

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

**OCTOBER 15, 2019
7:17 P.M.**

A meeting of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 15, 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, and Patrick M. Morroney

Members Absent: Supervisors Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr. and D. Elaine DeWan

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 7:17 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.

- **Receive important Township updates & alerts on your smart device:**
 - Click "Notify Me" on the Township website for further instructions
 - Follow us on Twitter: @limericktwp
- **Spotted Lanternfly Information:** Available at the Township Building and website
- **2020 Census Jobs Available:** Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020
- **Swamp Pike Detour Update**
- **Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event:**
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Spring-Ford Area Rotary Check Presentation: Wine, Beer, & Food Festival: Members of the Spring-Ford Area Rotary presented a check in the amount of \$13,000 dollars to Limerick Township's Parks and Recreation Department for funds raised from the Wine, Beer, and Food Festival event.

Police Commendations: Chief Skelton offered a review of the following achievements and generosity which necessitated special recognition of the following individuals.

Trilogy Award Recipient:

- Corporal Stephen Winneberger

Certificate of Appreciation:

Contributions to the Limerick Township Police Department

- Spring-Ford Rotary

Certificate of Appreciation:

Contributions to the Limerick Township K-9 Unit

- Michael J. McCloskey, III

Chief Skelton and Lieutenant Matalavage presented the Spring-Ford Area Rotary and Michael J. McCloskey, III with Certificates of Appreciation for their generous donations to the Police Department. The Rotary donated cots that can be used by the department to house officers during emergencies and Mr. McCloskey was honored for his \$10,000 donation to the K9 unit. Corporal Stephen Winneberger was presented with a department commendation to recognize his graduation from this year's FBI LEEDA program. He is a select individual of law enforcement leaders in the country that received the FBI Trilogy Award this past year.

Consideration of Minutes: Motion was made by Mr. Morroney, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve the Minutes of the October 1, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

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Bills List: Motion was made by Mr. Morroney, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve Bills List #20, 9/28/19 through 10/11/19, in the amount of \$976,137.23, which includes the authorization of the Public Works Department's change orders. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports: Upon motion made by Mr. Morroney, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, the September 2019 reports of the Treasurer's Office, Emergency Services Department, Code Services Department, Public Works Department, Police Department, and Parks & Recreation Department, were unanimously accepted.

Subdivision and Land Development

Extension:

Piazza Realty Co., Inc. 3373 W. Ridge Pike (#19-04): Extended to 2/13/2020

Motion was made by Mr. Morroney, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to accept the development time review extension. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Discussion – DVRPC LED Streetlight Audit Results: Mr. Michael Fuller presented the results of the final audit of the Township's streetlights. He discussed the cost to convert the 271 streetlights to LED. He further clarified that the projected estimated annual savings in electric costs of \$41,000 dollars would pay back the purchase price in under six years. He summarized the long-term benefits of the LED conversion program, which are: 1. Cut the Township's long-term electric street lighting costs; 2. Reduce Limerick's greenhouse gases by 27.1 metric tons per year; 3. Create uniform lighting standards to increase safety of residents and motorists; 4. Lower maintenance costs; 5. Allow the Township to provide higher levels of maintenance service and reduce manpower service costs. The Board briefly discussed the financial impact of financing verses outright purchase. It was decided not to pursue financing and use reserves to fund the project.

Motion was made by Mr. Morroney, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve Resolution 2019-42, accepting the DVRPC LED Streetlight program upgrades at a cost not to exceed \$244,797.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Mr. Morroney, to authorize the Township Manager to sign agreements related to the project. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee: Mr. Kerr summarized the list of individuals who responded with interest to serve on the Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee. He concluded by announcing the upcoming Committee meeting on Thursday, October 17th at 7 P.M., and invited the public to attend.

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New Business

Authorization – Advertise Chapter 84 Fire Prevention Amendment Ordinance: Mr. Kerr summarized that the amendment would update chapter 84 Fire Prevention to align with the 2015 International Building Codes and recognize the 2015 International Fire Codes from the previous 2009 International Fire Codes.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Mr. Morroney, to authorize advertisement of a Public Hearing for consideration and approval of an Ordinance amending Chapter 84, Fire Prevention. Motion passed unanimously.

Authorization – Special Fire Police:

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Mr. Morroney, to approve the use of the Limerick Township Special Fire Police for the Colledgeville Borough's Halloween parade on Wednesday, October 30th, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

Authorization – Advertise PWD Annual Fuel Quantities:

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Mr. Morroney, to authorize advertisement of the 2020 Annual Quantities Contract for Fuels. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution – Road ROW Deed of Dedication for 0 Grebe Road: Mr. Kerr summarized that a new lot was created in 2004 but a home was never constructed. The lot is now being sold and a home is proposed, but the right-of-way was never accepted by the Township.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Mr. Morroney, to approve Resolution 2019-43, accepting the Ultimate Right of Way of 0 Grebe Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution – PECO Green Region Grant Program Submission: Mr. Haas summarized the two options the Board can pursue for application to the PECO Green Region grant program. One option is to apply for funds to plant trees around the parking area and walking trail within the Kurylo Preserve. The second option is to apply for funds to help off-set the costs to update the Township's Open Space plan. A brief discussion of both options ensued.

Motion was made by Mr. Morroney, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve Resolution 2019-44, approving a grant application submission to the PECO Green Region Grant Program in the Amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of aiding in the costs to update the Open Space Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Colleen Zasowski (38 Metka Road) inquired if trees could be planted along the portion of the Kurylo Preserve walking trail adjacent to her property to provide a privacy buffer. Mr. Sperring indicated they will take her request into consideration.

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Resolution – Multimodal Grant Submission Approval, TAP Trail Project: Mr. Hassan clarified that the Township desires to pursue a grant for funds to complete the construction of the final trail segment between Royersford Road and Township Line Road. This trail segment was originally proposed to be included in the TAP Trail Grant program that the township received funding of \$970,000 dollars to construct from Lewis Road to Township Line Road. Due to cost increases based on added DEP environmental design issues and added culvert specifications to cross the Mingo Creek, the estimated cost to construct has risen over the five years since the original estimates were formatted.

Motion was made by Mr. Morroney, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve Resolution 2019-45, approving the Multimodal grant submission for the TAP Trail project. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval – Change Order Agreement – TAP Trail Agreement: Mr. Hassan clarified that Pennoni and TPD have incurred additional design costs for the TAP Trail project because of the increased consultant fees, DEP and Penn DOT right-of-way design issues and requests, and culvert crossing specifications the grant agencies have added to the project scope.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Mr. Morroney, to approve the TAP Trail agreement change order agreement not to exceed \$42,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval – Beck Property Agreement: Mr. Kerr summarized the minor subdivision plan that will create the approximate three-acre lot that will be added to the Township's Meng Preserve. He also summarized that all parties involved agree with the consulting agreement, which will aid in progressing the purchase of the Beck property (55 Meng Road). He concluded by commenting that the Township has received numerous letters of support for the purchase of the property.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Kerr provided updates on: 1. The upcoming Point of Dispensing drill, scheduled for Thursday, October 31st at the Township grounds. The public is invited to volunteer and drive their car through the dispensing line; 2. The Public Works Department has completed installation of the bus shelter along W. Ridge Pike; 3. The Public Works Department has completed outside renovations to the Lewis Road garage and surrounding site. Interior renovations will continue; 4. The temporary traffic signal project at the intersection of Linfield Trappe Road and Royersford Road will commence on or around November 4th and take two to three weeks to complete installation; 5. John W. Lightcap, III has resigned from his position as the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate. The Board will be filling that vacancy in the near future.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Mr. Morroney, to accept and apply the discipline recommended by the Chief of Police to terminate the employment of Corporal Shawn Pancoast. Motion passed unanimously.

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Public Comments:

June Landis (491 N. 7th AVE.) summarized prior discussion by the Board on low-income housing. She inquired if the supervisors were aware of any low-income housing proposals within Limerick Township.

Mr. Sperring indicated that there was nothing in the works but there is an ongoing legal matter that the Board cannot discuss. He urged her to contact Montgomery County to inquire of their survey they sent to surrounding townships and boroughs.

Ms. Shuler clarified that her previous answer was not “No” and again recommended she contact the Director of Community Planning, Ms. Greta Martin Washington, to inquire of development proposals. She urged her to complete a Right-to-Know request for additional information.

Discussion ensued regarding political literature and information on low-income housing.

Mr. McGrory clarified that the Board answered Ms. Landis’s questions and voicing political views is not Township business and not what “Public Comment” was intended for.

W. Matthew Lewis (430 Navajo DR.) inquired if the renovations to the retaining wall within the Aronimink Wall are still funded and when renovations will commence.

Mr. Kerr clarified that there are funds set aside in the current year budget for the renovations. He further clarified that Township Staff had been busy finishing up the Trinley Road project and other projects with specific deadlines. Township Staff will focus on discussing plans with the neighbors soon. The project is not expected to start this year and will suggest to the Board that the monies be rolled over into the 2020 Budget.

Thomas Dibello (33 Fieldstone LN.) inquired if low-income housing was proposed within the ongoing legal matter with the Township. He cautioned the Board that a large low-income housing development would have dramatic negative impacts on the school district.

Mr. Sperring noted information of the lawsuit cannot be discussed at this time but discussion ensued regarding density and zoning related issues are they could pertain to low-income housing.

Colleen Zasowski clarified that the Spring-Ford School District is performing a feasibility study due to the school buildings approaching capacity.

Mr. Kerr raised the importance of the Open Space Plan and how the Township can use it as a tool to preserve natural resources and provide a strategy to acquire open space in the future.

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Supervisor Comments:

Mr. Morroney reminded the audience that the Board is aware of how development affects the school district and does purchase open space.

2020 Budget Discussion: Mr. Kerr and Ms. DiPrete summarized the departmental operating budgets, recurring capital equipment, and unfunded requests of the Emergency Services Department, Fire protection, and the Public Works Department, including Parks' operations.

Ms. Shuler asked Chief Skelton if he considered charging a fee for the proposed Police Camp to off-set the budget request to fund the camp. Chief Skelton indicated he would take her inquiry under advisement.

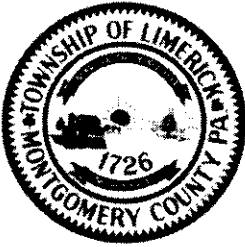
Adjournment: There being no further business, **motion was made** by Mr. Morroney, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Daniel K. Kerr
Township Manager



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC MEETING 15 OCTOBER 2019, 7:00 P.M. – LIMERICK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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SPRING-FORD ROTARY CHECK PRESENTATION: WINE & BEER FEST

POLICE COMMENDATIONS

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 10/1/19

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

BILLS LIST: #20, 9/28/19 through 10/11/19, \$976,137.23.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Treasurer’s Office:	September 2019
Emergency Services Department:	September 2019
Code Services Department:	September 2019
Public Works Department:	September 2019
Police Department:	September 2019
Parks & Recreation Department:	September 2019

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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MANAGER’S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT AVAILABLE NUMBER & MTG DATE: ORD. 400 RES. 42 11/12/19

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