

MINUTES

**SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP
520 PARK DRIVE
BOILING SPRINGS, PA. 17007**

MARCH 25, 2021

PRESENT: BRYAN GEMBUSIA, RICK REIGHARD, RON HAMILTON, SHELLY CAPOZZI, DUFF MANWEILER - SUPERVISORS, Cory Adams – Manager, Jarrett Sweeney – Assistant Manager, Tim Duerr – Zoning Officer, Brian O’Neill – Engineer, Sandy Quickel – Recording Secretary, Bryan Salzman – Solicitor (via Zoom), Mark Hackenburg, Craig Mellott, Carol Shetter, Daniel Freedman, John Benoit, Tim Berndt (via Zoom).

NOTE: This meeting was simulcasted via Zoom. Those observing the meeting from the public remotely will not be included in the Minutes unless they made a comment during the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Gembusia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Gembusia.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Gembusia announced that the meeting is recorded and to turn off cellular phones.

MINUTES: 03/11/2021 (Regular Meeting):

Shelly made a motion to approve the minutes. Rick seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

MINUTES: 03/12/2021 (Bid Opening – Equipment Rental):

Ron made a motion to approve the minutes. Duff seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Dan Freedman introduced himself. Mr. Freedman is a resident of South Middleton and is running for District Justice Susan Day’s position.

BID AWARD: Equipment Rental:

Rick made a motion to award the Bucket Truck and Tree Grinder Rental bid to Cumberland Valley Tree Services in the amount of \$52,000. Shelly seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Shelly made a motion to award the Tri-axle truck, roller, paver, miller, skid loader bid to Schlusser’s Paving in the amount of \$17,200. Duff seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

PRESENTATION: Boiling Springs Pedestrian Safety Improvements Projects:

Craig Mellott, Dan Gunthrie, and Mark Hackenburg presented this project. Mr. Mellott said improvements are proposed from First Street to Front and High Streets and to the school district campus. The concept was sent to PennDOT for review, and they will need to issue a permit to do the work. The goal of the project is to calm traffic, reduce speed, and improve pedestrian access. Mr. Mellott described how each of those goals will be met. Mark Hackenburg described the landscaping. Rain garden drains, native planting/rain garden weirs, planted areas, and bump-outs will be used to filter runoff. Tim Berndt, Palms Court, asked Ron about the specs for the new fire truck and if the emergency vehicles would have clear access with the proposed plan. Ron will check into it.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:

The report was accepted, as written.

RECREATION REPORT:

The report was accepted, as written. Duff added that the BFF and Day at the Lake events, concerts and movie in the park will be held. Ron asked if the Labor Day fireworks event will occur. Duff replied yes.

PUBLIC WORKS/ROADS REPORT:

The report was accepted, as submitted.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Bryan S. reported that the Agreement of Sale has been signed for the Carlisle Airport. The Township has 180 days for inspection. In order to do more planning, encourage economic development, and infrastructure, the Township will approve a resolution in support and commitment. Ron made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-08 applying for a County Planning Grant supporting the economic development of the Carlisle Airport. Duff seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

A conference call was held with staff and Waste Management earlier in the week to discuss several problem areas. The representatives from Waste Management took the concerns seriously. They informed the Township that some of the issues involved a lot of COVID-19 cases and snow storms. Also, the transition from Advanced Disposal into Waste Management caused communication issues. Bryan S. noted that contract renewals could be in jeopardy if problems continue. Rick asked if Shelly's previously noted concern was addressed. She said she is unable to pay her bill on-line. Bryan S. said that issue was not mentioned. Shelly said she was told there was computer issues. The Township will follow up with these concerns.

The Childrens Lake project is proceeding. There has been a lot of work already done. The project should be bid in May, award by late summer, and begin construction by early winter. With this project, an ordinance will be prepared to make Bucher Hill Road a one-way road going uphill.

ENGINEER REPORT:

No report was given.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

A permit for remodeling the Craighead House was submitted. The applicant is asking for a waiver of the building permit fee. Rick made a motion to waive the Township's building permit fee. Shelly seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

MANAGER REPORT:

Orrstown Bank is requiring a Letter of Authorization in order to update signatures to open new bank accounts with them. Rick made a motion to approve the Letter of Authorization. Shelly seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

The COG auction will be held at Leaman Park for the second year in a row. It will be on July 21, 2021 and COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. Duff made a motion to allow the COG auction to be held at Leaman Park pursuant to adhering to COVID-19 guidelines and staff safety and security directives. Ron seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Cory requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Carol Shetter, Gutshall Road, commented on the price of the trash tags. She thought the price remained the same each year. Brian G. said that the price goes up each year. Rick added that the price for the toter carts went up too. She also asked why the F&M Bank in Boiling Springs is closed. Duff said they closed that branch due to lack of employees.

John Benoit, 217 Front Street, asked questions about the Boiling Springs Pedestrian Project. Duff said they want to line up that project with the Children's Lake project.

SUPERVISORS DISCUSSION:

Shelly stated that Liz Knouse (SMSD Board member) will hold a Q & A session at the high school. A lot of parents have questions on issues.

Ron said that the Kunkle Bridge will be open the end of May/June.

Bryan thanked the road crew for helping set up for the Ham Radio class/test that was held recently in the Public Works building. Parks and Recreation Department will offer this as a class in the future. Bryan said he has received questions as to the Westgate detention ponds. Cory said this is under review.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Ron made a motion to pay the bills. Rick seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Duff made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:20 pm. Shelly seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Rick made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Shelly seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

WITNESS:

Sandra A. Quickel, Secretary

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