

**LIMERICK TOWNSHIP - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 1, 2019
7:15 P.M.**

A meeting of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, in the Public Meeting Room of the Limerick Township Municipal Building, located at 646 W. Ridge Pike, with Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr., Chairman, presiding. This meeting was advertised in The Mercury on January 10, 2019.

Members Present: Supervisors Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr., Kara Shuler, Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr., D. Elaine DeWan, and Patrick M. Morroney

Others Present: Joseph J. McGrory, Jr., Township Solicitor; Khaled Hassan, P.E., Township Engineer; Daniel K. Kerr, Township Manager; Beth F. DiPrete, Asst. Twp. Mgr./Treasurer; R. Brian Skelton, Chief of Police

Call to Order: Mr. Sperring called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Comments / Announcements

Mr. Sperring announced that the meeting is being recorded and that the Board held an executive session prior to the meeting for matters of real estate and personnel. Mr. Sperring noted that the following announcements are listed on the agenda and available on the Township's website.

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 - Follow us on Twitter: @limericktwp
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- 2020 Census Jobs Available: Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020
- Swamp Pike Detour Update
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Ms. DeWan reminded the audience of the November Board meeting dates.

Spring-Ford Chamber Check Presentation: Community Day: Members of the Spring-Ford Chamber presented a check in the amount of \$11,000 dollars to Limerick Township's Parks and Recreation Department for funds raised from Limerick's Community Day event.

Consideration of Minutes: Motion was made by Ms. DeWan, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Bills List: Motion was made by Mr. Neafcy, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve Bills List #19, 9/14/19 through 9/27/19, in the amount of \$930,427.31. Motion passed unanimously.

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Subdivision and Land Development

Extensions:

- a. Lot 7 Zara Drive – Robert Betz (#19-02): Extended to 1/28/2020
- b. Gambone: Fox Ridge/Ruth Addition (#19-03): Extended to 1/29/2020

Motion was made by Ms. DeWan, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to accept the development time review extensions. Motion passed unanimously.

Confirmed Appointments:

Mark Quigley – Billboards, 47 Swamp Pike (Limerick Town Center): The applicant, Mark Quigley, the applicant's attorney, William Kerr, and the Assistant General Manager of Lamar Advertising, Mary Beth Eshbach, summarized their billboard proposal on the Limerick Town Center site. Mr. Quigley is interested in eliminating the smaller of the two billboards near the school building and modifying the larger sign at the western end of the property. The larger sign would be a V-configuration, retaining the two existing faces on the western side, and replacing the two faces on the eastern side with a single digital face. Ms. Eshbach summarized Sitrine, which is a technology where the ad is seen from the front, but as you move to the side and past the sign, it fades to black. This feature will reduce visibility of the sign to the residential areas on and around the site. Mr. Kerr clarified the changes will reduce the billboard signage on the property from approximately 1,389 SF down to approximately 1,166 SF. The Board looked favorably on the request. Mr. Quigley indicated he will proceed to submit an application to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Theodore Kochen – Impervious Coverage, 614 W. Ridge Pike: The applicant, Theodore Kochen, and the applicant's attorney, Frank Bartle, summarized their proposal to construct an additional apartment building and office/community center at their existing Fox Ridge Community. As part of the application, impervious coverage is proposed within 100 feet of a lake or pond, which is regulated by Zoning. The Board looked favorably on the request but stated they will remain neutral with the ZHB application. Mr. Kochen indicated he will proceed to submit an application to the Zoning Hearing Board.

New Business

Resolution – Traffic Signal Revision TE-160 form – N. Township Line Road & Buckwalter Road: Mr. Hassan summarized the signalized improvements proposed within TE-160 form. Mr. Morroney clarified that the form doesn't guarantee PennDOT will do the work. Mr. Hassan confirmed.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Ms. DeWan, to approve Resolution 2019-40, authorizing the submission of TE-160 to PennDOT for the traffic signal revisions at the intersection of N. Township Line Road and Buckwalter Road. Motion passed unanimously.

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Resolution – Traffic Signal Revision TE-160 form – N. Township Line Road & SR 422 Westbound Offramp: Mr. Hassan summarized the signalized changes proposed within the TE-160 form.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Ms. DeWan, to approve Resolution 2019-41, authorizing the submission of TE-160 to PennDOT for the traffic signal revision at the intersection of N. Township Line Road and the SR 422 Westbound offramp and all associated signalized changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Planning Commission Vacancy: Mr. Sperring announced that Samuel Barilla resigned from the Planning Commission and announced that the Township will accept requests for those who wish to service and stated they should contact the township and submit a volunteer form for consideration by the Board. Mr. Sperring wished Sam well and thanked him for his service.

Discussion – Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee: Mr. Kerr announced that efforts will commence to form an Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee which will assist in the Open Space Plan updating efforts, and any interested individual is urged to contact the Township and submit a volunteer form. He concluded by stating the compiled list of volunteers will be prepared for the Board to officially appoint at their meeting on October 15, 2019.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Kerr provided updates on: 1. The recent installation of three benches along the Kurylo Preserve trail. The benches were installed by a local Boy Scout, Jared Katein, as his Eagle Scout project; 2. The Swamp Pike detour, which no timetable has been provided by PennDOT for the commencement of the detour. He concluded by expressing his gratitude for the prayers and condolences he and his family received during the loss of his father.

Public Comments:

Preston Luitweiler (2 Woodmont CT.) inquired if the supervisors know of any plans in the Township for low-income housing. Ms. Shuler recommended he speak to the Director of Community Planning. Mr. Luitweiler proceeded to read the following statement into the record:

“Amy [Walker] and I have been to almost every supervisors’ meeting over the past year. We’ve reviewed minutes of the meetings that we could not attend. Neither of us has heard anything about a proposal for low-income housing, nor have we heard anything about such a proposal from anybody else. We’ve come to these meetings and commented on development proposals that we felt eroded the quality of life for residents in the Township or the quality of the environment and we’ve occasionally made suggestions about how those impacts could be avoided or mitigated, so we were surprised this weekend to hear from several supporters that pollsters had knocked on their doors and asked questions about issues in Limerick Township, and one of the questions was how they would feel about low-income housing in the Township. The pollsters were carrying literature for you, Mr. Sperring, and they either stated or implied that

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Amy [Walker] and I would be in favor of more low-income housing in the Township and that's blatantly untrue. So, I'm asking you, Mr. Sperring, this evening, if you sent those pollsters out with such a script, and what was the basis for it?"

Mr. Sperring declined to discuss campaigning during the meeting. He then asked Mr. Luitweiler if he would be in support of a low-income housing development proposal. Mr. Luitweiler indicated he had no comment.

Ms. DeWan clarified that the Limerick Township Comprehensive Plan demonstrates that there is a percentage of low-income housing present in the Township.

Thomas Dibello (33 Fieldstone LN.) expressed his concerns that an increase in low-income housing would have a dramatic impact on the School District and the tax rates. He also thanked the Board, Chief Skelton, and the rest of the Police Department for their supportive cohesion with the Spring-Ford School District and their Police Force to keep the school district as safe as possible.

Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Neafcy inquired if a Stop sign could be installed on Fruitville Road at the intersection of Pruss Hill Road. Mr. Kerr stated that he would review with staff.

Mr. Morroney inquired of the terminology listed on the road signs installed at the intersection of Possum Hollow Road and Lightcap Road.

Mr. Kerr indicated he would look into both inquires.

2020 Budget Discussion: Mr. Kerr and Ms. DiPrete summarized the 2020 budget approach with the Board. Chief Skelton and Lieutenant Matalavage summarized the Police Department's capital requests, unfunded requests, plans to increase the department's public relations, and their proposed building enhancements. Chief Skelton thanked the Board for their continued support. Ms. DeWan thanked the Chief and Lieutenant for their continued thought-out budget requests. Discussion ensued regarding the K-9 unit.

Michael McCloskey III (46 Haines DR.) offered \$10,000 dollars towards the purchase of a new K-9 service dog.

****Meeting briefly paused for audience applause****

Chief Skelton thanked Mr. McCloskey for his generosity. He also thanked Mr. Dibello for taking time out of his busy schedule to come to the meeting to express his gratitude towards the Police Department and Board of Supervisors.

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Ms. DiPrete concluded by summarizing the capital requests and unfunded requests of the Planning & Zoning Department, Code Services Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and Administration.

Thomas Dibello asked if the Township is aware of ransomware attacks and if the Township has safeguards in place. Ms. DiPrete clarified that the Township has numerous security measures in place to prevent such attacks.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **motion was made** by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Ms. DeWan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

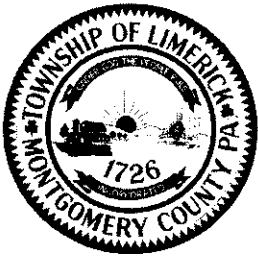
Respectfully submitted,



Daniel K. Kerr
Township Manager

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 9/17/19

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- Discussion – Planning Commission Vacancy
- Discussion – Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee

MANAGER'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT AVAILABLE NUMBER & MTG DATE: ORD. 400 RES. 40 10/15/19

**EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO FOLLOW THIS AGENDA;
HOWEVER, IT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**