

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Adams Township Municipal Building, 690 Valencia Road, Adams Township, Mars, PA.

Present at the meeting were Supervisors Russell R. Ford, Ronald J. Shemela, Edward L. Vogel, Ronald G. Nacey and Darryl M. Brandon; Solicitor Michael Gallagher, Township Manager Gary Peaco, Chief of Police Shawn Anglum, Park Director Haley Zaliponi and Assistant Secretary Andrea Dunton.

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Chodkowski, 125 Glade Run Road, attended the meeting to relay her concern regarding the proposed Rightmyer PRD Plan. Ms. Chodkowski stated that there are a proposed 11-12 homes that will be in an active floodplain if plan is passed.

Chairman Ford stated that the Board is aware of the preliminary plans and the concerns that have been brought forth, but there is a lot more work to be done on the plan before it gets in front of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Ford stated that the Board does not want to speculate on a plan that is still going through the process and has yet to be brought in front of the Supervisors.

Larry Kaufman, 239 Ridge Road, stated that he understands that the Board has requested there be no charges to the Township for Hydrants and that he was unable to find a motion to match this request. Mr. Kaufman asked why the Township is moving forward with taking bids.

Chairman Ford explained that there was no motion because there is no motion necessary for the request of nonpayment within a municipality owned authority. Mr. Ford said that the Supervisors are in a position to decide what is in the best interest of taxpayers and right now they are exploring those options.

Mr. Kaufman stated that, in his research, places like Penn America are triple the cost of what residents are currently paying.

Tim Stack, 240 Forsythe Road, requested that the Board of Supervisors force the Planning Commission members to complete an ethics form to help complete the picture for residents.

Township Solicitor, Mike Gallagher, stated that it is not a legal requirement of the Planning Commission Board members to fill these forms out.

Chairman Ford stated that since this is not required, he will leave it up to their discretion, but the Board cannot force them to do so.

Don Werner, 405 Blackstone, stated that the resident's opinions are what matter and that there will be a seismic shift in public opinion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2022, were approved. Russell R. Ford abstained. Four were in favor with one abstention.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the Public Works Department Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the Code Enforcement Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Engineer's Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Solicitor's Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the Animal Control Officer's Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Shawn Anglum gave the April Police Report.

Chief Anglum announced that the Police Department participated in a fundraiser at the UPMC Lemieux Complex in Cranberry Township raising money for the Mighty Penguins. The event in total raised \$2,500.00 for the Mighty Penguins.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the Police Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the Park and Recreation Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Gary Peaco gave the April report for Callery Volunteer Fire Department.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Callery VFD Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report and Payment of Invoices

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Treasurer's Report for April was approved, and approval was given to pay bills totaling \$413,655.88. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote to add Public Works Contract to agenda

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the addition of Public Works Contract to the agenda was approved. All were in favor.

Public Works Contract

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the Public Works Contract was approved contingent on the review of contract by Township Solicitor. All were in favor.

Payment to Callery Fire Department

Chairman Ford explained that the Township committed to assisting with renovation costs for the Callery VFD in the amount of \$100,000.00. Callery is starting renovations and is requesting payment.

This item was included in the 2022 budget.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the payment of \$100,000.00 to go towards renovations as budgeted by the Township was approved. All were in favor.

Sheetz Liquor License Hearing Request

Township Solicitor Mike Gallagher announced that the Board should table this line item until the next meeting to give everyone time to investigate the request.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the Sheetz Liquor License Hearing request was tabled. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M. All were in favor.



Andrea Dunton, Assistant Township Secretary