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**BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP****Board of Supervisors****Work Session Agenda****January 3, 2022****Immediately following Reorganization and Regular Business  
Meeting****Manager's Items**

**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Work Session**  
**Minutes**

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held January 3, 2022 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:	Jon Forest Paul Calderaio Maggie Rash Dana S. Cozza Daniel Gray Craig A. Smith, Esquire	Chairman Vice-Chairman Member Township Manager Township Engineer Township Solicitor
Not Present:	Tom Kelso Luke Rosanova	Township Water/Wastewater Consultant Bucks County Planning Commission

*6:09 p.m. The Work Session commenced.*

**PennDOT Green Light Go Traffic Signal Grant Project**

Mrs. Cozza said the township had received a request from Doylestown Township to participate in the 2021 PennDOT Green Light Go Grant supporting the same project as was submitted for the 2019 application to upgrade the Route 313 Corridor Traffic Signal System.

Mrs. Cozza explained there is an expenditure involved for the township owned signals at the intersection of Cold Spring Creamery Road and Route 313, and that money would be budgeted in 2023, and was discussed in previous work sessions.

Mr. Gray noted that the Old Easton Road signal is not included in the application as it will not exist after it is removed as part of the Wawa project in Cross-Keys.

**COVID – Township Administrative Office Staffing**

Mrs. Cozza suggested with the increase in COVID-19 cases this winter, she proposed the administrative offices operate with a staggered schedule, people platooning with the same staggered group, in order to reduce possible illness. The board was agreeable to the proposal.

**Telephone System Replacement**

Mrs. Cozza updated the Board with the news that the new telephone system is scheduled for installation and operation this coming week. She said it is a Voice Over IP (voice over internet protocol “VOIP”) system, which is all you can buy at this point as there are no more copper wires being used. Mrs. Cozza said the system is complicated and while it is set up for automated answering, the staff will learn how to answer the calls and operate the system. Mr. Calderaio said he would prefer to keep one copper line, and Mrs. Cozza

said the police department has one for emergency purposes, and added that if the internet does go down, the police telephones are directed to the Bucks County radio room.

Mrs. Cozza said one of the best features of the VOIP system is that the Maintenance Garage and the new Water and Wastewater Operations Center will be integrated into the Administrative Office phone lines for ease in transferring calls.

**WAWA Land Development, Township File LD 2018-01**

Mr. Gray noted that he recently met with Provco representatives and that they advised him that Provco no longer intended to open Research Way until the Township accepted responsibility for all maintenance and operation of the new connector road. Mr. Gray noted that Provco had initially proposed opening Research Way by December 20, 2021 and that the realignment of Old Easton Road had been partially completed in anticipation of the opening of Research Way. Mr. Gray indicated that Provco is now suggesting that Research Way remain closed to traffic until they complete all of the required roadway improvements and the Township is willing to accept dedication of the Right-of-Way. In accordance with the Land Development Contract, the entire project was to be completed before any dedication was to occur. Mr. Gray noted that with some additional work, the road could be dedicated to the Township and opened to the public. However, that will present issues as to who is responsible for damages to and maintenance of the roadway, particularly with construction ongoing within the site and winter being here.

Mr. Gray said the major issue is that the intersection of Old Easton Road and Research Way has already been re-aligned in anticipation of the use of Research Way to connect to N. Easton Road, and tractor trailers are having difficulty negotiating through the realigned intersection. Those tractor trailers, after all of the proposed road improvements are completed, will be diverted to N. Easton Road and would proceed northbound on Old Easton Road through Research Way.

Mr. Gray said Provco suggested adding temporary stop signs on Old Easton Road, just beyond the Biotech Center heading southbound on Old Easton Road, and another at the new aligned intersection as a temporary traffic control until Research Way is opened

Mr. Smith advised the options are to revise the development agreement regarding piecemeal dedication, or to wait and accept the land development all at the same time when it is complete. The Board said they were agreeable to revising the development agreement to accept piecemeal dedication of the road when the Township Engineer determines that the road improvements are fit for public use, and they were fine with the proposed temporary stop signs.

**Celebrations**

Mrs. Cozza said it would be nice to celebrate the following events: Hugh Hager's retirement from the Midway Volunteer Fire Company, Town and Country Theatre's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, new police officers who have been hired or promoted, and recognition of

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Township board and commission members. The Board agreed to consider appropriate proclamations and/or celebrations depending on the status of gatherings due to COVID-19.

**PennDOT Projects Meeting**

Mrs. Cozza said that Diane Smith from Representative Labs office invited local municipalities to a meeting with PennDOT on January 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss proposed projects within their legislative borders. She said she had asked if Representative Schroeder could attend so that all of Buckingham Township would be represented, however she was told no. Mrs. Cozza and Mr. Forest said they would attend the meeting.


*6:40 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.*

**Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.**

**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors**

  
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Paul Calderaro, Chairman

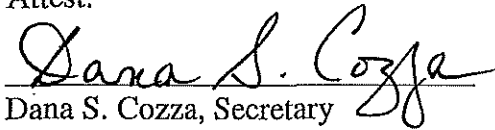
  
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Jon Forest, Vice-Chairman

  
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Maggie Rash, Member

Attest:

  
Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.*