

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of September 28, 2015

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 6:30 PM in the Radnorshire Room in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Commissioners Present

*James C. Higgins, President
Richard F. Booker
Donald Curley
Cheryl Graff Tumola*

*John Fisher, Vice President
John Nagle
Elaine Schaefer*

Also Present: *Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Rice, Township Solicitor; William White, Finance Director; Steve Norcini, Director of Public Works; William Colarulo, Superintendent of Police; Tammy Cohen, Director of Community Programming and Recreation; Damon Drummond, Traffic Engineer; Roger Philips, Township Engineer and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.*

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

Notice of Executive Session on September 28, 2015

All commissioners were in attendance at the September 28, 2015 executive session where matters of real estate were discussed.

1. Consent Agenda

- a) *Disbursement Review and Approval: 2015-09B, 2015-09C*
- b) *Staff Traffic Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2015*
- e) *Resolution #2015-82 – Renewing the pension asset financial advisory contract with PFM*
- d) *Resolution #2015-97 – Acknowledging the receipt and accounting of the 2015 General Municipal Pension System State Aid*
- e) *Resolution #2015-100 – Radnor Activity Center Basketball Equipment Replacement*
- f) *Resolution #2015-92 – Authorizing Gannett Fleming, Inc. to evaluate Five Culverts in the Township*
- g) *Resolution #2015-93 – Authorizing Gannett Fleming, Inc. to Provide Permitting and Design Services for the Mill Road Culvert Replacement*
- h) *Resolution #2015-101 - Establishing the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation (“MMO”), subject to further amendment during the 2016 budget process*
- i) *Motion approving the 2016 Budget Calendar*

Commissioner Schaefer requested that item 1c be removed from the consent agenda as well as Mr. White requesting item 1d to be removed.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Tumola. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution #2015-82 - Renewing the pension asset financial advisory contract with PFM

Mr. White briefly explained that due to failing attendance at the quarterly Pension Investment Committee meetings have led to the inability to make necessary investment changes resulting in lost opportunity for making timely investment decisions. As a result, the Pension Investment Committee members have agreed that a discretionary relationship with PFM is in the best interest of the Pension Assets. By entering into an agreement that provides for discretionary control, the advisor can react more quickly to fluctuations in the market and make changes as necessary with notification to the Committee. It's important to note that the advisor's actions are limited to the parameters as defined in the investment policy (§44-1 through §44-4) which defines the investment types and diversification ranges by investment class.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. There was a brief discussion in regards to the processes that will be taken going forward.

Commissioner Higgins called the vote, motion passed 7-0.

2. Proclamation of Country Day School of Sacred Heart 150th Anniversary

Commissioner Nagle presented representatives of The Country Day School of Sacred Heart a proclamation in recognition of their 150th Anniversary.

3. Recognition of Radnor Memorial Library

Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation and Community Programming, along with Commissioner Higgins presented representatives of the Radnor Memorial Library a recognition for their support and leadership during the Truck Zoo event on September 19, 2015.

Mr. Zienkowski, Township Manager presented Superintendent Colarulo with a certificate of appreciation from the Pennsylvania National Guard for the Police Departments support during the Papal visit. He also commented that he will present to the Board at the next meeting the expenses incurred for that weekend; the coordination of all of the departments and organizations including the volunteers from the Citizens Police Academy was amazing to see and thanked them all.

4. Public Participation

Commissioner Higgins made brief comments in regards to resolution #2015-99 which was approved at the last meeting stating that it was not passed to limit public comment. There was a brief discussion amongst the Commissioners in regards to this resolution.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to authorize staff to revise the resolution #2015-99 regarding the end of the meeting to read instead of a majority plus one to read a majority vote is needed, seconded by Commissioner Booker.

Public Comment

Christina Perrone, Ward 1 – She commented that there is not a need for the resolution as well as commented that she believes it is in violation of the charter. Also, she commented that the preparation that was made for the past Papal Visit was well done by all and thanked the Police Department and everyone involved.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to amend the original motion to include that no meeting would end without public comment, seconded by Commissioner Tumola.

Commissioner Higgins called the vote on the amended motion, motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Higgins called the vote on the original motion, motion passed 7-0.

Jane Galli, Barcladen Road – She inquired whether Commissioner Tumola was sworn in as Commissioner.

Commissioner Higgins commented that she was sworn in here in the building, but not publicly.

5. Committee Reports

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

A. Resolution #2015-98 - Authorization to Extend Employment Agreement for Police Superintendent for a Two Year Period

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

The Commissioners commented that they are very pleased that he will be staying for another two years and thanked him for the past 5 years.

Commissioner Higgins called the vote, motion passed 7-0.

B. Ordinance #2015-13 (Introduction) – Authorize the sale of 2500 square feet of vacant property to Radnor Chester Investment LP

C. Ordinance #2015-17 (Introduction) – Authorizing the acquisition of a traffic signal easement from Radnor Chester Investment LP by Eminent Domain

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to table the two above ordinances at the recommendation of the Solicitor, seconded by Commissioner Tumola. Motion passed 7-0

FINANCE & AUDIT

D. 2016 Capital Budget Discussion

Bill White, Finance Director briefly discussed the 2016 Capital Budget. Mr. Zienkowski commented that staff is looking for the Board's direction in regards to funding capital projects. There was an in depth discussion amongst Commissioners and Staff in regards to the Capital Budget.

E. Park Capital Funding / Draft Parameters Bond Ordinance discussion and direction

There was an in depth discussion amongst the Commissioners and staff in regards to capital funding requests (i.e. park improvements, trails and library renovation) to be bonded and parameters for drafting of a bond ordinance. Michael Wolfe from Boenning and Scattergood briefly commented in regards to implications and availability for bonds along with the refinancing of 2010 series bonds. Representatives from the Library were in attendance as well and commented in regards to the funding needed for the Library renovations.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

F. Resolution #2015-95 - (Final) - 212 & 216 Bloomingdale Avenue

The applicant was not in attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

G. Resolution #2015-96 - (Preliminary/Final) - 120 & 124 Bloomingdale Avenue

George Broseman, representative for the applicant, briefly discussed the project and two comments that he had in regards to the resolution, one which involved the width of the driveway.

Commissioner Curley made a motion approve with the resolution amended in paragraph 3f the word design to become designated and adding a waiver for Subdivision Code Section 255.29 A12 accepting the minimum driveway width as shown on the plans, seconded by Commissioner Nagle. There was a brief discussion in regards to the agreement with the neighbors.

Commissioner Higgins called the vote, motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

H. Ordinance #2015-14 – (Introduction) - Rescinding Ordinance 2013-16 dated 12 August 12, 2013, Handicapped Parking on Farm Road

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to introduce, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. The motion passed 7-0.

I. Ordinance #2015-15 – (Introduction) - New Handicapped Parking space on Callanan Avenue

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to introduce, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. The motion passed 7-0.

J. Ordinance #2015-16 - (Introduction) - No Through Traffic on Petrie Avenue

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to introduce, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. The motion passed 7-0.

PARKS & RECREATION

Commissioner Nagle commented that he was in attendance at the Truck Zoo event last weekend and it was a huge success. Tammy Cohen, Director of Community Programming announced that this weekend is the Fall Harvest and Great Pumpkin Patch event at the Willows on Sunday. The rain date for the event is October 11th 1:00 PM to 4 PM. Also on Thursday this week is the Active Aging Celebration at the Senior Center beginning at 10 AM and the rain date is the October 6, 2015.

LIBRARY

None

PUBLIC HEALTH

Commissioner Nagle commented that the Board of Health met this week and there was a thorough discussion of the Yang Ming event and hopefully they will reopen shortly.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Commissioner Schaefer announced that on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 7 PM there is a Town Hall Meeting for the 4th Ward at the Willows Cottage. All are welcome to attend.

Public Participation

Jane Galli, Barcladen Road – She inquired if there was an update on the overcrowding on S. Campus at Villanova.

Lisa Goldstein, Malin Road – She commented in regards to the group effort that has been undertaken by the trails council to look at all parks and trails in the Township and her support of bonds to fund the projects discussed tonight.

Commissioner Fisher announced that Dan's Down Dog and Dash is a 5K run in his neighborhood on October 4th and encourages everyone to sign up.

Baron Gemmer, S. Wayne Avenue – He announced that the Carol H. Axelrod blood drive is coming up on October 12 and 13, 2015 at Lankanau Hospital and encouraged everyone to donate.

Toni Bailey, Barcladen Road – She commented in regards to section 2.02 of the Township Charter that the Board of Commissioners should address the matter of an appointed commissioner being allowed to also run for the unexpired or new term for which he or she was appointed.

Commissioner Booker thanked Bob Zienkowski, Township Manager, and Bill Colarulo, Superintendent of Police and all involved with the Papal Visit for all of their efforts.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano