

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 20, 2018

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 7:30 PM in the Radnorshire Room in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Commissioners Present

Lisa Borowski, President Luke Clark, Vice-President Jake Abel
Jack Larkin John Nagle

Absent - Sean Farhy Richard Booker

Also Present: *William White, Assistant Township Manager and Finance Director; Christopher B. Flanagan, Superintendent of Police; Sergeant George Smith, Radnor Police; Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager and Larry Bak, Delaware County Emergency Management.*

President Borowski called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Resolution #2018-85 - Declaration of Disaster Emergency

Larry Bak, from Delaware County Emergency Management Services gave an overview of what the resolution does and what it sets in motion. He discussed the flooding that occurred on August 13, 2018 as well as discussed that declaring a disaster emergency at the municipal level is the first step to possibly opening help to residents whom had damages from the storm. Many residents participated in conversations with Mr. Bak regarding help that is available for recovering from the flooding which happened on August 13, 2018. Superintendent of Police, Chris Flanagan explained that the Township will continue to pick-up any storm debris on Wednesday's.

Commissioner Larkin made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Public Comment

Kelly Martin – She discussed the damages to businesses on West Avenue, a steel plate that was purported to have been over the storm drain in the AT&T lot and the need for stormwater projects to be completed.

Sean Waters – He spoke regarding a severe call of action for stormwater projects to be completed as it is a severe safety issue and it is only getting worse.

Chip Layfield – He commented regarding the funds used for the comfort station at the park on Willow avenue as well as discussions he has had with residents regarding a plate in the AT&T lot.

Commissioner Borowski called the vote, motion passed 5-0 with Commissioners Farhy and Booker absent.

Discussion and Authorization to send Letter to Governor Wolf

Commissioner Borowski explained that the letter was drafted in collaboration with Commissioner Abel and Clark. There was discussion to amend the letter to include a request for a federal declaration as well as revisions to paragraph 5 to read *We are disappointed you were not able to see first-hand the devastation experienced in Radnor Township during your visit to Delaware County on Thursday, August*

16. There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners and staff. There was a consensus of the Board to send the letter to the Governor.

Mr. White explained that this Wednesday, the Township will offer bulk pick up of storm debris and will continue to pick up the debris as long as it is necessary. He also encouraged the residents to sign up on the Township alert system. He then asked the Board to consider a motion to waive permit fees for storm related damage and he will bring a resolution back at the September 10, 2018 meeting to formalize the motion.

Commissioner Larkin made a motion to direct staff to reimburse residents who have already paid permit fees due to storm related damage incurred with the August 13, 2018 storm and waive permit fees for residents going forward which are storm related, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. Motion passed 5-0 with Commissioner Farhy and Booker absent.

Mr. White discussed that the Township will put together a press release regarding the motion to be distributed as well as on the website.

Commissioner Larkin said a few words regarding shovel ready projects that are being worked on by Meliora.

Public Participation

Ted Merrimann – He inquired regarding the alert system if there is a way for senior citizens to be included that do not have access to a computer to sign up.

Mr. White responded that the resident can call Jim Doling or visit in person and we can sign them up.

Chip Layfield – He commented regarding the project on Poplar Avenue that Commissioner Larkin mentioned.

Commissioner Borowski thanked all Township staff and first responders for the assistance during the storm on August 13, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano