# **BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP**

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# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING Call to Order 7:30 p.m.

**AGENDA** 

December 11, 2019

# Swearing in of new Police Officer James Crusemire

- 1. Public Comment (Maximum 30 minutes)
- 2. Board's Announcements:
  - The Buckingham Township Administrative Offices will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> at noon, and all day on December 25<sup>th</sup>. The offices will also be closed on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m., and all day on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
  - The December 25, 2019 Board of Supervisor's meetings are cancelled.
  - The Annual Board of Supervisors Reorganization and Regular Business Meeting and Work Session (if needed), will be held Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
  - The Annual **Board of Auditors Reorganization Meeting** will be held Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- a. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 8, Final Payment, to GS Developers, for work completed on the **Pump Station Generators and Upgrades, Pump Station 1 Contract BT-18-01**, in the amount of \$22,100.00.
  - b. Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending November 24, 2019 and December 8, 2019, and the Bill List for the meeting of December 11, 2019.
- 4. Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the November 13, 2019 Work Session and November 13, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.
- 5. Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.
- 6. Presentation of the 2020 Proposed Buckingham Township Budget.
- 7. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2399**, A Resolution of the Township of Buckingham, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Fixing the Earned Income Tax Rate, Local Services Tax Rate, and the Realty Transfer Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2020.
- 8. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2400**, A Resolution of the Township of Buckingham, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2020.
- 9. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2401**, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Establishment of Checking, Savings and Investment Accounts and Designating Various Institutions to Serve as Depositories for the Funds of the Township in 2020.

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- 10. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2402**, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, Township of Buckingham, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Township Secretary's Certification of the 2020 Budget Preparation & Publication.
- 11. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2403**, A Resolution of the Township of Buckingham in the County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Appropriating Specific Sums Estimated to be Required for the Specific Purposes of the Municipal Government, Hereinafter Set Forth, During the Year 2020 and **Adopting the Annual Budget** Reflecting These Amounts.
- a. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2404**, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Electing to Reduce the Member Contributions to the Police Pension Plan Administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) to Three and One-Half Percent (3.5%) from the PMRS Police Pension Plan Five Percent for the Year 2020.
  - b. Consideration of approving the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Amendment, Effective Date January 1, 2020.
- 13. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2405**, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Accepting: The Improvements; The Public Sanitary Sewage Collection System; The Water Distribution System; A Deed of Dedication of Forest Grove Road Right-of-Way, Upper Mountain Road Right-of-Way, Red Barn Drive, Glenridge Road, Taylortown Road, Stockton Road, and Springtown Road; A Deed of Easement over Spring Hunt Lane, Stonehedge Drive, Rosedale Drive, Winter Bridge Lane and Green Spring Drive; A Deed of Dedication of the Farmland Preserve; A Utility Easement Through Lots 102 and 103 of Buckingham Forest; A Potable Water and Sanitary Sewer Line Easement and 10 Foot Wide Construction Easement Through Tax Parcel 6-18-14; And A Grant of Easements Over Open Spaces A, B, E and F In Windsor Square All Related to the Land Development Known as Windsor Square.
- 14. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2406**, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for the Purpose of Amending the 2019 Budget.
- 15. Consideration of accepting the offer of an Extension to the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to March 31, 2020, for "Covenant Presbyterian Church Parking Lot Addition PH3", Township File LD 2019-01.
- 16. Consideration of accepting the Request for Extension of the time to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Land Development Contract to January 14, 2021, covering "Bucks County Airport Authority, PH1", Township File LD 2001-03A.

# Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held December 11, 2019 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:

Jon Forest

Chairman

Maggie Rash

Vice-Chairman

Paul Calderaio

Member

Dana S. Cozza

Township Manager

Daniel Gray

Township Engineer

Craig A. Smith, Esquire

Township Solicitor

Not Present:

Tom Kelso

Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

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

### Swearing in of New Police Officer James Crusemire

Judge Maggie Snow, District Justice, was present to swear in new Police Officer James Crusemire. Many members of the Buckingham Township police department and Mr. Crusemire's family and friends, were present to witness the ceremony.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ken Standig, Nanlyn Farms Circle, asked about implementing the master plan for bikeways and trails as approved in the spring. Mrs. Cozza explained the proposed budget for 2020 includes money for engineering and construction of a trail connecting Buckingham Forest to Upper Mountain Estates through the woods. Mr. Gray explained the master plan will be used to provide direction for developers to place bikeways and trails as part of their developments, and the township will use it to connect those bikeways and trails.

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

Mr. Forest made the following announcements:

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Mr. Forest announced the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session prior to the beginning of the business meeting for the purposes of discussing potential litigation.

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## REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT, PAYROLL and BILL LIST

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Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Payment Request No. 8, Final Payment, to GS Developers, for work completed on the Pump Station Generators and Upgrades, Pump Station 1 - Contract BT-18-01, in the amount of \$22,100.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending November 24, 2019 and December 8, 2019, and the Bill List for the meeting of December 11, 2019.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Payroll for the weeks ending November 24, 2019 and December 8, 2019, and the Bill List for the meeting of December 11, 2019, in the total amount of \$1,092,898.73. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **MINUTES**

Consideration of approving the draft Supervisors' Minutes of the November 13, 2019 Work Session and November 13, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve, as most recently presented, the draft Supervisors' Minutes of the November 13, 2019 Work Session and November 13, 2019 Regular Business Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

## **BUSINESS**

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2399, A Resolution of the Township of Buckingham, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Fixing the Earned Income Tax Rate, Local Services Tax Rate, and the Realty Transfer Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2020.

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Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2400, A Resolution of the Township of Buckingham, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2020.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Resolution No. 2400, A Resolution of the Township of Buckingham, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2020.

Mrs. Rash read the resolution, which fixes the Real Estate Tax Rate for the fiscal year 2020 at a tax rate of 4.0 mills: 3.0 mills for Open Space debt and/or purchases purposes, or the sum of 30 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, .75 mills for Fire Protection purposes or the sum of 7.5 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, and .25 mills for the purpose of funding ambulance, rescue and other emergency services or the sum of 2.5 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. She said the debt is all "voter approved", and the township has no general fund millage. Mr. Calderaio proudly announced there will be no real estate tax increase in Buckingham Township for the year 2020.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2401, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Establishment of Checking, Savings and Investment Accounts and Designating Various Institutions to Serve as Depositories for the Funds of the Township in 2020.

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Consideration of approving the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Amendment, Effective Date January 1, 2020.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Amendment, Effective Date January 1, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Resolution No. 2405, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Accepting: The Improvements; The Public Sanitary Sewage Collection System; The Water Distribution

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Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve Resolution No. 2406, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for the Purpose of Amending the 2019 Budget. 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 March 31, 2020, for "Covenant Presbyterian Church - Parking Lot Addition - PH3", Township File LD 2019-01.

Mr. Forest 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 March 31, 2020, for "Covenant Presbyterian Church - Parking Lot Addition - PH3", Township File LD 2019-01. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting the Request for Extension of the time to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Land Development Contract to January 14, 2021, covering "Bucks County Airport Authority, PH1", Township File LD 2001-03A.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to accept the Request for Extension of the time to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Land Development Contract to January 14, 2021, covering "Bucks County Airport Authority, PH1", Township File LD 2001-03A. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of acknowledging receipt of a Proposal for the Addition of an Agricultural Security Area submitted by Ambrose Randa, Jr. and Rose Marie Randa for TMP 06-006-068 containing 20.31 Acres, Mechanicsville Road.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to acknowledge receipt of a Proposal for the Addition of an Agricultural Security Area submitted by Ambrose Randa, Jr. and Rose Marie Randa for TMP 06-006-068 containing 20.31 Acres, Mechanicsville Road. The motion carried unanimously.

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Consideration of approving an Agreement of Sale of Conservation Easement between Nicholas Lykon and Robin McGinnis Lykon and Buckingham Township for property located at 4921 Lower Mountain Road, Tax Map Parcel No. 06-018-159.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to approve an Agreement of Sale of Conservation Easement between Nicholas Lykon and Robin McGinnis Lykon and Buckingham Township for property located at 4921 Lower Mountain Road, Tax Map Parcel No. 06-018-159. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ESCROW RELEASES**

| "Swank Tract", Site,     | Request for Release #3 | \$7,088.28 recommended |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Township File SA 2017-01 |                        | for release            |

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Escrow Release #3, for the "Swank Tract", Site, Township File SA 2017-01, in the amount of \$7,088.28, pending payment of outstanding invoices. The motion carried unanimously.

#### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS / MANAGER'S ITEMS

Consideration of approving Change Order No. 1 for the Cold Spring Well No. 4 Arsenic Removal Contract (BT-19-01R), increasing the contract by \$4,516.00 to a new contract total of \$1,268,516.00.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Cold Spring Well No. 4 Arsenic Removal Contract (BT-19-01R), increasing the contract by \$4,516.00 to a new contract total of \$1,268,516.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Change Order No. 2 for the Cold Spring Well No. 4 Arsenic Removal Contract (BT-19-01R), increasing the contract by \$892.00 to a new contract total of \$1,269,408.00.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Cold Spring Well No. 4 Arsenic Removal Contract (BT-19-01R), increasing the contract by \$892.00 to a new contract total of \$1,269,408.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Indemnity Agreement between Bucks County Airport Authority, Nimaris Construction L.P. and the Township of Buckingham.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the Indemnity Agreement between Bucks County Airport Authority, Nimaris Construction L.P. and the Township of Buckingham. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mr. Calderaio to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the  $6^{th}$  day of January, 2020.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors

Jon Forest, Chairman

Maggie Rash, Vice-Chairman

Paul Calderaio, Member

Attest:

Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.