

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
11279 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642
Presiding Officer – Zachary Haigis, President, Board of Commissioners

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Haigis called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Stump Present
Commissioner Atwood Present
Commissioner Gray Present
Commissioner Zona Present
Commissioner Wengrzyn Present
Commissioner Gass Present
Commissioner Haigis Present

Also Present:
Mike Turley
Solicitor Dice
Ryan Fonzi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS INPUT

None.

Work Sessions Discussion Topics

1) Act 172 Certified List

Mike Turley states the eligibility list has been received from the fire departments and Rescue 8 and provides the Board with a list of eligible volunteers to receive the tax credit. He states this will be on the agenda to approve next week. Commissioner Haigis states this is a tax credit for local volunteer firemen and EMS personnel. There were no Board comments.

2) Summer Employment Program

Mike Turley states this is the time to start to get applicants and hire summer employees. He states there were concerns of current economics and hiring part time summer workers and he suggests raising the current rate of \$11.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour to be more competitive. Commissioner Stump asks what the average age of the summer employees. Mike Turley states they have to be eighteen years of age and most are college students. Commissioner Stump asks what the general range per hour is for fulltime park employees. Mike Turley states there are different codes but is much higher than summer employees. Commissioner Stump asks when the advertisement is generally put out. Mike Turley says the students are normally not available until May so the ads are put out sometime in April. Commissioner Stump states the reason she asks is

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because we don't know what is going to happen with the economy and may have employers laying people off that may change the dynamics. Mike Turley states at this point we don't know what applicants we can get and last year all the positions were not full possibly because of the pay rate. Commissioner Atwood states he is ok with increased pay rate as long as it stays within the budget. Commissioner Wengrzyn asks what the typical shifts are for the summer employment. Mike Turley states they work the hours the regular employees work. Commissioner Haigis agrees to increase the pay rate but stay within the budget.

3) 2022 Road Program Bids

Mike Turley states Bob Robinson is present if the Board has any questions but essentially the Milling & Resurfacing program received a low bid of nine hundred thirty seven thousand nine hundred seventy eight dollars from Liberoni Inc. and the Fiber Mat program received a low bid of one hundred forty nine thousand four hundred sixty one dollars from Russell Standard. Both bids are very close to the estimates in the budget but slightly over. Mike Turley states the recommendation is to award both bids and follow up with a budget amendment. Commissioner Gray asks how reliable are these numbers considering the cost of fuel. Bob Robinson states the cost of fuel is not a concern because there is an escalator cost in the contract and states his biggest concern is the liquid index.

4) 2022 Budget Amendment – State Motor Fund

Mike Turley states this is the follow up to the road program award that has to be done first then the budget amendment.

PLANNING / ENGINEERING TOPICS:

1) RZ-01-2022: Hamilton Rezoning

**Proposed rezoning from R-1A to C-1 on Kansas Lane.*

Director Fonzi states this item was discussed at the Public Hearing so if the Board prefers him to just move on to the next item unless there are further questions. The Board agrees.

2) S-02-2022: Willow Estates II Revision 2

**Proposed lot consolidation on Trafalgar Court.*

Director Fonzi states this is on Trafalgar Court on a small cul de sac. The first home was just built this summer on the corner. The potential buyer would like to purchase both lots to accommodate the home he wants to build. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

3) S-03-2022: Rhodin Enterprises

**Proposed subdivision on Industry Boulevard.*

Director Fonzi states this is adjacent to the Turnpike coming off of Industry Boulevard at Pennsylvania Avenue. The owner would like to subdivide two lots at the zoning line. The only

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required condition is sewage planning approval and the Planning Commission recommends approval.

FURTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Zona states a couple days ago, he opened his tax bill and was upset not about the amount but a typed comment that says due to the covid pandemic, the tax office is closed. He states currently, he does not know of any business that is not open and there are no mask mandates anywhere. He understands the Town House nor the Board have any control over this, but he is calling out to the tax collector to get in here and open your office.

Commissioner Gray asks if the Route 30 project affects the Hamilton Rezoning property and isn't there going to be a jug handle at Colonial Manor. Mike Turley states that is correct but they don't really want to share details only diagrams. Commissioner Gray understands and asks if there would be a benefit for the property owner to have it rezoned commercial making it more valuable if it was going to be taken by eminent domain.

Commissioner Wengrzyn state Earth Day is on Friday April 22nd and is planning a cleanup event along Route 30 starting in the seventh ward all the way to the first ward to help clean up Route 30. She is looking for volunteers to help and put some teams together.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Zona

Motion to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner Gray

Motion carried 7 – 0 – 0 (7:24 P.M.)

- Special Meeting minutes of March 10, 2022 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on April 20, 2022.

Michael Turley, Interim Township Secretary

Zachary Haigis, President

