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BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Work Session Agenda
January 26, 2022
6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Executive Session

Manager's Items:

- Landisville Road update
- Sugar Bottom Farms / Hagen, TMP 6-17-61

7:00 p.m. Buckingham Township Environmental Advisory Commission
Presentation on Grant Opportunities to Fund Tree Planting in
Buckingham Township

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Minutes

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held January 26, 2022 electronically via the Zoom application due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

6:00 p.m. The Work Session commenced with executive session to discuss ongoing Digirolamo and Rosner litigation and an Agricultural Preservation Easement offer.

Sugar Bottom Farms / Hagen, TMP 6-17-61

Mr. Smith informed the Board that Mr. Hagen had submitted a bond as financial security for his Stormwater Management Agreement, rather than a Letter of Credit or Cash, and asked the Board if they would accept the bond. Mr. Smith explained that the township usually does not accept bonds, as they are difficult to call if the work is not completed. However the bond presented by Mr. Hagen contains a confession of judgment and given the relatively small size of the project, may be acceptable if the Board chose to depart from its practice of not accepting bonds. The Board agreed given those considerations the risk of a bond would be an acceptable form of financial security in this matter.

Landisville Road Update

Mrs. Cozza provided the board with a brief update on the residents' request for the speed reduction on Landisville Road, and said she also had emailed the residents with an update. She said the police had put a speed board along Landisville Road to slow traffic down, but have since relocated it as it was requested by residents along Township Line Road. She said even though the township had encouraged the residents to allow the township some time to try certain items before requesting a traffic study, the residents are pressuring to get the traffic study done. Mrs. Cozza said the township will request proposals to conduct the traffic study, and will then meet with Plumstead Township to discuss sharing the cost and responsibilities of the speed study.

Township Staff

Mrs. Cozza updated the board with township staffing matters regarding Covid-19, and asked the Board for their opinion on continuing the office staff staggering schedule through February. The Board agreed to continue with the staggered schedule through

February, in hopes that the number of cases declines so that daily full on site staffing can resume in March. The Board also agreed to consider hosting a retirement-party in the new Water and Wastewater Facility garage in late February, or March, to honor some of the recent township retirees.

Buckingham Township Environmental Advisory Commission Presentation on Grant Opportunities to Fund Tree Planting in Buckingham Township

Mr. Jim Walter, member of the Environmental Advisory Commission, presented a slide show describing grant opportunities to fund tree planting in Buckingham Township. He explained that the township has lost many trees in the past few years due to the Emerald Ash Borer, tornadoes, erosion, and so on. He then described the benefits that trees provide, such as erosion control, increased rain infiltration and sequestering carbon. He said there are many grants available for funds for trees, and described many of the opportunities and their requirements. Mr. Walters suggested the trees could be used in the Township Parks, to repair riparian buffers, and to replace dead Ash trees.

Mr. Walter said the Environmental Advisory Commission is prepared to help write the grants, work with the conservation district, state forester, volunteers from master gardeners and water stewards, and other volunteer service groups on this project.

Mr. Gray proposed that trees could be planted in Holicong Park for the memorial tree grove, and picnic areas. Mr. Walters said that they have volunteers that will plant and maintain the new trees, so township staff and taxpayers would not be so burdened.

The Board thanked Mr. Walters for his comprehensive presentation and agreed to continue working with the Environmental Advisory Commission to forward this endeavor.

7:30 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.

8:42 p.m. The Work Session resumed.


Electricity

Mrs. Cozza advised the Board that the township is entering into the last year of its contract for electricity and so she is starting to research the next contract. She explained there are varying prices and timetables for levels of green energy usage, but regardless, all of the costs are increasing dramatically. Mrs. Cozza said township staff is researching the use of solar panels on municipal buildings, especially the new water and wastewater facility. Mr. Forest requested a breakdown between the estimated electricity contract for the new facility versus the rest of the township facilities. Mrs. Cozza said she would continue her investigation and keep the Board apprised of the rates.

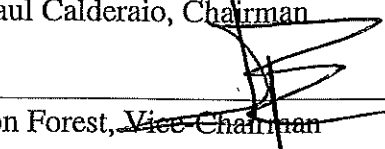
9:01 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 23rd day of February, 2022.

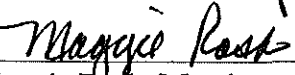
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Paul Calderaio, Chairman

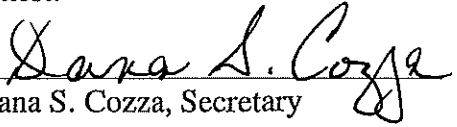


Jon Forest, Vice-Chairman



Maggie Rash, Member

Attest:



Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.