

WARWICK TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors' Public Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2023

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

Others Present: Kyle Seckinger, MPA, Township Manager
Mark Goldberg, Chief of Police
Jon Ogborn, Police Lieutenant
Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Solicitor
Michele Fountain, P.E., Township Engineer
Skye Sorresso, Assistant to the Manager

CALL TO ORDER:

The Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' April 17, 2023, public meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 litigation and personnel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

→ *Monday, March 20, 2023, Board of Supervisors' Meeting Minutes*

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve the March 20, 2023, Board of Supervisors' Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion passed 2-0. Mr. Cox abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Seckinger reminded everyone that Senator Frank Farry's office will be on-site again on Wednesday, April 26th to assist residents with state government services including Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications, Birth & Death Certificate applications, SEPTA Senior Key Card registrations and renewals, and unemployment issues.

He also noted that the 12th Annual Spring-Cleaning Flea Market will be held on Saturday, May 6th, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Administration Building. For more information, please visit warwickrec.com.

Mr. Seckinger also wished to acknowledge Lieutenant Ogborn who successfully prepared, submitted, and was awarded a grant for \$110,000 for Police Department technology upgrades.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

→1. *Warwick Township Police Department: Promotions and New Hires Recognition*

Mr. Seckinger introduced Chief Goldberg to present the Warwick Township Police Department's recognition of promotions and new hires.

Chief Goldberg recognized the promotion of Wade DiTommaso to Sergeant. An honors graduate of Alvernia University with a bachelor's degree in forensic science, DiTommaso also attended the Temple University Police Academy and has been a police officer with the department since March 2012. He has held the position of Patrol Officer, Detective, Corporal, and now Sergeant. DiTommaso supervises the police department's narcotics unit and serves as a departmental trainer in specified fields. He is also a member of the Bucks County Crime Scene Unit, a specialized team that is hand selected to investigate serious crimes throughout the county.

Chief Goldberg recognized new hire Nicholas Swinehart. Swinehart is a graduate of Central Bucks East High School, obtained a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Penn State Abington, and graduated from the Temple University Police Academy in October 2019. Swinehart then became a part-time police officer with the Dublin Police Department in 2020 and the North Wales Police Department in 2021. He grew up in Jamison and has family who still resides in the township.

Chief Goldberg also recognized new hire Christian Browne. Browne served in the United States Coast Guard and was stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska from 2016 to 2020. After serving, he returned to Bucks County, enrolled in the Temple University Police Academy in May of 2021, and was hired by the Dublin and Newtown Borough Police Departments. Browne is the son of Lieutenant Chris Browne of Hilltown Township and retired Bucks County Radio Dispatcher Wendy Browne.

Chief Goldberg also thanked Chief Regan of the Dublin Borough Police Department that previously employed both Officer Swinehart and Officer Browne.

→ 2. *Bucks County Municipal Water and Sewer Consortium Resolution – For Discussion*

Mr. Seckinger presented the Bucks County Municipal Water and Sewer Consortium Resolution for discussion. He explained that several municipalities in Bucks County, the Bucks County Consortium, and the Bucks County Association of Township Officials support the creation of a new Consortium that would focus on stopping the sale of public, well-funded, well-run authorities to private, for-profit companies. The fee to join the Consortium would be \$250 a year. Any additional costs, including attorneys, engineers, or consultants, would be at the Township's discretion to pay for. He added that Chair Algeo requested this item be added to the agenda for discussion.

Motion by Mr. Cox to adopt RES 2023-14: Bucks County Municipal Water and Sewer Consortium, conditioned upon the inclusion of a clause to opt-in or out of any matters resulting in expenditures exceeding the annual fee. Second to motion by Chair Algeo. Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed 2-0. Mr. Thompson abstained.

→ *Treasurer's Report: March 2023*

For the month of March 2023, expenditures outpaced revenues by \$47,647.

Real Estate Transfers posted \$28,971 and Building Permits posted \$17,293. Earned Income Tax posted \$274,093 and Local Service Tax posted \$7,172.

Fund balances for March 2023 are as follows, subject to audit:

General Fund	\$	12,092,124
Firehouse and Equipment	\$	686,680
Road Machinery	\$	29,057
Federal Grant- ARPA	\$	827,130
Capital Projects Fund	\$	185,192
Highway Aid Fund	\$	624,849
Parks and Recreation	\$	697,423
Parks and Recreation Capital Fund	\$	555,357
Capital Reserve	\$	<u>224,781</u>
Total	\$	<u>15,922,593</u>

Motion by Mr. Cox to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2023, subject to audit.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

→ *Bill Payments 4-3-2023 & 4-17-2023*

Mr. Seckinger requested a motion to approve the bill payments for April 3rd, totaling \$147,191.80, and April 17th, totaling \$207,401.03, subject to audit.

Motion by Mr. Cox to approve the Bill Payments for April 3, 2023, and April 17, 2023, subject to audit. Second to motion by Mr. Thompson. Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

→1. *ORD 2023-01: SALDO Amendment – To Consider Adoption*

Ms. Eberle presented ORD 2023-01: SALDO Amendment for consideration of adoption. She explained that the proposed ordinance had been reviewed by staff and CKS Engineers, and seeks to make general changes, correct typos, and modernize design and construction requirements. The comprehensive update was reviewed and authorized for advertisement at a prior public meeting. With advertising complete, Ms. Eberle advised Chair Algeo that the Board could open a public hearing to consider its adoption.

Chair Algeo opened the public hearing and invited public comment or discussion. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Thompson asked for clarification on the section regarding industrial and commercial driveway standards. Ms. Fountain explained that the section in question requires driveways serving three or more lots to be built to residential street standards.

Motion by Mr. Cox to adopt ORD 2023-01: SALDO Amendment. Second to motion by Mr. Thompson. Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

→2. *LD 96-08: Windrush at Woodfield (Stony Rd between Meyer Way & Turkeytrot Rd) – Consideration of Request to Amend HOA Declaration*

Ms. Eberle presented a request from the HOA of Windrush at Woodfield to amend their declaration to resolve several issues regarding the leasing of units. She explained that they are seeking to limit the number of units that can be rented within the development at one time. Per the Development Agreement, the HOA must get Board approval prior to amending the declaration. Ms. Eberle recommended the Board acknowledge the request but take no official action.

Motion by Mr. Cox to acknowledge the request of the HOA of Windrush at Woodfield to amend the HOA Declaration. As this amendment does not affect any rights of the township under the Declaration, Mr. Cox moved to take no action on this request but to recommend the HOA consult with its attorney prior to acting on this amendment. Second to motion by Mr. Thompson. Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

→1. *LD 15-01: PULTE Homes (2029 York Rd) – To Consider Approval of Blasting Report and Belgian Block Waiver*

Ms. Fountain presented LD 15-01: PULTE Homes (2029 York Road) Blasting Report and Belgian Block Waiver for approval. She explained that the developer had submitted the required report and requested the issuance of a blasting permit to allow for the installation of utilities. The developer also requested a waiver to permit the installation of Belgian Block curbing.

Mr. Cox inquired about blasting safety measures. Mr. Matthew Ryan of Rock Work Inc. Drilling and Blasting explained that his company had done extensive work around Jamison and Bucks County. All required safety guidelines within the Developer's Agreement would be followed along with those required by state and federal regulations.

Mr. Thompson inquired about the required notifications. Mr. Ryan replied that blasting notifications and offers for pre-blasting inspections would be sent to all properties within 350 feet of the site. A general notification would also be sent to all properties within 1000 feet of the site. Ms. Eberle noted that seismic recording equipment would also be utilized within 500 feet per state law.

Mr. Seckinger inquired about the pre-blast inspections. Mr. Ryan explained that offers for the inspections would be sent with the notifications, would be entirely voluntary, and would only be completed if requested. He added that the inspection would evaluate as little or as much of the property as the homeowner allows. Any complaints would be handled by the State.

Motion by Mr. Cox to approve LD 15-01: PULTE Homes (2029 York Road) Blasting Report. Second to motion by Mr. Thompson. Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, a vote was called.
Motion passed unanimously.

■ **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Seckinger addressed the ongoing Moland House Parking Lot Paving Project. He explained that the Historical Society inquired about options for line striping. The Board expressed their support for paint or chalk striping as desired by the society.

■ **NEW BUSINESS:** None

■ **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. John Bader of Brook Lane inquired about setback requirements for the planting of vegetation. Ms. Eberle explained that setback requirements are only in place for Subdivision and Land Development projects.

■ **ADJOURNMENT:**

The April 17, 2023, Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' public meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyle W. Seckinger, MPA
Township Manager

These minutes were approved at the
Board of Supervisors' meeting held 5/15/23