

SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 11, 2020

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Franco D'Angelo-Chairman	Present
Paul Fox-Vice Chair	Present
Jeanene Michener	Present
Nicholas Fountain	Present
Tammy Dagostino	Present

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Christopher Heleniak, Manager	Present
Barry Miller, Esq.	Present
Joseph Zadlo, AICP	Present
Tim Woodrow, PE	Present
Joseph Clement, Esq.	Present

7:00 PM

BUDGET WORK SESSION

7:30 PM

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A.** Carol Leonard – 4892 Garges Rd. – Hi my name is Carol Leonard and my address is 4892 Garges Rd. My concern tonight is the Edmondson trail. The trail connects to the existing driveway at the top of the hill and leaves people to assume that the trail continues down the driveway past our house to the rd. For a few weeks during construction and after the finished trail there were a lot of people up and down the driveway walking, running and bicycling assuming the driveway was a part of the trail. During this time my husband and I met a lot of really nice neighbors but we know our driveway is not safe for any of these activities with vehicles in and out daily and it being a stone/gravel driveway. So out of concern for the safety of our neighbors I placed signs at the beginning of our driveway at Garges Rd. and at the back property line along the driveway. The signs let people know that our driveway is not a part of the trail and asking our neighbors to please respect our privacy. We have wonderful neighbors and they have honored our signs but my husband and I would like to know if the township plans on putting up permanent signs or blocking off the driveway above our property line. Thank you for listening to me and letting us know of your plans. Also just so you know, the trail is beautiful.
- B.** Keith Grierson – Skippack Fire Company – The Skippack Fire Company would like to make the Skippack Township Supervisors, Manager, residents and businesses aware of the pending court case relating to the Perkiomen Valley School District's move to revoke the real-estate tax exemption of the Skippack Fire Company. The Skippack Fire Company has shared the PVSDs suit with the Township over the past eight years, but not until this past month has the case been moved to trial. It is important for us to share with you potential financial

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hardships this case could cause the fire company should a decision be ruled in the School Districts favor, both short and long-term. The Skippack Fire Company uses our rental property income from the parcel in question as a primary fundraising source on a year in and year out basis. Any income or monies lost as a result of this case would need to be sourced elsewhere. The Chief, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and myself met with the school board superintendent and several members of the school district recently at the station. In this meeting we attempted to try and explain the law that allows the fire company it's tax exempt status and a little bit about the day to day operations of the fire company. We asked PVSD to drop this case once and for all. To date, we have not heard back from the school district on a decision to drop or move forward with the trial scheduled to take place on November 23, 2020. Attached is a copy of the recent Press Release from the Skippack Fire Company on this matter and the court filing of the PVSD. Also attached is a first of a kind "Fire Report" from the Skippack Fire Company with a recap of 2019 and snap shot of 2020, YTD. It is our hope that we provide a similar "recap" report on a yearly basis moving forward. Please feel free to reach out to me or Fire Chief Haydn Marriott with any questions or to discuss this matter further. Our contact information can be found in the Press Release as needed. We appreciate your support of our organization and the men and women who fill our ranks.

- C.** Cindi Veverka - Landis Road - Asked if we had heard about cars being stolen in Fairlawn Court. Mr. Heleniak stated he will contact the state police. Questioned if there is any update on the Gypsy Rose and what the plans are for it. Stated she has safety and environmental concerns with it. Mr. D'Angelo stated Mr. Markel was made aware of the issue and that it needs to be either be stabilized or demolished. He stated he would have his contractor take a look at the building and he would get back to the Township.
- D.** Clint Buckwalter - Creamery Road - Stated that we haven't had many bright spots in 2020, but that Little League started in June was a bright spot. He stated that there is an issue with the speakers and the volume and also drinking in the park. Has concerns with the league going forward. Mr. D'Angelo thanked him for his comments and stated that the extension this year was a special case this year and that won't be happening in the future. He further stated that any drinking in the park was from others in the park, not the little league, and that the Township did speak with PSP to step up their presence in the park to curb that from happening. He reminded him that if he sees people in the park after hours that he should contact the state police. Mr. Fox stated that he would discuss the speakers with the little league as we discuss their lease renewal. He also stated he would speak to them to include Mr. Buckwalter in their discussions. Mr. D'Angelo also suggested we could possibly form a committee with the little league and other representatives to discuss issues.

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III. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2020 MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MR. D'ANGELO TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 14, 2020 MINUTES.
MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from Skippack Historical Society Thanking BOS for Annual Donation
- B. Letter from Perkiomen Valley Library Thanking BOS for Annual Donation

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2020

MOTION MADE BY MS. MICHENER TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2020. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Interim Bills Paid on October 25, 2020

General Fund	= \$66,420.49
Sewer Fund	= \$ 7,866.69
Parks/Open Space	= \$ 6,606.01

MOTION MADE BY MR. D'ANGELO TO APPROVE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON OCTOBER 25, 2020. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Bills for Payment on November 11, 2020

General Fund	= \$51,679.69
Sewer Fund	= \$97,265.20
Parks/Open Space	= \$13,729.47

MOTION MADE BY MR. D'ANGELO TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT ON NOVEMBER 11, 2020. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. Construction Master Services – Garges Road/Edmondson Open Space Trail Project – Payment Request #3

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION MASTER SERVICES – GARGES ROAD/EDMONDSON OPEN SPACE TRAIL PROJECT – PAYMENT REQUEST

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#3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,909.97. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. MICHENER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Pipe Services Corporation – Fort Bevon Sewer Video – Payment Request

MOTION MADE BY MR. D'ANGELO TO APPROVE PIPE SERVICES CORPORATION – FORT BEVON SEWER VIDEO PROJECT – PAYMENT REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,223.78. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Authorization to Award Tennis/Pickle Ball Court Reconstruction Project Bid

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOUNTAIN TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF THE TENNIS/PICKLE BALL COURT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT BID TO GESSLER CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$234,600.00. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Stonegate Reserve – Taggart Subdivision – Escrow Release #7

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOUNTAIN TO APPROVE STONEGATE RESERVE – TAGGART SUBDIVISION – ESCROW RELEASE #7 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,728.44. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. MICHENER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Solicitor

C. Planner

1. Lenape Park Pavilion

Mr. Zadlo informed the Board that the new pavilion for Lenape Park will ship the last week of December for installation in the beginning of 2021.

D. Manager

1. Authorization to Advertise Proposed 2021 Budget

MOTION MADE BY MS. MICHENER TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Authorization to Award 2020-2021 Snow & Ice Removal Bid

MOTION MADE BY MR. D'ANGELO TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF THE 2020-2021 SNOW & ICE REMOVAL BID TO STROUSE LANDSCAPING. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.