

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016, 7:00 P.M.
11279 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642
Presiding Officer – Tony Martino, President, Board of Commissioners

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Martino called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Herold	Present	Also Present:
Commissioner Haigis	Present	John Shepherd
Commissioner Bertani	Present	Michael Turley
Commissioner Gray	Present	Solicitor Bruce Dice
Commissioner Faccenda	Present	Andrew Blenko
Commissioner Kucera	Present	Rich Albert
Commissioner Martino	Present	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Nick Poole from Calvary Assembly Church.

CITIZENS' INPUT

1. Joseph Racan ó 587 Niagara Drive ó states he has lived here since 1973 and has an issue with parking on the street. He states he has addressed this with the North Huntingdon Police department. His wife was in a serious car accident in this area and speeding is a problem.
2. John Watson ó 10409 Washington Avenue ó states he is here about the article in the Tribune Review regarding officers who are suing the Township because they are not getting paid when called to active duty. They deserve decent respect from the Board, Township Manager and Chief of Police. He states he is unhappy with the direction of this Board. These men are veterans and need to pay them. The Township needs to wake up.
3. Amy Johnson ó 8583 Delaware Avenue ó states the Township is in need for more parks and recreation centers, specifically for the Norwin Lacrosse team. When posted on Facebook, she received one hundred ninety five likes and comments in support. She states

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that the plan should be revitalized. She also asks where does all the money go for the new homes built in the Township.

4. Cheryl Omlor Colaianne ó 1453 Barry Drive ó states she is here regarding the Markvue Manor Park. The park is overgrown and needs revitalized with new basketball hoops for the children in the area. Also she would be interested in community involvement to help.
5. Bob Arth ó 10851 Martin Drive ó states he is here regarding the Hilltop Community garden. He has received a lot of positive comments and support. He feels this is good for the community.
6. Amanda Laskey ó 3050 Guffey Road ó states she is asking that during a Citizens Input, are they required to be a resident of the Township, who live in the Township and pay taxes. She states at the April 20, 2016, Andrew Lisiecki spoke as a Township citizen stating his address was 11279 Center Highway. Does he live in the Town House? Chief Lisiecki's address is Hobson Avenue in Pittsburgh, PA. She also states that as the wife of the military, she is disappointed of the disrespect of the military. At the April 20, 2016, Chief Lisiecki states that one of the officers hid behind federal law and spoke openly.

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS INPUT

1. Parking on streets in Penns Woods ó Commissioner Kucera responds that officers are put out on patrol checks and knows parking is an issue. They will also patrol vehicles that do not belong in the area. Chief Lisiecki states that if residents have an issue, to contact the police and they will send an officer to that area.

Deborah Racan states that she was in a very serious car accident at night and got hurt. She still has issues to this day from the accident. She is very concerned for the kids and the vehicles that speed in that area. Speeding is a major factor and they need to keep more police on the street to keep the kids safe.

Manager Shepherd states parking on Niagara, McKee, Craig and Laurel is an issue but how can you limit parking. Vehicles may actually travel faster without cars on the road. The speed limit is twenty five miles per hour.

Chief Lisiecki states certain citations can be issued for egress and ingress. He states residents can contact the police and will send an officer down. When a traffic study was done in that area, eighty five percent of the vehicles traveled at thirty five miles per hour or less which does not warrant a citation. Officers are in the area when available.

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Mr. Racan states there are certain cars that are always parked on the road plus there are no sidewalks. Vehicles also do not stop at the stop signs. Since Niagara Drive was paved, it's like a racetrack.

Commissioner Herold asks if there are any white lines on the road.

Commissioner Kucera states the road was just paved and there are no white lines.

Mr. Racan states there were never white lines on the road. The pillars on his driveway have been knocked over four times.

Commissioner Herold suggests officers patrol the area and have white lines painted on the road.

2. John Watson ó Military ó Solicitor Dice addresses this inquiry and states they are working with the staff to respond to the three officers in question and that there is not much more to do. If these officers feel discriminated, then they will fill a grievance, possibly go to litigation. The Township has complied with the Ordinances and Regulations. Council will meet with the officers.

Mr. Watson states it is the Board's right to vote to pay them instead of wasting his tax dollars on going to court for a frivolous lawsuit. Which members of the Board are military veterans and which have never served our Country. It is not right to deny these men their wages. He states that Chief Liseicki is not a resident and the Board should have hired from within.

Commissioner Herold states the outcome of the Executive Session should be made public.

Amy Johnson states she does not want her tax dollars paying for Court.

Commissioner Martino states that as President of the Board, he wants to clarify a comment in the Tribune newspaper dated June 10, 2016 regarding the issue of police officers serving the military. The comment made when asked about the problem when interviewed was ólack of interestó. He states he wants the constituents of his ward to know that he did attempt to work with the military personnel of the Police Department to settle their matters. The majority of the Board agreed to meet while other Commissioners did not. He states he would still like to meet with the military officers along with Mr. Dawson, their attorney, Solicitor Dice and John Shepherd.

Commissioner Bertani states he appreciates Mr. Watson's passion and believes we need to take care of our military. The police have a history of past practice of doing this to the military officers. In the year 2010, one officer was forced to resign, so obviously this is an

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ongoing issue. He believes we will get to the bottom of this and our guys will be taken care of.

Sidney ó 11725 Dartmoor Drive ó states the Commissioners are voted in and are to serve the residents. Why are some opposed to meeting with the military officers.

Amanda Laskey states insurance company should absorb the cost. These men are protecting our Country.

Commissioner Herold states they wanted to meet with the officers but Commissioner Gray will not meet with them. Also, why did Commissioner Gray vote against the memorial at Oak Hollow Park for David Wieger.

Commissioner Gray responds that four Commissioners voted to meet which is the majority so why didn't the majority move forward and meet with the officers. There is a layer of protection through the military and a policy was enacted to pay the officers to make them whole so they didn't lose any money.

Commissioner Haigis states no formal grievance was made.

Commissioner Gray states if they were owed back pay, they were paid. At this point, everyone was paid.

Commissioner Bertani states the meeting did not occur because Commissioner Herold was not in town which only left three Commissioners. Another reason it was not rescheduled is because two of the officers are leaving to be deployed and will return some time next year.

Commissioner Herold states the reason the issue of the military was not brought up before is because the investigation of the millings was used as a smoke screen. He also states the grievance procedure for the FOP did not want to file the grievances for the military officers. Some grievances were not even signed.

Mr. Watson makes a Motion from the floor stating Roberts Rules of Order.

Commissioner Herold states to let him speak.

Mr. Watson makes a Motion that the entire Board meet with the Veterans until this is all over. Mr. Watson makes another Motion to fire the Chief of Police and look within our own department.

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Commissioner Bertani states he appreciates Mr. Watson's passion but unfortunately unable to meet with the three officers, because two of them will be deployed and will return next year.

Mr. Racan states that back when he was on military leave in 1968, when he returned, he was paid for back pay plus two years vacation. The decent thing to do is to take care of our military.

Commissioner Kucera states he was told these gentlemen were made whole and the 2008 policy was followed.

Manager Shepherd comments that the 2008 policy was followed.

Commissioner Kucera states when military officers returned from duty, they turned in their pay stubs from the military and the Township made up the difference, plus their health insurance was paid. He states he feels there are a lot of facts that aren't out there.

Eric Gass ó 13633 Ormsby Drive ó states he has been with the military since 1965 and is a Major in the military. He states this Board needs to convene and listen to these officers. They have a right to be heard.

Commissioner Gray states the Board has asked the military officers to give the Board something in writing. These officers were made whole. However, they will not submit in writing what they want. This is where it went wrong with the military officers not telling the Board in writing what they feel they did wrong.

Commissioner Herold states the Board is not going to respond to the letter from their attorney and he feels that is wrong.

Commissioner Martino states that two officers are deployed. Mr. Dawson, their attorney, and Mark Hamilton are to meet with the Board and will need four Commissioners in order to do that.

Commissioner Haigis states he has no issue in meeting as long as there are clear, defining issues.

Commissioner Gray states that Commissioner Martino is wrong that they can't meet without the majority of the Board and if they can't meet as a Board, then let the attorneys handle it.

Commissioner Faccenda states this could have been resolved months ago without these men leaving the country feeling they've been wronged.

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Commissioner Herold states he would testify in Federal Court on their behalf.

Commissioner Haigis states the Board needs to move on.

Manager Shepherd states he will set up a meeting with Commissioner Martino, Commissioner Herold, Mr. Dawson and Solicitor Dice.

Solicitor Dice confirms direction from the Board to move forward.

3. Amy Johnson ó Norwin Lacrosse Team ó Commissioner Haigis states the Feasibility Study is on the Township website and encourages Ms. Johnson to review it. He states the Township could revitalize some grass fields, but does not have the funds for a multi-purpose turf field.

Ms. Johnson asks where does all the money go from all the new homes built in the Township.

Commissioner Haigis states it is five hundred dollars per home and gets reinvested back to the parks for new pavilions, etc.

Ms. Johnson asks if private investors were willing to match or meet the financial goals, would that be an opportunity?

Commissioner Haigis states if Ms. Johnson can get a proposal to the Board, that they would hear her.

Manager Shepherd states an option the Board may want to look at is leasing land to the lacrosse team.

Commissioner Gray states the referendum was in 2011 and spent several years with residents and groups for the feasibility study. He suggests Ms. Johnson read that study.

Ms. Johnson states she has not read the study. It has been five years, so maybe it's time to relook at this.

Commissioner Gray states, in his opinion, that five years is not enough time because that referendum was shot down by just under seventy percent of the residents.

Commissioner Faccenda asks the Board if it was an eighteen million dollar structure and was it all the Township's cost. He suggests the Township partner with businesses and corporations to help build the facility. He also states Markvue Manor park needs to be reopened with the help of the Township and the residents that live around it. He suggests

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a spray park in Oak Hollow, outdoor exercise equipment, a swing set at Indian Lake park and a canoe / launch at Turner Valley.

Commissioner Kucera states he agrees with Commissioner Faccenda about adding nice things to our parks and agrees we need a community building but not a grand fifteen million dollar community building. He asks if lacrosse will grow into the school district and why does the school district charge eight hundred dollars if they already have a lacrosse field.

Ms. Johnson states the school allows them to use Sunset Valley field at no cost, however with many Spring sporting events, the lacrosse team has to take a backseat if it is a school sanctioned sport.

Commissioner Faccenda states with girls lacrosse coming to the high school will attract more interest.

Commissioner Kucera states he understands the need in field space. He asks Mr. Blenko how many homes were built last year.

Mr. Blenko states approximately eighty five homes were built.

Commissioner Kucera states approximately forty two hundred dollars come in for five hundred dollars per home. He states he is in favor on someone taking the lead to form a committee and search grant money.

Ms. Johnson asks if anyone has any knowledge of searching for grant money.

Manager Shepherd states a large portion of the feasibility study was funded by grant money.

Commissioner Herold asks if Ms. Johnson would be willing to head the committee. She responds yes.

Commissioner Bertani asks Manager Shepherd about a study or plan from 2007 or 2008 to revitalize Lions Park. He asks if the park department or an outside agency did the study.

Manager Shepherd states it was a consultant.

Commissioner Bertani asks about the two fields at Oak Hollow Park.

Motion: Commissioner Bertani

Make a motion that the two fields at Oak Hollow Park be earmarked for Norwin lacrosse for 2017 as the primary users.

Second: Commissioner Herold

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Manager Shepherd clarifies the two fields Commissioner Bertani is referring to are the ones by the basketball court. The large field is rented by another soccer league AFFC.

Motion: Commissioner Bertani

Amends the motion for the field by the basketball court at Oak Hollow Park to be earmarked for primary use by Norwin Lacrosse in 2017.

Second: Commissioner Herold

Commissioner Kucera states his concern is without doing any research and without talking to Parks and Recreation to try to come with an agreement first.

Commissioner Bertani states Norwin Soccer Club has been monopolizing the fields and he wants lacrosse to have use of one of those fields.

Motion: Commissioner Bertani

Makes a motion to add to the agenda discussion to earmark one of the fields at Oak Hollow Park for Norwin Lacrosse for primary use for 2017.

Second: Commissioner Faccenda

Commissioner Haigis states the same discussion was had when Norwin Soccer was at a meeting and is past practice that whoever rented the fields got first shot at the facilities.

Manager Shepherd states the baseball fields are rented evenly through the baseball organizations and the only one to rent the fields at Oak Hollow was Norwin Soccer. A few years ago, Norwin Soccer stopped renting one of the fields and that is when AFFC approached the Township to rent the field. After a year went by, Norwin Soccer wanted it back again. There was a large discussion with both groups.

Commissioner Bertani states Norwin Soccer has twelve fields at Turner Valley plus three or four more fields.

Commissioner Haigis states if the Board moves AFFC from the field, they will be at the meeting. He feels it would be in the best interest to ask them first.

Motion carried: 7 6 0 6 0

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Motion: Commissioner Bertani

Motion to earmark one of the fields at Oak Hollow Park for Norwin Lacrosse as primary user for 2017 season. Field can be determined between Norwin Lacrosse and AFFC with preference to Norwin Lacrosse in case of a tie.

Second: Commissioner Faccenda

Commissioner Haigis states he has an issue giving preference to an organization just because they are new.

Commissioner Faccenda states the purpose is for the new guys to be able to practice their sport inside the Township. They are all Township residents.

Commissioner Bertani states he will sit down with both groups to discuss.

Commissioner Gray asks why does this have to be mandated if Commissioner Bertani feels it can be worked out between the two groups. He feels this is an impulsive motion without giving sufficient courtesy to the existing organization.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Herold ó YES

Commissioner Haigis ó NO

Commissioner Bertani ó YES

Commissioner Gray ó NO

Commissioner Faccenda ó YES

Commissioner Kucera ó YES

Commissioner Martino - YES

Motion carried 5 ó 2 ó 0

4. Markvue Manor Park ó Commissioner Bertani comments about the proposal to upgrade Lions Park which is no longer feasible, however he feels it is worth taking a look at Markvue Manor and Sunset Valley parks to revitalize them. He believes it can be done inhouse through the parks department. Additionally, a spray water park at Oak Hollow, outdoor exercise equipment, canoe / launch at Turner Valley, and a swing set at Indian Lake are all feasible ideas. He believes the rec center will take time to develop and come up with a plan, but where will this be built.

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Motion: Commissioner Bertani

Motion to add to the agenda to revitalize Sunset Valley and Markvue Manor parks and add equipment to Oak Hollow, Indian Lake and the canoe launch at Turner Valley.

Second: Commissioner Faccenda

Motion carried 7 6 0 6 0

Motion: Commissioner Bertani

Motion to have the parks department to develop a concept of revitalizing Markvue Manor and Sunset Valley parks to add a playground, multi-purpose court, a parking area and green space as well as the spray water park, outdoor exercise equipment and fitness trail at Oak Hollow, canoe / launch pad at Turner Valley and a playground at Indian Lake. He wants this completed by September 1st to be presented to the Board at September's meeting.

Second: Commissioner Faccenda

Commissioner Haigis clarifies that the Motion is for the parks department to bring back ideas to the Board, but not spending any money.

Commissioner Bertani states he just wants to see the feasibility of this and what the Parks Department can come up with.

Commissioner Haigis states they may need to give the Parks Department a little more than a month.

Commissioner Bertani states that gives them two and a half months.

Commissioner Faccenda states he has already talked to Manager Shepherd and Dan Miller about these ideas.

Commissioner Gray asks if the decision of feasibility will be with our own staff or will there be any funding given for outside consultant.

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Commissioner Faccenda states they would only need a consultant for two things: the canoe launch and water park.

Commissioner Bertani states if the Parks Department needs a consultant, for them to come back to the Board and ask. At this point, he does not feel it is necessary.

Commissioner Faccenda states the lines also need repainted on the basketball court at Oak Hollow.

CITIZENS INPUT ON REVITALIZING PARKS

Cheryl Omlor Colianne ó 1453 Barry Drive ó states she needs Commissioner Martino& support in revitalizing Markvue Manor park. She states she does not want her request to get lost in the other proposed items. She would prefer not to wait until September because it would be a whole summer lost.

Commissioner Bertani responds he understands, but it&s going to take some time and wants to do it right. He does not want to rush through this, so she will likely be looking at next summer for this to be completed.

Ms. Colianne states she would like something that is not at the other parks, like the outdoor exercise equipment.

Commissioner Faccenda states that he has heard the Markvue Manor park is land locked.

Ms. Colianne states the park is not land locked and there are other parks that do not have parking. She states she does not want that to be an issue.

Commissioner Faccenda states parking is not the issue, getting to the park is the issue, having to walk down the hill that is in bad shape and it&s only a one way access.

Commissioner Martino states he is going to pause the meeting for the Board to go into Executive Session.

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Rich Sanoski ó 8064 Pennsylvania Avenue ó states he has two questions. The first being, didn't Excela offer property years ago on Barnes Lake Road to build the recreation center.

Manager Shepherd states that was one of the options.

Commissioner Haigis states he believes that was the feasibility study.

Mr. Sanoski states his second question is wasn't a Rec Board formed to look in the Recreation Center and what ever happened to them.

Manager Shepherd states the Recreation Board primarily does events and programming and are not in charge of looking for property for the Recreation Center. That was a separate committee.

Commissioner Haigis states that committee dissolved after it was on the ballot.

Commissioner Martino reminds that this citizen's input has to be about the recreation equipment.

Resident (name not recognizable) ó Brownstown Road ó states he feels the Rec Center is a good idea and the parks all need fixed up, but why is the Township going out to Herminie to use their Rec Center and have to pay them when we can have our own.

Commissioner Martino states that this is not what the Motion on the table is about and has nothing to do with a Recreation Center.

Fran Bevan ó 630 Stonebridge Court ó states that at the Special Meeting last Thursday, there was interest from a resident for a practice field for lacrosse field and a multi-functional field. At a previous meeting, Commissioner Bertani had an idea for a practice field for the fire companies. Ms. Bevan states the idea for the practice field for the fire companies had been dropped since then however perhaps Commissioner Bertani would put those ideas and efforts towards something the entire community could access.

Commissioner Bertani states he was referring to a training facility. He clarifies that the fire training center has not been dropped and the Chiefs have formed a committee to bring something to the Board. The location he proposed is at the Public Works Department which is out of the way and will not bother the public, however that area is not safely accessible for the families or individuals. Emergency equipment is loud and will be out of the way plus it can be secured.

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Commissioner Gray asks to hear the motion again.

Commissioner Bertani states he forgets what it is now.

Commissioner Haigis reiterates the motion is for the parks staff to look into revitalizing the current parks and bring back ideas to the Board by the September meeting.

Motion carried 7 0 0 0

5. Hilltop Park ó to be discussed at a later time in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Haigis

Motion to approve. (Special Meeting ó 5/12/16)

Second: Commissioner Faccenda

Motion Carried 7 0 0 0

Motion: Commissioner Faccenda

Motion to approve. (Regular Meeting ó 5/18/16)

Second: Commissioner Bertani

Motion carried 7 0 0 0

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion: Commissioner Haigis

I make a motion we pay Voucher No. 72323 through

Second: Commissioner Faccenda

Voucher No. 72418

Motion Carried 7 0 0 0

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Commissioner Herold asks how the salt storage building is coming.

Mr. Albert states the bid has been awarded and waiting to get the actual plans. He states they have until the end of July to purchase the rest of the salt. He is going to order four hundred forty tons of salt to buy per the contract at last year's pricing.

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Mr. Albert states the paving contractor will be back to resume the last phase of paving. Everything has been going good so far.

Commissioner Bertani states he discussed hydrant markers earlier this year. The better route to go will be in the roadway with markers called snow plowable. He asks Mr. Albert and Manager Shepherd to get in contact with PADot to discuss.

Commissioner Herold states he feels flags are better.

No further comments.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Dan Miller is not present at the meeting.

Commissioner Bertani asks how many high grass accounts there currently are.

Manager Shepherd states there are approximately twenty.

Mr. Blenko states last year there were forty two accounts and this year is significantly less, so he would agree mid-twenties.

Commissioner Bertani asks if there was ever any thought of contracting out to one of the grass cutting companies.

Manager Shepherd states no because these properties are liened and the Township eventually gets the money back.

Commissioner Bertani was looking more at the aspect of wear and tear on Township equipment.

POLICE REPORT

Commissioner Kucera asks how the new vehicles are coming.

Chief Liseicki states all three new cars are in service. They are waiting for the two canine units. Dave Sage is working on those vehicles and there was a slight issue where they were sent the wrong pushbars for the vehicles and some parts were missing.

Commissioner Herold asks who keeps track of his time.

Chief Lisiecki states he puts in comp time and has been on the honor system from before he got here.

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Chief Lisecki shares with the Board two certificates of appreciation from PADot for Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Officer Kukich received an individual award for his participation. He also reports the three speed trailers will be placed on Morris Avenue, Route 993 and Barnes Lake Road by the end of the month.

Commissioner Kucera states that Chief Lisecki said that Dave Sage keeps track of his own time and is on an honor system just like the K9 Units have done all these years.

Chief Lisecki states that is correct. This discussion was had before on going with a private vendor to outfit the vehicles and he feels that would be a wrong move because the Township saves a lot of money by having Dave Sage do the work and in case of a problem with the vehicle, he is here and can take care of any problem when he is off duty in which he does not submit time for that. Chief states that he does not put in nearly enough time as he spends on those vehicles.

Commissioner Herold asks if there are any other officers capable of doing the work.

Chief Lisecki states no other officer expressed interest in doing the work.

Commissioner Faccenda states he understands it is past practice but doesn't feel any of the officers should be doing the work. They should be on the streets. The vehicles should be left to the experts.

Chief Lisecki states Commissioner Faccenda is misunderstanding in that Dave Sage does this work when he is not working, off duty. He does not bill the Township overtime, but puts in for comp time.

Commissioner Faccenda states it is a conflict of interest and a professional should be doing the work.

Commissioner Kucera asks if any of our vehicles ever caught fire.

Chief Lisecki states they've never had an issue with retro-fitting and in fact, Dave Sage has been hired by other police departments to do their vehicles.

Commissioner Kucera states he saves the Township a lot of money.

There are no further Board comments.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

There are no Board comments.

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PLANNING AND ENGINEERING REPORT

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT

- There are no Board comments.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REPORT

1) SP-06-2016: Atria's Restaurant

- *Action to adopt a Resolution which approves SP-06-2016, Atria's Restaurant, Norwin Avenue.*

Mr. Blenko reports that following the work session meeting last week, he sent Atria's the comments and product data on lighted ballards and concrete ornamental planters from the help of Chief Lisiecki and Atria's was very enthusiastic. He reports they also agreed to keep the handicapped parking spot of side of building.

Commissioner Bertani states the fire departments will have something next month to present to the Board about knox boxes. He also spoke with Solicitor Dice and presented him with a draft ordinance. He also adds he would like that to be added as a conditional use that a knox box is required.

Manager Shepherd states the original motion was with no conditions however that will be revised to one conditional use.

Solicitor Dice states that once the ordinance is passed, they will have to comply.

Commissioner Bertani asks that can the ordinance be written that existing facilities have so many years to comply.

Solicitor Dice states he thinks they can write the ordinance that existing facilities must comply within a certain timeframe. He believes that Atria's will have to comply with whatever ordinance is passed and doesn't feel we need to draft an ordinance on this subject to give the businesses the indication that all will have to comply within a certain time. He feels to go with the original ordinance.

Motion: Commissioner Haigis
Second: Commissioner Herold

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 6 0 6 0

2) CU-01-2016: Huntingdon Marketplace

- *Action to adopt a Resolution which approves the Conditional Use Application for the Huntingdon Marketplace, Mills Drive.*

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Motion: Commissioner Haigis
Second: Commissioner Bertani

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 6 0 6 0

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Bruce Dice

There are no items for discussion.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Action to approve the May check register.

Motion: Commissioner Herold
Second: Commissioner Faccenda

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 6 0 6 0

- 2) Budget Report ó May 2016 Report.

- 3) Action to approve the annual disbursement from the Fire Service Fund in the amount of \$69,000.00 for each volunteer fire department.

Motion: Commissioner Bertani
Second: Commissioner Faccenda

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 6 0 6 0

- 4) Action to accept a storm sewer easement for Timothy and Susan Hand on tax parcel # 54-11-06-0-101.

Motion: Commissioner Bertani
Second: Commissioner Faccenda

Motion to approve

Motion carried 7 6 0 6 0

- 5) Action to accept a storm sewer easement for Allen and Mary Ellen Baughman on tax parcel # 54-11-02-0-104.

Motion: Commissioner Faccenda
Second: Commissioner Herold

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 6 0 6 0

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- 6) Action to approve the Road Crack Sealing contract to Russell Standard Corporation in the amount of \$15,740.00.

Motion: Commissioner Bertani
Second: Commissioner Faccenda

Motion to approve.

Commissioner Herold asks if they are able to get a list of the roads to be crack sealed.

Manager Shepherd responds yes.

- 7) Request of Flat Tire Company for 10K race ó discussion.

Manager Shepherd states this was discussed before however Chief Lisiecki was not back yet. The request is for a 10K race which is partly in the Township and partly in Sewickley. They are asking to close a portion of Guffey Rillton Road and also a portion of Pinewood Road. The Chief is present and can answers questions on how that will impact residents.

Commissioner Faccenda asks how much manpower is involved.

Chief Lisiecki states they would be looking at having someone at four intersections. Flat Tire stated they would have volunteers at the intersections directing traffic, the problem is the State Motor Vehicle Code states it has to be a law enforcement officer or emergency services officer. He feels there are several issues. He would like to see Flat Tire submit something to the Board with more definite details. The State Roads will need a permit from State not the Township. Also exactly who will be directing traffic and what their experience is. Another thing to look at is how exactly this is going to impact the residents. There are many things that need to be addressed before approving this Flat Tire needs to present more information.

Commissioner Faccenda states he would like to see a representative from Flat Tire attend a meeting.

Manager Shepherd states it may be the best thing for Chief Lisiecki to meet with Flat Tire to discuss.

- 8) Hilltop Park Community Garden ó discussion.

Manager Shepherd states he met with Rich Albert, Dan Miller and Solicitor Bruce Dice and they all agreed this seems like something that can be done. They are concerned that they maintain access for Public Works and Parks to access the gated areas to utilize the areas they use. They recommend anything to the left of the gate be not included. Everything to the right, could be, and it's somewhat of a rectangular shape. Mr. Albert agrees he would have access to the gated area. Solicitor Dice has worked with other communities with gardens and haven't experienced any problems with the utilization of the property and recommends a license agreement rather than a lease. He states he is unsure if they will need water and didn't see any immediate problems.

Commissioner Faccenda asks if everything to the left of gate will have to go.

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Manager Shepherd states that is correct and that was their recommendation so the vehicles have enough room to maneuver. Everything to the right will be the community garden.

Commissioner Faccenda asks if the Township is willing to give them any help in clearing the area.

Manager Shepherd states that would be up to the Board.

Mr. Bob Arth ó 10851 Martin Drive ó addresses the access and states the original drawing was ten feet wide.

Commissioner Faccenda asks Mr. Albert if they normally back in.

Mr. Albert states fencing was put up a number of years ago because it was a dump site, but other people started dumping so the area was fenced off.

Commissioner Herold states can dump at the access road.

Mr. Arth agrees, especially organic material.

Commissioner Faccenda states he feels putting something like this in that park will create more traffic in that park and drive the bad traffic away. It will bring the community together.

Manager Shepherd states the organization to move forward with the bi laws.

Commissioner Haigis states he is comfortable in moving forward and working with our staff.

Manager Shepherd states the Board to come up with a license.

Commissioner Kucera asks what kind of timeframe because growing season will be coming to an end.

Solicitor Dice states they need the name of the organization and a diagram of what area of licensing.

Chief Lisiecki states he recommends to make the bi-laws very specific such as can any member of the community pick the vegetables or is members only.

Mr. Arth states it is members only.

Chief Lisiecki states to make sure that is stated and spelled out.

Commissioner Faccenda states to Mr. Arth to let the Board know what initial help he will need.

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- 9) Action to appoint Nicholas Liparulo to the Planning Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Bernard Solomon ending on December 31, 2018.

Motion: Commissioner Herold
Second: Commissioner Faccenda

So moved.

Motion carried 7 0 0 0

- 10) Action to hire Robert Robinson at an hourly rate of \$60.00 per hour on a part time, as needed basis, for engineering services.

Motion: Commissioner Bertani
Second: Commissioner Herold

Motion to approve.

Motion carried 7 0 0 0

FURTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Motion: Commissioner Bertani

Motion to add to the agenda to discuss for the Township to adopt House Bill #88 as it reads and apply it to Township employees.

Second: Commissioner Herold

Motion carried 7 0 0 0

There is no citizensøinput

Commissioner Kucera asks Commissioner Bertani to expound on House Bill #88.

Commissioner Bertani states House Bill # 88 is a bill that applies to military leave of absence and what the individuals are entitled to. Currently it guarantees the individual fifteen days of paid leave per year and if deployed continuously over thirty days, it has to be certain criteria, certain titles of U.S. Code and certain distance away from home, then they would get an additional fifteen days. He would like to see the Township adopt that and apply it to employees. If itøs good enough for State employees, as far as he is concerned, then itøs good enough for Township employees.

Commissioner Kucera clarifies that it currently states fifteen days for our employees and fifteen days for State employees. He understands the fifteen days, however the additional fifteen days, is this when they are activated, because the Township makes up the difference between their military pay and what they get here, so they get the amount of money as if they were still

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working here and they don't lose any money. He states, in his confusion, why should the Board adopt the Bill to give another fifteen days.

Commissioner Bertani asks if we still make up the difference. Some guys don't get anything because they'd actually make more money when they are on. This is just to resolve some of the issues that have occurred these past few months and it only affects 4 individuals at this point.

Commissioner Kucera asks if this applies to voluntary deployment or when they're deployed.

Commissioner Bertani states it is spelled out in the Bill with certain codes and titles.

Commissioner Kucera states the only reason he is asking is he understands being dedicated to the military, but you also have to be dedicated here too.

Commissioner Bertani states it comes down to the type of orders. Kettren and Wardman are under Title Ten.

Manager Shepherd states the Board obviously is having some issues complying with everything related to the various military State and Federal laws and interpreting our own local policy that was enacted eight years ago and somehow is mass confusion on what was adopted. He recommends that it be a written policy, not just a motion, then have the solicitor write it to make it clear on what the Board is approving. He does not want to do this wrong, to make sure that it is very clear, there are no missed words, and the Solicitor reviews it.

Solicitor Dice clarifies the Board wants House Bill #88 adopted by the Township, so let them put together an Ordinance or Resolution that states that and include the additional fifteen days Commissioner Bertani wants.

Commissioner Bertani states he agrees with Manager Shepherd's comments and feels they need to take a look at the entire policy and make sure that no matter who comes in after this Board, they can read it and understand it clearly. He also states he can sit with Solicitor Alexander to review.

Commissioner Haigis states he was going to make a Motion to table the policy until he has time to look at it.

Manager Shepherd recommends for the Board to discuss and explain the policy and exactly what they are agreeing to and then put it into a Resolution or policy that makes sense.

Commissioner Kucera states this Board wasn't here before and there are a lot of gray areas to this policy.

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Manager Shepherd recommends the Board know exactly what they are adopting and can have something for next month.

Commissioner Bertani states there is no rush and to make sure it is done right.

Commissioner Gray asks what was the intent tonight and was there a motion to adopt House Bill # 88.

Commissioner Bertani states he made a motion to add to the agenda to discuss House Bill # 88, not to adopt it.

Commissioner Gray clarifies that this House Bill # 88 was already adopted from the State.

Manager Shepherd states it was adopted in 2013.

2. Commissioner Kucera states last month the Civil Service Ordinance was discussed and is wondering if a meeting has been set up with Bill Gamble.

Manager Shepherd states he will try to get something set up for July.

Commissioner Kucera states he doesn't want this put on the back burner because now there are two guys deployed, possibly another, and also in contract negotiations where possibly five guys could retire and would be down seven people.

Commissioner Martino states if we can't get the new Civil Service Rules and Regulations finished, then just use the old ones until the new ones are agreed to.

Commissioner Kucera states the committee has done a lot of work but why hasn't a meeting been set up to finalize.

Commissioner Herold states he would like Paul Hamilton to review the rules and regulations.

Commissioner Martino states he wants the entire Board present with Bill Gamble to finalize.

Manager Shepherd states recommends having the most current regulations. The Civil Service committee spent a lot of time on this. He states he will try to set up a meeting for July.

3. Commissioner Herold asks Mr. Blenko where the dumpster Ordinance is at.

Mr. Blenko states Josh Andrykovitch is working on it but is in Harrisburg this week for training.

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Commissioner Herold responds to Commissioner Kucera's comment about the military guys who volunteer versus ordered and without them doing what they do, they wouldn't have to worry about their job back here.

Commissioner Kucera responds by saying what he meant was they also have another profession here and sometimes puts a strain on the Township with a drop in manpower.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are no new announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Herold

Motion to adjourn. (10:13 P.M.)

Second: Commissioner Faccenda

Motion Carried 7 0 0 0

- Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2016 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on _____

Tony Martino, President

John M. Shepherd, Township Secretary
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