# **BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP**

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**AGENDA** 

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2023** 

Call to Order 7:30 p.m.

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- 1. Public Comment (Maximum 30 minutes)
- 2. Board's Announcements:
  - Yard Waste Pick-up for Fall Free recyclable bags may be picked up at the township administrative offices from September 25<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Buckingham Township "Clean-Up Weekend" October 21 & 22, 8am-4pm, 4991 Upper Mountain Road. Free shredding for residents from 9am-12noon on Saturday, October 21<sup>nd</sup>. See the Township website for more details.
- a. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 19, to GS Developers for work completed on the Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, General Contract BT-21-04, in the amount of \$14,630.00.
  - b. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 12, to GS Developers for work completed on the Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, Electrical Contract BT-21-05, in the amount of \$27,090.00.
  - c. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 6, to GS Developers for work completed on the **Water Company Generator Upgrades, Contract BT-22-01**, in the amount of \$35,550.00.
  - d. Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending August 27, 2023, September 10, 2023 and September 24, 2023 and the Bill List for the meeting of September 27, 2023.
- 4. Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the August 23, 2023 Work Session and August 23, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.
- 5. Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.
- 6. The Chief Administrative Officer to advise the Board of Supervisors the expected Financial Obligation for the (MMO) Minimum Municipal Obligations for Non-Uniformed Pension Plan and the Police Pension Plan for the Year 2024.
- Consideration of agreeing to the Developer's Request for an Extension of time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Residential Development Contract to September 30, 2024, covering "Verrichia Tract", Township File SA 2006-04.
- 8. Consideration of accepting the offer of an Extension to the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to February 2, 2024, for "Hyundai Dealership and Biotechnology Research Lab", Township File LD 2023-02.

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9. Consideration of accepting the offer of an Extension to the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to October 25, 2023, for "Walsh Tract", Township File SA 2019-01.

## 10. ESCROW RELEASES:

"Fenton's Corner", Site,	Request for Release #9	\$173,185.47 recommended for
Township File SA 2013-		release
03		
"Mill Creek Ridge	Request for Release #11,	\$614,560.69 recommended for
(Smith-Pfeiffer)", Site,	Site	release
Township File SA 2001-		
05C		
WAWA Convenience	Provco Escrow – Request	\$45,197.88 recommended for
Store, Township File LD	for Release #7	release
2018-02		

### 11. Additional Business / Manager's Items

- Consideration of relinquishing one (1) EDU for a residential property emergency wastewater hookup to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority, 4563 Landisville Road, TMP 6-4-21.
- Consideration of approving a one-year extension to the Lawn and Open Space Maintenance Program three year contract with Mid-Atlantic Property Maintenance, LLC (M&M Lawncare), at a 3% increase.

# Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held on September 27, 2023 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:

Paul Calderaio

Chairman

Maggie Rash

Vice-Chairman

Jon Forest

Member

Dana S. Cozza

Township Manager

Daniel Gray

Township Engineer

Craig A. Smith, Esquire

Township Solicitor

Not Present:

Luke Rosanova

**Bucks County Planning Commission** 

Gary Weaver

Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

Mr. Calderaio called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No Activity.

#### **BOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Forest announced that he and Mrs. Rash, along with township staff including several police officers, recently had the privilege to attend the Allen George Griffin Bridge 161 dedication on Upper Mountain Road. Mr. Forest said the county is naming bridges after fallen servicemen, and honored Mr. Griffin, who passed away in 1967 while serving our country in the Vietnam War. Mr. Forest explained that Mr. Griffin was a hero and saved 8 other soldiers' lives by throwing himself on a live grenade while in a helicopter.

Mr. Calderaio announced the following items:

- Yard Waste Pick-up for Fall Free recyclable bags may be picked up at the township administrative offices from September 25<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Buckingham Township "Clean-Up Weekend" October 21 & 22, 8am-4pm, 4991 Upper Mountain Road. Free shredding for residents from 9am-12noon on Saturday, October 21<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Rash added that Habitat for Humanity has free television and electronics disposal year-round, and they ask you make a drop-off appointment online.

Mr. Calderaio also announced the Annual Tree Lighting is scheduled on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and a Blood Drive will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. He said the township administration office also has discount tickets for Adventure Aquarium, the Museum of American Revolution and Regal Movie Tickets. He said information on all of these items is available on the township website.

Mr. Calderaio stated the Board held an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss a potential land preservation easement acquisition.

#### PAYROLL and BILL LIST

Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 19, to GS Developers for work completed on the Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, General Contract BT-21-04, in the amount of \$14,630.00.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Payment Request No. 19, to GS Developers for work completed on the Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, General Contract BT-21-04, in the amount of \$14,630.00.

Mr. Calderaio stated the money for this project comes from the income received from the customers of the wastewater service area using the facilities, not from the townships' general fund or tax revenues.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 12, to GS Developers for work completed on the Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, Electrical Contract BT-21-05, in the amount of \$27,090.00.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Payment Request No. 12, to GS Developers for work completed on the Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, Electrical Contract BT-21-05, in the amount of \$27,090.00.

Mr. Calderaio reiterated the money for this project comes from the income received from the customers of the wastewater service area using the facilities, not from the townships' general fund or tax revenues.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 6, to GS Developers for work completed on the Water Company Generator Upgrades, Contract BT-22-01, in the amount of \$35,550.00.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Payment Request No. 6, to GS Developers for work completed on the Water Company Generator Upgrades, Contract BT-22-01, in the amount of \$35,550.00.

Mr. Calderaio again noted the money for this project comes from the income received from the customers of the water service area using the facilities, not from the townships' general fund or tax revenues.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending August 27, 2023, September 10, 2023 and September 24, 2023 and the Bill List for the meeting of September 27, 2023.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Payroll for the weeks ending August 27, 2023, September 10, 2023 and September 24, 2023 and the Bill List for the meeting of September 27, 2023 in the total amount of \$2,020,643.55. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **MINUTES**

Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the August 23, 2023 Work Session and August 23, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve, as most recently presented, the draft Supervisor's Minutes of the August 23, 2023 Work Session and August 23, 2023 Regular Business meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to accept for inclusion in the Township's records the various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **BUSINESS**

The Chief Administrative Officer to advise the Board of Supervisors of the expected Financial Obligation for the (MMO) Minimum Municipal Obligations for Non-Uniformed Pension Plan and the Police Pension Plan for the Year 2024.

Mrs. Cozza advised the Board of Supervisors of the expected Financial Obligation for the MMO for the Non-Uniformed employee Pension Plan and the Police Pension Plan for the Year 2024.

Mrs. Pistory, Chief Financial Officer, explained this is the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Township pension plans through the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System for year 2024, per the state requirement to have a plan to pay for the debt that is owed. Mrs. Pistory said she will submit the forms to the state tomorrow, and pay the obligation for year 2023. Mrs. Pistory reported the township received state aid covering almost the entire amount of both pension plans (\$425,436.00), and only approximately \$4,000 will come out of the general fund. Mrs. Pistory said that Buckingham Township continues to have two completely funded pension plans.

Mr. Calderaio stated that Mr. Forest was involved in the negotiation a few years ago when the police union wanted to tie the pension plan funding to the stock market as some other Bucks County municipalities did, who are now regretting having done so. Mrs. Rash noted that our board is very conservative. Mr. Forest added this is why we have a triple AAA bond rating, one of only 7 townships in Pennsylvania.

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Consideration of agreeing to the Developer's Request for an Extension of time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Residential Development Contract to September 30, 2024, covering "Verrichia Tract", Township File SA 2006-04.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to agree to the Developer's Request for an Extension of time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Residential Development Contract to September 30, 2024, covering "Verrichia Tract", Township File SA 2006-04.

Mrs. Cozza explained this development has only one lot remaining to be developed. Mr. Gray added that the stormwater basins serving the remaining lot have been built, but the NPDES Permit expired. Any buyer who wants to build on the remaining lot will need to refile for an individual NPDES permit if the site improvements are in an area more than one acre. Mr. Gray indicated this is likely given the price they are asking for the lot.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting the offer of an Extension to the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to February 2, 2024, for the "Hyundai Dealership and Biotechnology Research Lab", Township File LD 2023-02.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to accept the offer of an Extension to the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to February 2, 2024, for the "Hyundai Dealership and Biotechnology Research Lab", Township File LD 2023-02.

Mr. Forest asked if the plan would be ready for review by February, and Mr. Gray said the Planning Commission provided a positive review and the applicant needs to revise the plan and submit the revised plan for the Board to review. Mr. Smith asked if they had addressed all of the previous environmental conditions on the site. Mr. Gray replied there was less environmental impact from the prior uses than initially thought, and the developer will supply the necessary clean up reports to the township.

Mr. Gray said this property was included in the land use study the township conducted with Bucks County to find ways to encourage redevelopment and consequently is included in the resulting overlay district. He said part of this project includes a supporting use for the Biotechnology Center.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting the offer of an Extension to the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to October 25, 2023, for "Walsh Tract", Township File SA 2019-01.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to accept the offer of an Extension to the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to October 25, 2023, for "Walsh Tract", Township File SA 2019-01. The motion carried unanimously.

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#### **ESCROW RELEASES**

"Fenton's Corner", Site, Township File SA 2013-03	Request for Release #9	\$173,185.47 recommended for release
"Mill Creek Ridge (Smith-Pfeiffer)", Site, Township File SA 2001-05C	Request for Release #11	\$614,560.69 recommended for release
"WAWA Convenience Store", Township File LD 2018-02	Provco Escrow – Request for Release #7	\$45,197.88 recommended for release

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the "Fenton's Corner", Site, Township File SA 2013-03, Request for Release #9, in the amount of \$173,185.47, pending receipt of outstanding fees owed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the "Mill Creek Ridge (Smith-Pfeiffer", Site, Township File SA 2001-05C, Request for Release #11, in the amount of \$614,560.69, pending receipt of outstanding fees owed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the "WAWA Convenience Store", Township File LD 2018-02, Provco Escrow – Request for Release #7, in the amount of \$45,197.88. The motion carried unanimously.

#### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS / MANAGER'S ITEMS

Consideration of relinquishing one (1) EDU for a residential property emergency wastewater hookup to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority, 4563 Landisville Road, TMP 6-4-21.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve relinquishing one (1) EDU for a residential property emergency wastewater hookup to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority, 4563 Landisville Road, TMP 6-4-21.

Mrs. Cozza explained, as discussed during last months work session, this single family dwelling has a failed septic system and has requested an emergency connection to the public sewer. She said the property is located in the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority's service area, so Buckingham Township needs to relinquish one Equivalent Dwelling Unit so they may hook up to the public system. Mr. Smith explained an Equivalent Dwelling Unit or "EDU" is defined as one-single family residential household, which is a base measurement for water or sewer usage of that single dwelling unit and the cost therefor.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Consideration of approving a one-year extension to the Lawn and Open Space Maintenance Program three year contract with Mid-Atlantic Property Maintenance, LLC (M&M Lawncare), at a 3% increase.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve a one-year extension to the Lawn and Open Space Maintenance Program three year contract with Mid-Atlantic Property Maintenance, LLC (M&M Lawncare), at a 3% increase. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 25th day of October, 2023.

**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors** 

Paul Calderaio, Chairman

Maggie Rash, Vice-Chairman

Jon Forest, Member

Attest:

Dana S. Cozza, Township Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.