planning Commission will meet on Thursday September 15th at 7:00 p.m., the Historic Advisory Committee will meet on September 19th at 7:00p.m., the Zoning Hearing Board will hold the hearing for 5486 Preston Way and a hearing for 4254 Mia Lane on Wednesday September 21st, the Board of Supervisors will hold a budget work session on Tuesday September 27th at 7:00 p.m., and the Veterans Committee will meet on Wednesday September 28th at 7:30 p.m.

**4. Public Comment:** There was no public comment at this time.

**5. Zoning Hearing Board:**

**5.1. TMP #34-004-060-001 (5687 Meetinghouse Road):** The applicant is requesting dimensional and natural resource protection zoning relief for the proposed construction of a single-family detached structure and accompanying residential improvements. John A. VanLuvanee, the applicant's attorney, presented the application to the Board. Mr. VanLuvanee stated that he understands that the Township has previously opposed any request for relief from the riparian buffer requirement and that the applicant is willing to amend the application to show that proposed structure be placed outside of the riparian buffer.

The Board stated that if the application was amended as Mr. VanLuvanee stated that they would not oppose the application. The Board also stated that they would take no position on the relief requested from Section 27-2309.B to require the building setback be measured from the edge of the riparian buffer.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. McComb, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board opposed requested relief from Section 27-2401.10 to permit encroachment into the riparian buffer for the Zoning Hearing Board application for TMP #34-004-060-001, if the applicant does not amend the application to remove the encroachment from the riparian buffer.

**5.2. TMP #34-053-012 (4254 Mia Lane):** The Applicant is requesting zoning relief for the installation of a fence in the rear yard which is proposed to encroach within a restricted 50 ft. buffer yard.

The Board took no position on the application.

## **6. Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)**

**6.1. Service Recognition of Tovah Karl as Chair:** The Board presented a certificate of appreciation to Tovah Karl in appreciation of 10 years of dedicated service to the Plumstead Township EAC as Chair.

**6.2. EAC Presentation/ Update:** In attendance from the EAC was Chair, Matthew Rossi, and member Tom Lurz. Mr. Rossi provided an update on the various EAC projects including the reusable bag initiative, PECO audit and Monarch Butterfly program. Mr. Rossi presented the Board with another project the EAC would like to work on and that would be a Electric Vehicle (EV) demonstration event. The EV demonstration would take place in the Spring and would incorporate local dealerships. Mr. Hilferty asked Mr. Rossi to consider asking the dealerships if there are other sustainable means to showcase like hydrogen vehicles, so that event doesn't focus on just one type of technology.

## **7. Land Preservation:**

**7.1. Hostvedt Property – Fence/Gate Proposal in Conservation Easement:** Property owner, Jill Hostvedt, and Mr. Robert Koochagian, from T&M Associates, were in attendance. Mr. Koochagian stated that the owner of the Conservation Easement would like to install a fence and gate within the Conservation Easement (CE) but per the CE, approval from the Board of Supervisors is needed. Mr. Koochagian stated that the fence would run parallel with Stump Road, with a 14' gate at the driveway off of Stump Road. Mr. Koochagian stated that the fence is needed because of trespassing on their property. Additionally, knox box could be installed so that the Township still would have full access to the to the property in accordance with the Conservation Easement.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. McComb, the Board unanimously authorized the installation of a five-foot (5') high aluminum fence and two (2) seven-foot (7') high aluminum gates within the Hostvedt Conservation Easement as shown on the plan submitted with the written request dated August 16, 2022 from T&M Associates subject to compliance with any applicable zoning and building code, installation of a knox box, and removal of the jersey barriers.

**7.2. Resolution #2022-32: Authorization to Acquire TMP #34-003-029 by Gift from Jeffrey and Colleen Trauger:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Bankos, seconded by Mr. McComb, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2022-32 authorizing the Board of Supervisors to acquire by gift a conservation easement on TMP # 34-003-029 at no cost to the Township except for survey, baseline documentation, title insurance and closing costs.

## **8. Old Business:**

**8.1. Fireworks Ordinance (Chapter 10) Amendment – Authorization to Advertise:** Mr. Reiss presented the Board with a draft amendment to the standalone Fireworks. Mr. Bankos asked if the use of fireworks could be more restrictive by limiting the use on specific holidays. Mr. Reiss stated that the language is straight from Act 74, which does state the Township can place other reasonable restrictions on Fireworks but that the hours and days of the week cannot be changed because they are specifically listed in the state statute.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Bankos, seconded by Mr. Busillo, the Board unanimously authorized advertisement of the Standalone Fireworks Ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Township Code of Ordinances for consideration of adoption at a future meeting.

- 8.2. Fireworks Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Authorization to send to Planning Commissions:** This Ordinance amends the Township’s Fireworks Zoning Ordinance to be in compliance with PA Act 74 of 2022. Mr. Bankos requested that the hours of sale be changed to 9:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. to provide more time for consumers to go to a store.

**MOTION:** Upon Motion by Mr. McComb, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously authorize the Fireworks Zoning Ordinance Amendment be sent to the Township and Bucks County Planning Commissions for review.

- 8.3. Resolution #2022-33: Dedicating of Township Bridge on Old Easton Road between Sawmill and Landisville Roads to Clifford Dale Vanartsden:**

**MOTION:** Upon Motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Busillo, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2022-33 dedicating the Township Bridge located on Old Easton Road between Sawmill and Landisville Roads over the Pine Run Creek to Clifford Dale Vanartsden.

- 8.4. Resolution #2022-34: Dedicating of Township Bridge on Burnt House Hill Road between Dillon and Landisville Roads to Leonard Frank Skoniecki, Jr.**

**MOTION:** Upon Motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2022-34 dedicating the Township Bridge located on Burnt House Hill Road between Dillon and Landisville Roads over the Pine Run Creek to Leonard Frank Skoniecki, Jr.

- 8.5. Resolution #2022-35: Dedication of Township Bridge on Old Easton Road near Penn Engineering to Frank Elton Hilde.**

**MOTION:** Upon Motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Busillo, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2022-35 dedicating the Township Bridge located on Old Easton Road near Penn Engineering over the North Branch Creek to Frank Elton Hilde.

- 8.6. Award of Municibid Items**

- A. 2 Tomar L940 Siren Control Boxes \$25.00 to Menachem Lipkind**
- B. 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD \$6,900 to Anthony Delareto**
- C. 2008 Chevrolet Impala Police Sedan AWD \$5,000 to Lawrence Long**
- D. 1 Tomar 49” Scorpion Light Bar \$25.00 to Mohammed Hashamy**
- E. 1 Sound Off NForce Light Bar \$101.00 to Heriberto Severino**
- F. 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan AWD \$4,100 to Michael Kirdi**

**MOTION:** Upon Motion by Mr. Busillo, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously approved to award the following items that were placed on Municibid to the highest bidders: 2 Tomar L940 Siren Control Boxes to Menachem Lipkind for the bid amount of \$25; 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD to Anthony Delareto for the bid amount of \$6,900; 2008 Chevrolet Impala Police Sedan AWD to Lawrence Long for the bid amount of \$5,000; 1 Tomar 49” Scorpion Light Bar to Mohammed Hashamy for the bid amount of \$25; 1 Sound Off NForce Light Bar to Heriberto Severino for the bid amount of \$101; and 2013 Ford Police Interceptor

**Sedan AWD to Michael Kirdi for the bid amount of \$4,100 resolution #2022-35 dedicating the Township Bridge located on Old Easton Road near Penn Engineering over the North Branch Creek to Frank Elton Hilte.**

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1. Resolution #2022-36: 2023 Police Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation:**

**MOTION: Upon Motion by Mr. McComb, seconded by Mr. Busillo, the Board approved resolution #2022-36 approving the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$120,226.**

### **9.2. Resolution #2022-37: 2023 Non-Uniform Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation:**

**MOTION: Upon Motion by Mr. McComb, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the board approved resolution #2022-37 approving the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension in the amount of \$167,485.**

### **9.3. Resolution #2022-38: Declaration of Constitution Week:**

**MOTION: Upon Motion by Mr. McComb, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2022-38 declaring the week of September 17, 2022 to September 23, 2022 as Constitution Week.**

## **10. Consent Agenda**

### **10.1. Bills List Dated August 23, 2022 in the amount of \$207,125.80, subject to audit**

### **10.2. Bills List Dated September 13, 2022 in the amount of \$661,673.70, subject to audit**

### **10.3. Minutes of Meeting of August 9, 2022**

### **10.4. Nockamixon Fire Police Request for Community/Inauguration Day on October 1, 2022**

**MOTION: Upon motion from Mr. McComb, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.**

## **11. Board of Supervisors Comments:**

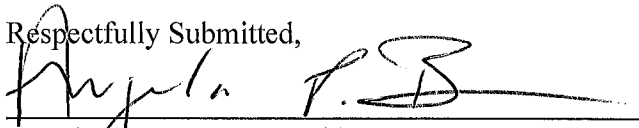
Mr. Bankos stated that he would like the Board to consider the installation of a pickleball court at Landis Park as well as making the meeting room a hybrid meeting room. Mr. Lichtenstein stated that he would like to see connection of trails in 2023 and Mr. Hilferty added that he would like to see the connect the County Green trail. Mr. McComb stated that he is looking to dedicate two more bridges in the Township with one being for Edward Keller who was Killed in the Korean War. Mr. McComb stated that he would like to see the Board adopt another Resolution recognizing November 12, 2022 as Veterans Appreciation Day. Mr. Lichtenstein recognized and thanked BCATO and the Municipal Managers who worked together to oppose the Bucks County Water and Sewer sale to Aqua.

The Board provided a consensus to cancel the November 8, 2022 Board meeting and reschedule and advertise that meeting for Monday November 7, 2022 so that their meeting would not conflict with Election Day.

## **12. Public Comment: There was no public comment at this time.**

13. Adjournment: Upon motion from Mr. Lichtenstein and seconded by Mr. McComb the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Date Approved: 10/11/22

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Angela P. Benner, Township Manager