

## **TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR**

### ***Minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting of November 8, 2021***

*The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met via Zoom at approximately 6:56 pm  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5n3ZL\\_6MDY&t=683s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5n3ZL_6MDY&t=683s)*

#### ***Commissioners Present***

*Jack Larkin, President                      Moira Mulrone, Vice President                      Lisa Borowski  
Cathy Agnew                      Sean Farhy                      Richard Booker                      Jake Abel*

***Also Present:*** *William White, Township Manager, John Rice, Township Solicitor, Robert Tate, Director of Finance, Amy Lacey, Assistant Finance Director, Christopher Flanagan, Chief of Police, Steve Norcini, Township Engineer, Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development, Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation & Community Programming, Ricky Foster, Jr., Director of Public Works, Molly Gallagher, Public Information Officer, and Peggy Hagan, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.*

#### ***Not Present:***

*President Larkin called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*President Larkin gave Notice of an Executive Session held prior to the November 8, 2021, Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.*

#### *1. Public Participation*

Sara Pilling - She spoke on behalf of the Green Team and said now is the time to hire the Sustainability Position to move toward the 2035 Ready 100 Goal. She asked the Board to consider ways to collaborate with other Organizations to mitigate climate change.

Ken Kearns – He spoke on behalf of the Wayne Business Association and thanked the Board of Commissioners and the Township Administration for their support to the businesses with the picnic grove area.

Lynn Ellis – She spoke on the historical value of Garrett Avenue.

Commissioner Agnew said that serving the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward has been an honor and thanked the Radnor Township Staff, and the Board of Commissioners. She thanked the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward for the honor.

#### *2. Consent Agenda*

- a) Disbursement Review & Approval*
- b) Approval of minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 30, 2021, and October 18, 2021.*
- c) Resolution 2021-134 - Authorization to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), for the South Wayne Municipal Parking Lot Flood Reduction Project in the amount up to \$2,390,182.50 (25% non-federal matching*

funds are required for this Grant) by Meliora Design and appointment of Township Manager William White as the Township's authorized agent for administration and execution of all necessary documents for federal and state funding from FEMA and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)

d) Resolution 2021-132 - Authorizing the Appointment of Township's Independent CPA Firm for Auditing Services for years 2021, 2022, and 2023

e) Resolution 2021-BPT-01 - Authorizing the Settlement of Business Tax Matter

President Lakin asked if any Commissioner(s) would like to pull an item(s) from the agenda. Commissioner Booker pulled item 2 e).

e) Resolution 2021-BPT-01 - Authorizing the Settlement of Business Tax Matter

Commissioner Booker would not like to settle the matter but realize the total amount. There was discussion among Commissioners, Staff, and Township Solicitor, the discussion included the settlement amount of \$110,000.

President Larkin called the vote, the item was passed 5-2 with Commissioners Booker and Farhy against.

President Larkin moved to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda, items 2 a), b), c), and d), seconded by Commissioner Mulroney. The motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Abel asked Chief Flanagan about an incident in his Ward and the posting of the information. Bill White, Township Manager, responded on the release of the information.

President Larkin asked Commissioner Abel to speak with Staff and, if he feels it is necessary, can place the item on a future agenda.

### 3. Committee Reports

#### A. 904 Drexel Lane - Waiver of the Infiltration Requirements of the Stormwater Management Ordinance

The Resident and Applicant presented the changes to their request for Waiver which included an increased number of trees, addition of stone sub-base to the rain garden, and increased rain garden by 38%. There was discussion among Commissioners, Applicant, and Staff.

President Larkin called the vote, the Waiver passed 5-2, will Commissioners Booker and Abel against.

#### B. 75 Tyler Lane, Ardrossan Estates, Board of Commissioners Approval of Proposed House Location

Removed from Agenda 11/8/2021

*C. 2022 Budget Legislation*

*a. Ordinance 2021-16 - (Introduction) Introduction of the Final 2022 Comprehensive Budget by setting the Township Real Estate Tax Millage Rate and adopting appropriations for 2022*

President Larkin moved to Introduce Ordinance 2021-16, seconded by Commissioner Mulroneu.

Bill White, Township Manager, spoke on the Introduction of the Final 2022 Comprehensive Budget .

There was discussion among Commissioners and Staff, including discussion on a budget with no millage increase vs. a budget with a millage increase.

President Larkin called the vote on the introduction of Ordinance 2021-16 as presented with the millage increase. The motion failed 7-0.

President Larkin moved to amend Ordinance 2021-16 with no millage increase, seconded by Commissioner Booker, the motion passed 6-1 with Commissioners Borowski against.

There was additional discussion among the Commissioners on Community Organization Funding, Tree Canopy Program, and staffing requests. Bill White, Township Manager, asked the Commissioners to vote on the items discussed, to enable the updating of the budget.

President Larkin asked for a show of hands for the following funding and staffing changes,

Radnor Fire Company	\$995,805	5-2 consensus
Wayne Art Center	\$ 20,000	5-2 consensus
Surrey Services	\$ 10,000	4-3 consensus

Reallocating vacant health inspector salary to Fire Inspector 4-3 consensus

There was continued discussion among Commissioners and Staff including having Shade Tree weigh in on the Tree Canopy Program. Bill White, Township Manager, spoke on getting started with the Tree Canopy Program by giving it to Shade Tree and have them weigh in, he also spoke on the Sustainability Grant Coordinator, he will look at options to consider and come back to the Board to go forward.

President Larkin called the vote on the amended Ordinance, the vote passed 6-1 with Commissioner Farhy against.

b. Ordinance 2021-17 - (Introduction) Introduction of the 2022 Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Fees

President Larkin moved to Introduce Ordinance 2021-17, seconded by Commissioner Farhy.

Bob Tate, Director of Finance, discussed the increase of \$1.05 over last year's rate, due to increase of RHM fee and noted there is no increase to the Stormwater Fee.

Public Comment –

Sara Pilling – She noted that households can conserve water to keep sewer cost down.

President Larkin called the vote, the vote failed for lack of majority.

President Larkin moved to amend the Ordinance to adjust the fee to \$8.89/1,000, seconded by Commissioner Agnew. The motion passed 4-3 with Commissioners Booker, Abel and Farhy against.

President Larkin called the vote to Introduce the amended Ordinance, the vote was 4-3 with Commissioners Booker, Abel and Farhy against.

c. Ordinance 2021-18 - (Introduction) Introduction of the Consolidated Fee Schedule for the Township, Effective January 1, 2022

President Larkin moved to Introduce Ordinance 2021-18, seconded by Commissioner Booker.

Bob Tate, Director of Finance, presented and spoke on the changes to the Fee Schedule that were not included in the packet.

President Larkin moved to amend the fee schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mulroney. The motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Farhy against.

There was discussion among Commissioners and Staff.

Commissioner Larkin called the vote to Introduce the amended Ordinance, the motion passed 7-0.

D. Bond Refunding Legislation:

a. Ordinance 2021-12 (Adoption) – Authorizing the advance refunding of the Series 2013B in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,500,000

Bob Tate, Director of Finance, spoke on Ordinance 2021-12. He introduced Mike Wolf of Cozen and O'Connor, who spoke on the advanced refunding of the Series 2013B.

There was discussion among Commissioners and Mr. Wolf.

President Larkin called the vote, the motion passed 7-0

*b. Resolution 2021-131 – Reimbursement Resolution – Authorizing Reimbursement of Stormwater Project Expenditures in Advance of Financing*

President Larkin moved to approved Resolution 2021-131, seconded by Commissioner Mulroney.

Bob Tate, spoke on the Reimbursement Resolution which gives the Township cover to reimburse itself for cost incurred in advance of funding.

The motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Farhy against.

*E. Ordinance 2021-13 – (Introduction) – Radnor Business Privilege and Mercantile Tax Ordinance Amendment to permit rounding to nearest dollar*

President Larkin moved to Introduce Ordinance 2021-13, seconded by Commissioner Borowski.

Bob Tate, Director of Finance, spoke on the amendment to permit rounding to nearest dollar and the ease of processing.

Commissioner Farhy moved to amend the rounding to rounding down only, seconded by Commissioner Booker. The motion failed 4-3 with Commissioners Larkin, Borowski, Mulroney, and Agnew against.

There was discussion among Commissioners and Staff.

Public Comment –

Sara Pilling – She feels the Township should be consistent with Federal Government and use rounding.

President Larkin called the vote to Introduce Ordinance 2021-13, the motion passed 5-2 with Commissioners Booker and Farhy against.

*F. Resolution 2021-129 – Authorizing the Payment of Change Orders #4 and #6 through #16 to Road-Con, Inc. for the Radnor TAP Trail Project for a Total of \$160,099.01*

President Larkin moved to approve Resolution 2021-129, seconded by Commissioner Agnew. The motion passed 7-0.

*G. Resolution 2021-130 - Radnor Trail Extension Environmental Testing and Evaluation for Arsenic, in the Amount of \$55,480*

President Larkin moved to approve Resolution 2021-130, seconded by Commissioner Mulroney.

There was discussion among Commissioners and Staff. The motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Booker against.

*H. Motion to terminate Fern Valley Farm License Agreement, (originally authorized by Resolution 2015-51 – Fern Valley Farm License Agreement – Rye, Quarry, Wheeler Tracts, Ardrossan development). (Requested by Commissioner Booker) Tabled from 10/25/2021 meeting*

Removed from Agenda 11/06/2021

#### *4. Reports of Standing Committees*

Commissioner Borowski announced the Radnor Memorial Library Elves for the Shelves Event and noted that sign up can be done at [www.radnorlibrary.org](http://www.radnorlibrary.org)

#### *5. Old Business*

a) *West Wayne Cemetery Discussion – Funding for fence repairs (Commissioner Abel)*  
Bill White, Township Manager, asked for some more time to research the funding source.

President Larkin spoke on a sidewalk on Fariston Road that was replaced by Steve Norcini and Ricky Foster and thanked them.

Commissioner Farhy – He spoke on the rooftop dining ordinance and feels it is not appropriate to have outdoor dining as a waiver. He is in favor of reintroducing as two separate ordinances. John Rice, Township Solicitor, noted the Ordinance will come back before the Board of Commissioners.

#### *6. New Business*

Commissioner Abel asked for an update on Report It. Bill White, Township Manager, spoke on the roll out of the Website, Report It, and Code Red, in early December.

#### *7. Public Participation*

None

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

*Respectfully submitted.*

*Peggy Hagan*