

**MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

**1. Call to Order:** The October 25, 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:	Matthew Hoover, Esq.

\* 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 both the Emergency Management Committee and Planning Commission Work Session scheduled for Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> have been cancelled.

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

**5. Authorization to Execute DTMA/NWWA Settlement Agreement:**

Mr. Hilferty announced that the Board met in Executive Session before the meeting to discuss this matter.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. McComb, the Board unanimously approved execution of the settlement agreement between Plumstead Township, Doylestown Township Municipal Authority and North Wales Water Authority.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Bankos, seconded by Mr. McComb the Board unanimously approved execution of the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment to the water supply agreement with North Wales Water Authority and execution of the water supply agreement with Doylestown Township Municipal Authority.

**6. 2023 Budget Discussions:** Ms. Benner led the Board in a discussion about the proposed 2023 Budget.

Paving Program: Ms. Benner and Mr. Blead presented the Board with the proposed paving program for 2023 along with presenting the roadbotics data that was used to determine the rating of the roads and used to plan for the maintenance of Township Roads. Mr. Blead also explained what the different types of maintenance are that are performed on different roads and why that specific type of maintenance is selected.

Public Work Equipment: Mr. Blead reviewed with the Board his equipment replacement plan and went over the equipment that is proposed in the 2023 budget. That equipment includes a replacement pick-up truck for the Parks and Recreation Department, a heavy-duty forestry mower and a John Deere 524 Rubber Tire Wheel

Loader. Mr. Blean explained the utilization and importance of this equipment for everyday maintenance and seasonal/snow operations.

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA): Ms. Benner stated that she obtained a final proposal from Allied Control Services, Inc and that the final cost is \$247,670. Due to the amount of lead time required to obtain the equipment for the SCADA system, Ms. Benner requested the Board authorize execution of the proposal so the project could get started.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bankos, seconded by Mr. McComb, the Board unanimously authorized the execution of the proposal from Allied Control Services, Inc for the SCADA system in the amount of \$247,670.**

Plumsteadville and Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Companies: Chief Karen Grabosky and Chief Scott Fleischer were in attendance to discuss with the Board the proposal to implement an incentive program and/or duty crew to help with increasing the call response during the times were there is a decline in response numbers. Chief Grabosky stated that the duty crew program would be a program where volunteers sign up for shifts to ensure there are firefighters in the Township to respond to fires during the day whereas the incentive program would provide a \$5 per call stipend to all volunteers for the calls they respond to. Chief Fleischer stated that he and Chief Grabosky believe that starting with a per call incentive first would make the most sense and then build from there towards a duty crew. Ms. Benner stated that either option is estimated to cost the Township no more than \$26,000 for the first year. Ms. Benner added that this would be a trial run and the hope is having success and data to show to the neighboring municipalities who are served by these companies to get them to buy in to the program(s) in future years. Both Chiefs agreed and stated that they if they start with one program and it is not working, they can then try the other, or see if there is a combination of both that would work. The Board discussed these options with the Fire Chiefs and agreed to budget \$26,000 to allow the Fire Companies go forward with the program they believe would work best while working with the Township Manager to come up with the appropriate criteria for the program.

Chief Grabosky and Chief Fleischer also requested the Board consider helping their companies out with fuel costs. Currently the fire companies obtain their fuel from the Township and are billed for their usage on a monthly basis. After some conversation about the fuel reimbursement request there was a consensus from the Board to cover \$10,000 of the overall fuel cost for both fire companies combined and that the fire companies would have to determine how that \$10,000 would be shared.

Ms. Benner stated that the last request that was made for the 2023 budget was from the PVFC who requested the Township assist them with paving the parking lot at Station #20. Ms. Benner stated that Alan visited the site and stated that the Public Works Department could perform the work and it would cost around \$5,000. The Board provided a consensus to have the Public Works Department perform the paving at Station #20.

Point Pleasant EMS: Chief Mike Tuttle and Board Treasurer Dennis Mood were in attendance to discuss their budgetary requests from the Township. Ms. Benner stated that their requests included funds to help cover the increase in rates needed to ensure there are enough EMS/Paramedics on shift, replacement of a heart monitor and purchase of 2 load systems for their vehicles. Chief Tuttle stated that a \$4/hour increase would be needed to be competitive with other companies which equals around \$80,000. Mr. Mood stated that it would need to be an annual contribution that a one-time contribution wouldn't cut it. Chief Tuttle talked about the need for a new heart monitor and the load systems for the vehicles. There was conversation about the load systems and how when a new vehicle is purchase it is required to be in the vehicle. If they purchase them now, they would be able to install them in their new vehicles that need to be purchased in the new few years. Chief Tuttle stated that they could most likely go on a payment plan for the loads so that the cost wasn't so much annually and that they could reapply for a grant in 2023 that could cover 80% of the cost. The Board stated that they would like to see PPEMS put in for another grant in 2023 before committing to cost sharing in the cost of the load systems. The Board agreed with the need to purchase a new heart monitor and agreed to budget to cover that cost for the

PPEMS subject to Chief Tuttle seeing what other purchasing options were available that could potentially reduce the cost. The Board also agreed that there is a need to consider a contribution that would help PPEMS increase their hourly rate and agreed to take this under consideration and get back to the PPEMS.

Real Estate Tax: Ms. Benner stated that at the previous budget work session she had stated that due to the refunding of bonds the Township has the ability to reallocate mils from the Debt Service Fund to other funds. The Board discussed different ways these mils could be reallocated and agreed to reallocate 1 mil to a new fund for Fire and EMS Capital purchases, 0.5 mils to the Open Space Fund, 0.5 mils to the Stormwater Fund and 0.055 mils to the EMS fund that will go to the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company.

**7. Salt Bid Award to Morton Salt, Inc.:** Ms. Benner stated that the lowest bidder was Morton Salt, Inc.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. McComb, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously awarded the 2022-2023 Salt Bid to Morton Salt, Inc. at \$67.76 per ton delivered and \$67.00 per ton undelivered.

**8. Comprehensive Plan Survey:** Ms. Benner presented the Board with the draft of the Comprehensive Plan survey. The Board provided feedback and Ms. Benner stated it would be shared with the BCPC and ETC.

**9. Board of Supervisors Comments:** There were no comments from the Board.

**10. Consent Agenda:**

**10.1. Bills List dated October 25, 2022 in the amount of \$404,903.61, subject to Audit**

**10.2. Addendum to Bills List dated October 25, 2022 in the amount of \$32,749.11, subject to Audit**

**10.3. Minutes of October 11, 2022 Board Meeting**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Busillo, seconded by Mr. McComb, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

**11. Adjournment:** Upon motion by Mr. McComb and seconded by Mr. Hilferty, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date Approved: 11/7/22

  
Angela P. Benner, Township Manager/Secretary