

WARWICK TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors' Public Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Judith A. Algeo, Esq, Chair
John W. Cox, Vice Chairman
Edward P. Thompson, Jr., Member

Others Present: Kyle Seckinger, MPA, Township Manager
Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Solicitor
Becki Wilhelm, Assistant Township Manager
Michele Fountain, P.E., Township Engineer
Catherine Topley, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' December 7, 2020, public meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Judith Algeo, Chair, who then led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met to discuss matters of personnel and litigation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

→Monday, November 16, 2020, Board of Supervisors' Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Cox to approve the Monday, November 16, 2020, Board of Supervisor Meeting Minutes. Second to motion by Mr. Thompson, Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.
Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. This meeting is being held virtually and is being recorded. All attendees may participate in the following ways: email before the meeting with agenda item comments/questions or you may participate actively during this meeting by writing so in the chat feature of this program. Once acknowledged, you may speak on the agenda items as we discuss them or on any topics during citizen and public comment during this meeting.
2. The Administration and Parks and Recreation offices will be closed for the winter holiday beginning Thursday, December 24th re-opening Monday, January 4th, 2021.
3. The Board of Supervisors Re-organization meeting will take place virtually on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

→ *LD 20-05: 2150 York Road (Sunoco) – Waiver of Land Development Request for Consideration*

Mr. Seckinger stated that on October 16th, 2020 the Township received a waiver of land development submission by Sandip Talati, AKA Shree Enterprises Inc. A Sunoco is currently operating out of this location. The applicant proposes to increase a portion of the existing building height by six (6) feet. The plan shows the rear portion of the existing building at twelve (12) feet and a proposed increase of six (6) feet for a total height of eighteen (18) feet. No additional floor area is being proposed only an increase in interior ceiling/roof height. The roof is currently flat and will remain flat with the increase. The applicant has relayed that the purpose of the increased ceiling height is to accommodate a car lift for a future tenant.

The planning commission heard this application at their December 2, 2020 meeting and recommended approving the waiver of land development with no conditions. The application is before the Board of Supervisors seeking a waiver of land development.

Ms. Algeo called for questions. There were none.

Motion by Mr. Cox to approve LD 20-05: 2150 York Road (Sunoco) – Waiver of Land Development conditioned that the footprint of the building is not enlarged.

Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

→ *County Fox Hunting – Consider Authorization to Send Correspondence to Bucks County Commissioners*

Mr. Seckinger stated that there have been ongoing issues with the fox hunts organized by Huntingdon Valley Hunt and held regularly in Dark Hollow Park. This organization is given county permits to run their events throughout the year. The fox hunts are a significant disturbance for our community and have been a strain on police services.

For background, fox hunts involve releasing packs of dogs and horseback riders who chase, trap, and kill foxes for sport. While the hunts may start in Dark Hollow Park, the dogs run at-large throughout the community, across streets, and through private property. In short, the Board may wish to send a new request to the Bucks County Commissioners asking that these hunts be discontinued in Warwick Township.

There was discussion as to how the letter should be delivered and it was decided that Chief Goldberg and Supervisor Algeo would deliver the letter in person.

Mr. Cox stated that his wife recently wrote a letter and received a quick response.

Motion by Mr. Cox to approve Authorization to Send Correspondence to Bucks County Commissioners regarding County Fox Hunting

Second to motion by Mr. Thompson. Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

→ *Work Policy Gen-12: Township Vehicle Use Policy – To Consider for Adoption*

Mr. Seckinger stated that this amended policy proposes an on-call vehicle program where on-call public works employees may, prior only to an inclement weather event, and the Public Works Foreman, take a truck home to reduce response time. It's proposed as a trial program only. Response times and overtime will be evaluated after 6 months to determine effectiveness. Not all employees would be eligible.

Mr. Thompson asked if there would be consequences for misuse, Mr. Seckinger stated every incident is investigated and if warranted discipline would be given.

Motion by Mr. Cox approve Work Policy Gen-12: Township Vehicle Use Policy

Second to motion by Mr. Thompson. Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

→ *Treasurer's Report for November 2020*

Mr. Seckinger explained that due to the Board of Supervisors Meeting being held the first Monday of the month this month if a Treasurer's Report were presented it would not be an accurate record and recommends tabling until the regular January Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion by Mr. Cox table the Treasurer's Report for November 2020 until the regular Board of Supervisors Meeting in January 2021.

Second to motion by Mr. Thompson. Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

→ *Bill Payments 12-7-20*

Mr. Seckinger requested a motion to pay the bills for December 2, 2020, in the amount of \$160,789.92, as listed in the bill payment recap, subject to audit.

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve the December 7, 2020, Bill Payments, subject to audit. Second to motion by Chair Algeo. Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.


- **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None
- **ENGINEER'S REPORT:** None
- **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Seckinger stated regarding PennDOT, that some of the work on Mearns Road has been completed but not all, and Almhouse Road between Guinea Lane and Sunrise Way, they have done some roadside ditching and will be paving next week. PennDOT believes the ditching will help with the water issue.

- **NEW BUSINESS:** None
- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- **ADJOURNMENT:**

The December 7, 2020, Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' public meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kyle Seckinger
Township Manager

These minutes were approved at the
Board of Supervisors' meeting held 11/8/21