

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Minutes of the meeting held on July 5, 2022

A meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Henry on the above date at the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Henry were Robin Lindsey, Norman Zoumas, Chris Judd, and Paul W. Navarro. Also in attendance were Bradley Gotshall, Township Manager, Samuel Miller, Assistant Township Manager, and Steve Stine, Township Solicitor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Zoumas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Lindsey motioned to approve the minutes of the workshop meeting held on March 8, 2022. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Administration of Loyalty Oath – Richard Kaplan, Lower Paxton Police Department

Chairman Henry administered the Loyalty Oath to Richard Kaplan, a newly hired Police Officer of Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County.

Adam Kosheba presented a short biography of Richard Kaplan's accomplishments and credentials.

Public Comment

Suanne Williams, 5017 Sunset Drive, Pleasant Hills Community, complained about the fireworks being set off in her neighborhood, noting that the fireworks sounded like explosives.

Mrs. Williams called the non-emergency number of Dauphin County to report this incident; however, no one was in sight when the police arrived. She tried calling again to no avail; but continued to call until she could speak with someone. She also called the Municipal Center regarding the Township's Ordinance and was directed to the website. She noted that the Ordinance indicates the fireworks must be 150 feet away from an occupied dwelling. She asked Chairman how many calls the Township Police had received related to fireworks and if citations were issued. She wanted to know what the Supervisors would anticipate for Labor Day. Mr. Henry advised Mrs. Williams to leave her contact information with Mr. Gotshall, who would get back to her with the statistics. He explained that it is difficult for the police to catch them in the act; unfortunately, this reduces the number of citations because they are not able to catch them in the act. Recently, legislation was passed regarding fireworks and is now awaiting the Governor's signature. This legislation may give Municipalities additional authority to regulate the use of fireworks.

Mr. Judd added that someone in his neighborhood was setting off fireworks too, and it went on well after 11:00 p.m. He mentioned that people enjoy fireworks and should be able to use their property any way they want. However, the State Law prohibits the use of fireworks from being set off within 150 feet of any occupied dwelling, and that's few in the Township; therefore, it's almost illegal in this area.

Chairman and Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Lindsey thanked the Linglestown Fire Company for their participation in the Township's Fireworks display at Koons Park on Monday, July 4, 2022. She announced that the Township will host a free summer concert, Friday, July 8, 2022, starting at 7:00 p.m. at Heroes Grove.

Manager's Report

Bradley Gotshall, Township Manager, introduced Megan Garland, a newly hired receptionist at the Municipal Center, who joined the Township on May 16, 2022, and John Shear, a newly hired engineer in the Sewer Department who started on May 9, 2022.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Action Approving a Renewal to the Municipal Winter Traffic Services Agreement with PennDOT

Mr. Gotshall presented the Municipal Winter Traffic Services Agreement with PennDOT; the Township will receive \$39,238.65 for maintaining the following Township/State roads: Blue Ridge Avenue, Colonial Road, Locust Lane, Mountain Road, Nyes Road, Rutherford Road, and Union Deposit Road.

Mr. Judd motioned to approve Renewal to the Municipal Winter Traffic Services Agreement with PennDOT. Mr. Zoumas and Mrs. Lindsey seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Action on Resolution 2022-22; Authorizing the Disposition of Specific Records

Mrs. Lindsey motioned to approve Resolution 2022-22, which authorizes the disposition of specific records. Mr. Zoumas seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Subdivision and Land Development

Improvement Guarantees

Mr. Judd motioned to approve the Improvement Guarantees for 4400 Goose Valley Road, SWMP- Extension, 6210 Cider Press Road, SWMP - Extension, Blue Ridge Village Lot 3 – Extension, Blue Ridge Village, Lot 6 – Extension and Linglestown Fire Company-Established.

Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Payment of Bills – Lower Paxton Township & Lower Paxton Township Authority

Mr. Zoumas motioned to approve the payment of bills for Lower Paxton Township and the Lower Paxton Township Authority. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Announcements

Mr. Henry announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at the Municipal Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Zoumas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Shellie Smith
Recording Secretary

Approved by,


Chris Judd
Secretary