

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of December 8, 2014

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

Elaine Schaefer, President
John Fisher
John Nagle
William Spingler

James C. Higgins, Vice President
Richard F. Booker
Donald Curley

Also Present: Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Osborne, Treasurer; John Rice, Township Solicitor; William White, Finance Director; Steve Norcini, Director of Public Works & Recreation; Roger Phillips, P.E., Township Engineer; Amy Kaminski, Township Traffic Engineer and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.

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

Commissioner Schaefer announced that we are having technical difficulties with the cameras this evening; the entire meeting will be a full span of the Commissioners only this evening and audio is not affected. She also announced that item E will be removed from the agenda as requested by the applicant; also, there will be a special Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, December 22nd at 4 PM. She also gave a reminder of the 5 minute rule for public participation.

Public Participation

Leslie Morgan, Farm Road – She commented in regards to respecting the public’s time when speaking as well as not taking more debt out to fund the trails.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to his concerns with past behaviors of several of the Board of Commissioners; also commented in regards to his concerns and disagreements with the process that was taken for the Decision of the CICD Conditional Use hearing.

Kathy Mulroy – She thanked township staff and Radnor Fire Company EMT and all other sponsors for their support with Elves on the Shelves event this past weekend.

Christina Perrone, Wayne – She commented about the time that is allowed for public comment; also commented in regards to items that have been discussed during Executive Session that should not have.

Notice of Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners meeting of December 8, 2014

All commissioners were in attendance for both meetings, where matters of personnel and litigation were discussed.

1. Consent Agenda

- a) *Disbursement Review and Approval: 2014-11C, 2014-11D*
- b) *Resolution #2014-118 – Close Out of the Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Project for the Greenways and Open Space Network Plan*
- c) *Consideration of a Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness:*

- HARB 2014-26 – 221 South Wayne Avenue – Small bay addition at front of house and second floor addition over existing first floor areas
- HARB 2014-27- 224 Lansdowne Avenue – Improve and reconstruct garage, with a second floor home office and improve current family pool room at rear
- d) Resolution #2014-120 – Emergency Replacement of Boiler at Willows Mansion
- e) Resolution #2014-122 - Award of the Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance Contract for the Township Building, Public Works Building, and Radnor Activity Center
- f) Resolution #2014-123 - Purchase of Pipe for the Marlborough Road Culvert Replacement Project

Commissioner Spingler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Fisher asked for item d to be removed from the consent agenda. Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 7-0.

d) Resolution #2014-120 – Emergency Replacement of Boiler at Willows Mansion

Commissioner Spingler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Higgins.

Commissioner Fisher inquired if the tenant would be responsible for the replacement. Mr. Norcini commented that the current boiler is 23 years old and this needs to be replaced and the Township is required to provide the tenant a building in good working condition.

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

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

A. Ordinance #2014-19 - (Introduction) - Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement

Commissioner Nagle made a motion to send the above ordinance to the Citizens Communication Council for their next meeting and report back to the Board of Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

There was a brief conversation amongst the Commissioners. Commissioner Schaefer called the vote, motion passed 7-0.

FINANCE & AUDIT

B. Ordinance #2014-17 – (Adoption) - Adoption of the final Comprehensive Budget for 2015 (v2) and establishing the Township Real Estate Tax Rate and Sanitary Sewer Rate

Commissioner Fisher made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Spingler.

Mr. Zienkowski presented Mr. White with the 2013 Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting which was received this past week from Government Finance Officers Association.

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

C. Ordinance #2014-18 – (Introduction) – Enacting the Necessary Real Estate Millage Rate to Fund the Electoral Open Space Bonds (Ardrossan)

Commissioner Spingler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

There was an in depth conversation amongst the Commissioners and Township Solicitor in regards to the above ordinance such as adding wording to section 5 to require that this tax Levy will sunset and revisited annually; replace “evaluation” with “reauthorization”.

Commissioner Curley made a motion to amend the ordinance to reflect in section 1 that it would sunset after 2015 and require reauthorization, seconded by Commissioner Booker.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to replace the word “evaluation” in section 1 to “reauthorization”, seconded by Commissioner Curley.

Commissioner Booker made a motion to amend the ordinance to reflect in section 1 that it would be subject to sunset and annual reauthorization, motion fails for lack of second.

Mr. Zienkowski stated that once the Township decides to borrow the money the Township is responsible for repayment for the next 30 years.

Public Comment

Leslie Morgan, Farm Road – She commented that she would think that residents would like to see this separate from other taxes; also proceeds from other real estate sales could go towards the repayment.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He asked for clarification in regards to the Radnor Conservancy’s contribution to the purchase of Ardrossan.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote on Commissioner Fisher’s motion, motion passed 7-0.

Public Comment

Leslie Morgan, Farm Road – She commented in regards to funding the purchase as she has case studies to support.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote on Commissioner Curley’s motion. Curley motion fails 2-5 with Commissioner Spingler, Schaeffer, Higgins, Fisher and Nagle opposed.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote on the original motion; motion passes 4-3 with Commissioner Booker, Curley and Fisher opposed.

D. Resolution #2014-121 – Adopting the 2015 Salary and Wage Schedule

Commissioner Fisher made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Spingler.

There was a brief discussion amongst Commissioners and staff for clarification of the wage schedule. Also, Commissioner Fisher pointed out that Bob Zienkowski not only has taken a salary decrease but has also not requested an increase in salary and he thanks him for his leadership.

Commissioner Schaeffer called the vote, motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Booker abstaining.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

~~E. Resolution #2014-124 – (Final) – 205 Strafford Avenue Subdivision~~

This item was removed from the agenda as requested by the applicant.

PARKS & RECREATION

Commissioner Nagle commented that the Holiday at the Willows was a success and had an estimate of 1,000 participants. He also commented that Santa Delivery is next week and has grown significantly since last year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

None

LIBRARY

Commissioner Booker commented that the 5K run at the Library was a success this past weekend.

PUBLIC HEALTH

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

Old Business

Commissioner Higgins asked for an update at the next meeting on Public Works and Stormwater Projects.

Commissioner Nagle read an email that was sent to Commissioner Booker the day after the last Commissioners meeting - *Rich, I apologize for my outburst last night. There is no excuse. I believe it is related to the cold/flu I am fighting lowering my trigger point. John Nagle, Commissioner*

New Business

Commissioner Fisher asked staff to look into paperless meetings for the Commissioners. He also commented about conditional use orders and would like to see this on the next agenda. Commissioner Booker would also like to see this on the agenda for discussion.

Public Participation

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to a comment that was made earlier in the meeting and also his letter that he sent to the Board of Commissioners.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano