

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of the Meeting of September 21, 2020

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 6:40 PM in the Radnorshire Room in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Commissioners Present

*Jack Larkin, President Lisa Borowski, Vice President Richard Booker
Jake Abel Damien Enderle Sean Farhy Moira Mulroney*

Also Present: *Colby Grim, Township Solicitor; William White, Township Manager, Robert Tate, Finance Director, Mike Simmons, Acting Director of Public Works, Steve Norcini, PE, Township Engineer; John Hosbach, Township Arborist, Christopher Flanagan, Superintendent of Police, Peggy Hagan, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.*

Commission Larkin announced their will be a Special Meeting Board of Commissioners Meeting via Zoom on September 23, 2020 to discuss Stormwater/Sanitary Sewer projects and funding.

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

1. *Public Participation*

None

2. *Radnor Fire Company Presentation*

Eamon Brazunas, Executive Director of Radnor Fire Company gave a 2020 Radnor Fire Company Update. Mr. Brazunas answered Commissioners questions on the presentation. Commissioner Enderle commended Mr. Brazunas and the staff of the Fire Company for going after the Safer Grant.

3. *Consent Agenda*

a) *Disbursement Review & Approval*

~~b) *Resolution #2020-104 Adopting the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (“MMO”)*~~

~~e) *Motion to Authorize the Public Works Department to receive sealed bids for the Annual Tree and Stump Removal Project*~~

d) *Motion to Authorize the receipt of sealed bids for the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel for 2021*

Commissioner Larkin asked if any Commissioners or Staff wanted to pull any items from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Booker asked for item 3b to be removed and Commissioner Farhy asked for item 3c to be removed.

3b) Resolution #2020-104 - Adopting the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (“MMO”) RB

Bob Tate, Finance Director, gave a brief explanation of the item. There was discussion amongst

Commissioners and Staff. Commissioner Larkin moved to approve the Resolution seconded by Commissioner Borowski. The motion was approved 6 to 1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

3c) Motion to Authorize the Public Works Department to receive sealed bids for the Annual Tree and Stump Removal Project

Bill White, Township Manager, discussed returning to an annual tree and stump removal project. There was discussion amongst Commissioners and Staff. Commissioner Larkin moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Farhy. The motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Larkin moved to approve the Consent Agenda items a and d, seconded by Commissioner Borowski. The motion passed 7-0.

4. Committee Reports

A. *Resolution #2020-105 – Eastern University – Temporary Trailers, Waiver of Land Development*

A representative for Eastern University gave a brief presentation on the project. There was discussion amongst Commissioners and Staff. Commissioners Booker and Enderle would like the neighbors to be notified and to get a chance to see where the trailers will be located.

Commissioner Larkin moved to table the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Booker. The motion passed 7-0.

B. *Resolution #2020-106 – Conestoga Road Tunnel Lighting, Approval for Change Order #1, Wampole Miller in the Credit Amount of \$13,442.00 and Change Order #1 for Gannett Fleming in the Amount of \$10,700.*

Commissioner Larkin moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Farhy. There was discussion amongst Commissioners and Staff. Commissioner Larkin called the vote, the motion passed 7-0.

C. *Resolution #2020-87 – Authorizing an Electronics and Paper Shredding Event to be hosted by Radnor Township*

Commissioner Larkin moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Enderle. Bill White, Township Manager, discussed Curb My Clutter/Retrievr and their disinterest in hosting this event. Retrievr is interested in renewing the annual agreement with the Township. There was discussion amongst Commissioners and Staff. Commissioner Larkin called the vote, the motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Abel opposed.

D. *Resolution #2020-97 – Authorizing Receipt of Sealed Bids for the Morris Road Streetscape Enhancement Project*

Commissioner Larkin moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Abel. Bill White, Township Manager, gave a brief history of the project and Steve Norcini, Township Engineer, gave a description of the project. There was discussion amongst Commissioners and Staff.

Public Comment

Sara Pilling – She feels that cherry trees are susceptible to disease and objects to a monoculture of trees. She wants the Board to think of climate change and the survival of trees.

John Hosbach, Township Arborist - He stated the original intent was for 7 different types of trees, the previous administration polled the residents and they wanted cherry trees. The Township was not an advocate of the monoculture, but the residents decided on cherry trees.

Eileen Brett, Chair of Shade Tree Committee – She spoke as a member of the Shade Tree Committee and a Resident. She thanked the Board for approving a bond to put in trees. She requests the Board to pause on approving the Resolution and allow the Shade Tree to diversify the tree species. As a taxpayer, she feels it is a slippery slope to put in sidewalk and driveway aprons.

Michele Finisdore, Resident of Morris Road – She thanked Commissioner Abel, Steve Norcini, and John Hosbach for their work on the project. She sees children and the elderly walking in the street because the sidewalks are not in good condition on Morris Road.

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

Commissioner Borowski would like to have a conversation on the sidewalks and trees in the Township.

E. Resolutions #2020-101 – Authorizing Purchase of High Water Detection Warning Signs in the Amount of \$24,900 and Associated PennDOT TE-160

Commissioner Larkin moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Abel.

Steve Norcini, Township Engineer, gave a description of the project and said he would provide the Commissioners with a schematic for the proposed location. There was discussion amongst Commissioners and Staff. Commissioner Larkin moved to table the Resolution; the motion passed 7-0.

F. King of Prussia Early Warning Overheight Vehicle Detection System

Bill White, Township Manager, opened the discussion on the King of Prussia Early Warning Overheight Vehicle Detection System and asked for Board direction regarding the project. Chris Flanagan, Chief of Police, also spoke on direction needed by the Board on the type of Warning System. There was discussion amongst Commissioners and Staff.

Steve Norcini recommended opening a line of communication with PennDot on the issue of the type of warning system that can be used in District 6. Commissioner Booker recommended fines for striking the bridge.

Commissioner Larkin said the Board is interested on moving on with the project and staff is free to investigate any avenues they think are profitable.

G. Delaware County Real Estate Property Reassessment Discussion

There was discussion amongst Commissioners and Staff. Commissioner Larkin asked if the Board is interested in doing something to pause the reassessment and, if so, by what mechanism. Colby Grim, Township Solicitor, suggested letting the School District determine the mechanism and support their decision. Commissioner Larkin suggested following along with the School District and join with their motion or steps they follow.

H. 2021 Budget Calendar Approval

Bill White, Township Manager, discussed the 2021 Budget Calendar and asked the Board to Commit to a Special Budget Meeting on Monday October 19, 2020. The Board agreed with a Special Budget Meeting to be held on Monday, October 19, 2020.

I. Gift Acceptance Policy Discussion

Commissioner Borowski discussed the reasoning behind the need for a Gift Acceptance Policy. She would like to formalize the policy to create a more transparent process. Commissioner Mulrone feels it would give donors information on what is acceptable by the Township. Colby Grim, Township Solicitor, stated that it would be put in the format of a Resolution.

There was discussion amongst Commissioners and Staff

Commissioner Comments on the Policy should be sent to John Rice, Township Solicitor, ahead of the October 5, 2020 meeting. John Rice will incorporate the comments and distribute the Resolution to the Board.

5. Reports of Standing Committees of the Board

Commissioner Booker asked about a Sub-Committee meeting on an upcoming project at Eastern University. Commissioner Larkin would like Commissioner Booker to speak with John Rice, Township Solicitor, to see if a meeting can be held on a project that has yet to be submitted to the Township.

Commissioner Borowski - Library – The Elves for the Shelves fundraising run event will be virtual this year. Commissioner Borowski will be sharing with the Commissioners to help get the word out to support the Library.

6. New Business

None

7. Old Business

None

8. Public Participation.

None

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

Peggy Hagan