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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA **JANUARY 3, 2023** © REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Coll to Order 5:00 ~ ... amended and re-posted 1/4/2023

Board of Supervisors to appoint a Temporary Chairman.

- 1. Public Comment (Maximum 30 minutes)
- 2. Organization of the Board of Supervisors:
 - a. Election of Chairman.
 - b. Election of Vice-Chairman.
- 3. Appointment of a Voting Delegate and Alternate to the Annual Convention of the State Association of Township Supervisors.
- 4. Consideration of setting appointments of various Township Officials for the year 2023. Resolution No. 2583
- 5. Consideration of setting appointment of Township Manager for the year 2023. Resolution No. 2584
- 6. Consideration of approving a Resolution appointing a Township Secretary/Treasurer and Authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to sign all contracts, plans, documents and legal papers on behalf of and in lieu of the Board of Supervisors. Resolution No. 2585
- 7. Consideration of approving the 4th Wednesday of each month as Supervisors' Regular Business Meetings. Resolution No. 2586
- 8. Consideration of approving a Resolution setting the amount of the Treasurer's Bond for 2023 at \$3,000,000. Resolution No. 2587
- 9. Consideration of approving appointments to fill the vacancies on the various Township Boards and Commissions for the year 2023. Resolution No. 2588

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- Consideration of appointing Bee, Bergvall & Co., P.C. of Warrington, Pennsylvania, to audit the 2022 fiscal affairs of the township and the township officers. Resolution No. 2589
- Consideration of approving a Resolution setting pay rates for non-uniformed employees for the year 2023.
 Resolution No. 2590
- Consideration of approving a Resolution affirming the holiday schedule for Township Non-Uniformed Employees for the year 2023.
 Resolution No. 2591
- Consideration of approving a Resolution appointing an officer to provide tax certifications for the year 2023.
 Resolution No. 2592
- 14. Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2593, Replacing Resolution No. 2572, Establishing a Fee Schedule of Subdivision and Land Development, Zoning, Building and Other Fees.
- 15. Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2594, 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 Four Percent (4%) from the PMRS Police Pension Plan Five Percent for the Year 2023.
- 16. Consideration of approving the Agreement between Buckingham Township and Central Bucks Emergency Medical Services for the Year 2023.
- 17. Consideration of approving the Agreement between Buckingham Township and Midway Volunteer Fire Company for the term of January 15, 2023 to January 14, 2024.
- 18. Consideration of approving the Agreement between Buckingham Township and Lingohocken Volunteer Fire Company for the term of January 15, 2023 to January 14, 2024.
- 19. Consideration of approving the Agreement between Buckingham Township and Doylestown Fire Company for the term of January 15, 2023 to January 14, 2024.

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- 20. a. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 9 (Final Payment), to GS Developers for work completed on the Furlong/Buckingham Village Water Interconnect, Contract BT-21-03, in the amount of \$14,841.00.
 - b. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 1, to GS Developers for work completed on the Water Company Generator Upgrades, Contract BT-22-01, in the amount of \$13,500.00.
 - c. Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending December 18, 2022 and January 1, 2023, and the Bill List for the meeting of January 3, 2023.
- 21. Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the December 14, 2022 Work Session and December 14, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.
- 22. Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.

23. ESCROW RELEASES:

"Scardetto Property",	Request for Release #3	\$21,616.38 recommended
Stormwater Facility	(Revised)	for release
Development Contract, Permit		
#PSW190013, 808 Pineville		
Road, TMP 6-23-55-1		

- 24. Additional Business / Manager's Items:
 - Consideration of approving Change Order #1 for the "Buckingham Water Company Generator Upgrade General" Contact BT-22-01, increasing the contract amount by \$7,700.00.
 - The next Board of Supervisors Work Session and Regular Business Meeting meetings are scheduled on January 25, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

1 of 2: VOTE TO ADD ITEM AND THEN VOTE ON THE ITEM:

Consideration of adding the following item to the agenda and to post the agenda so amended on the township's website and at the township office by the first business day following this meeting:

- Consideration of approving the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement between David Rosner, Mayra Luisa Rosner and Buckingham Township.

This item is being added because the draft was not received from opposing counsel until today.

2 of 2: VOTE ON THE ITEM: Consideration of approving the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement between David Rosner, Mayra Luisa Rosner and Buckingham Township.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

The Reorganization and Regular Business meeting of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held January 3, 2023 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:

Paul Calderaio

Jon Forest Maggie Rash

Mr. Calderaio led The Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00 p.m.

Appointment of Temporary Chairman

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to appoint Mr. Forest the Temporary Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lisa Braud, Dark Hollow Road, said in researching Buckingham Township, she came across the former Buckingham Township Civic Association, and was interested if the Board was interested in reinstating the association. Ms. Braud also said as a farmer, she would like to connect with other farmers, and asked if the Board was interested in meeting with a farmer's coalition. Ms. Braud explained she would like to be a leader in the township. Mrs. Rash explained the Civic Association was not a Township government created entity, but was rather a privately formed group that ran its course and then interest waned and it was disbanded of its own accord several years ago. Mrs. Rash said if Ms. Braud wanted to form a farmer's coalition, she could certainly do so and needed neither the Township's sanction nor permission.

Ms. Braud said she also learned that the Board of Supervisors have an option to increase its members from three to five. Mrs. Rash said this is not the Board's option but rather would need to be on the ballot as a referendum. Mr. Calderaio explained there was a move to do that years ago, and it failed. Mrs. Rash said if you do not like having the largest land area township in the County with the lowest real estate taxes in Central Bucks, if not the County, a township where one-quarter of the land has been preserved from development and for agriculture, a township with a vibrant, well-funded and continuing land preservation effort, a town rated the third safest town in the United States, and the only AAA bond rated township in the County, attesting to sound financial management, then go for a change. Ms. Braud said she likes it as is, and said she was just interested in being personally involved and felt this was a channel of opportunity.

BUSINESS

Organization of the Board of Supervisors:

a. Election of Chairman.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to appoint Mr. Calderaio Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Election of Vice Chairman.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mr. Calderaio, to appoint Mrs. Rash Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Calderaio assumed the Chairman's duties for the remainder of the meeting.

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Appointment of a Voting Delegate and Alternate to the Annual Convention of the State Association of Township Supervisors.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to appoint Mrs. Rash as the Voting Delegate to the Annual Convention of the State Association of Township Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to appoint Mr. Forest as Alternate to the Annual Convention of the State Association of Township Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of setting appointments of various Township Officials for the year 2023. *Resolution No. 2583*

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve Resolution No. 2583 setting appointments of various Township Professionals including:

Craig A. Smith, Smith and Porter, P.C., reappointed as Township Solicitor, in accordance with the proposal dated December 8, 2022.

Knight Engineering, Inc., reappointed as Township Engineer, in accordance with the proposal dated December 2, 2022.

Castle Valley Consultants, Inc., reappointed as Water & Wastewater Engineer in accordance with the proposal dated December 8, 2022.

Bucks County Planning Commission, Luke Rosanova reappointed as Planners for Buckingham Township in accordance with the proposal dated November 21, 2022.

Carol Manicone & Derik Sutphin, reappointed as Landscape Review Consultants in accordance with the proposal dated December 1, 2022.

Keystone Municipal Services, Inc., reappointed as Building and Zoning Department services provider in accordance with the proposal dated November 6, 2022.

Larry Hepner, reappointed as Township Agronomist in accordance with the proposal dated December 6, 2022.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of setting appointment of Township Manager for the year 2023. *Resolution No. 2584*

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Resolution No. 2584 setting the appointment of Dana Cozza as the Township Manager for 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Resolution appointing a Township Secretary/Treasurer and Authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to sign all contracts, plans, documents and legal papers on behalf of and in lieu of the Board of Supervisors. *Resolution No. 2585*

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve Resolution No. 2585 appointing Dana Cozza as Township Secretary and Jill Pistory as Treasurer with authority to sign all contracts, plans, documents and legal papers on behalf of, with the authority of, and in lieu of the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.

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Consideration of approving the 4th Wednesday of each month as Supervisors' Regular Business Meeting. Resolution No. 2586

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Resolution No. 2586 approving the 4th Wednesday of each month as the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors' Regular Business Meeting, with the Work Session to begin at 6:00 p.m., and the Business Meeting Call to Order at 7:30 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving a Resolution setting the amount of the Treasurer's Bond for 2023 at \$3,000,000. *Resolution No. 2587*

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Resolution No. 2587 setting the amount of the Treasurer's Bond for 2023 at \$3,000,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving appointments to fill the vacancies on the various Township Boards and Commissions for the year 2023. *Resolution No. 2588*

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to approve the following appointments to fill the vacancies on the various Township Boards and Commissions for the year 2023:

- Appoint Scott Nickett as the Vacancy Board Chairperson;
- Appoint Rebecca Fink and Erling R. Salvesen, Jr. to the Planning Commission;
- Appoint Toby Hoffman and Halli Eckhoff to the Historic Architectural Review Board;
- Appoint Diane Smith to the Environmental Advisory Commission;
- Appoint Jon Forest, Paul Calderaio and Lori Wicen to the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Commission;
- Appoint Maggie Rash, Karl Bromm and Frank Ripp to the Agricultural and Open Space Preservation Committee;

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of appointing Bee, Bergvall & Co., P.C. of Warrington, Pennsylvania, to audit the 2022 fiscal affairs of the township and the township officers. *Resolution 2589*

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve Resolution 2589 appointing Bee, Bergvall & Co., P.C. of Warrington, Pennsylvania, to audit the 2022 fiscal affairs of the township and the township officers. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving a Resolution setting pay rates for non-uniformed township employees for the year 2023. *Resolution No. 2590*

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve Resolution No. 2590 setting pay rates for non-uniformed township employees for the year 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

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Consideration of approving a Resolution affirming the holiday schedule for Township Non-Uniformed Employees for 2023. *Resolution No. 2591*

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve Resolution No. 2591 setting the holiday schedule for Township Non-Uniformed Employees for 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving a Resolution appointing an officer to provide tax certifications for the year 2023. *Resolution No. 2592*

Mr. Calderaio read aloud a statement pursuant to 65 P.S. § 1103 (j) to be filed with these minutes stating that the Tax Collector, Ann Calderaio, is his wife and could receive private pecuniary benefit or detriment by virtue of Buckingham Township's actions on Resolutions or other matters affecting the Tax Collector. For that reason, Mr. Calderaio stated he is abstaining from the consideration of, discussion of, and the vote on Resolution No. 2592.

Mr. Forest made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Resolution No. 2592 appointing an officer to provide tax certifications for the year 2023. Mr. Forest called the vote: Mr. Forest voted "aye"; Mrs. Rash voted "aye". The motion carried.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2593, Replacing Resolution No. 2572, Establishing a Fee Schedule of Subdivision and Land Development, Zoning, Building and Other Fees.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Resolution No. 2593, Replacing Resolution No. 2572, Establishing a Fee Schedule of Subdivision and Land Development, Zoning, Building and Other Township Fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Agreement between Buckingham Township and Central Bucks Emergency Medical Services for the Year 2023.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the proposed written Agreement between Buckingham Township and Central Bucks Emergency Medical Services for the Year 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Agreement between Buckingham Township and Midway Volunteer Fire Company for the term of January 15, 2023 to January 14, 2024.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the proposed Agreement between Buckingham Township and Midway Volunteer Fire Company for the term of January 15, 2023 to January 14, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

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Consideration of approving the Agreement between Buckingham Township and Lingohocken Volunteer Fire Company for the term of January 15, 2023 to January 14, 2024.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the proposed Agreement between Buckingham Township and Lingohocken Volunteer Fire Company for the term of January 15, 2023 to January 14, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Agreement between Buckingham Township and Doylestown Fire Company for the term of January 15, 2023 to January 14, 2024.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the proposed Agreement between Buckingham Township and Doylestown Fire Company for the term of January 15, 2023 to January 14, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL and BILL LIST

Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 9 (Final Payment), to GS Developers for work completed on the Furlong/Buckingham Village Water Interconnect, Contract BT-21-03, in the amount of \$14,841.00.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Payment Request No. 9 (Final Payment), to GS Developers for work completed on the Furlong/Buckingham Village Water Interconnect, Contract BT-21-03, in the amount of \$14,841.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 1, to GS Developers for work completed on the Water Company Generator Upgrades, Contract BT-22-01, in the amount of \$13,500.00.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the following Payment Request No. 1, to GS Developers for work completed on the Water Company Generator Upgrades, Contract BT-22-01, in the amount of \$13,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending December 18, 2022 and January 1, 2023, and the Bill List for the meeting of January 3, 2023.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve Payroll for the weeks ending December 18, 2022 and January 1, 2023, and the Bill List for the meeting of January 3, 2023, in the total amount of \$505,132.18.

Mrs. Cozza explained the Payroll also includes December 16, 2022, and noted that the January 1, 2023 payroll will not be included on the Bill List until the next meeting.

Mr. Calderaio amended his motion to approve Payroll for the weeks ending December 16, 2022 and December 18, 2022, and the Bill List for the meeting of January 3, 2023, in the total amount of \$505,132.18. The motion carried unanimously.

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MINUTES

Consideration of approving draft Supervisors' Minutes of the December 14, 2022 Work Session and December 14, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve, as most recently presented, the draft Supervisors' Minutes of the December 14, 2022 Work Session and December 14, 2022 Regular Business Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.

No action was taken as there were no minutes to be considered for acceptance.

ESCROW RELEASES

"Scardetto Property",	Request for Release #3	\$21,616.38
Stormwater Facility	(Revised)	recommended for release
Development Contract, Permit		
#PSW190013, 808 Pineville		
Road, TMP 6-23-55-1		

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Escrow Release #3 for the "Scardetto Property", Stormwater Facility Development Contract, Permit #PSW190013, 808 Pineville Road, TMP 6-23-55-1 in the amount of \$21,616.38.

Mr. Gray provided an update saying that the township had received the Revised Request #3 based on Mr. Scardetto's appearance at the last Board of Supervisors meeting in which he asked the township to postpone review until he submitted the as-built plan for the basin. Mr. Gray said since Knight Engineering issued the December 20, 2022 review letter, Mr. Scardetto requested that he not process this release, and go back to the prior release recommended on December 9, 2022 of \$172.81 based on his request that Knight Engineering not spend the time revising his request.

Mr. Scardetto said his understanding was that nothing would be approved in addition to the \$172 amount, and did not know the release was being increased to \$21,000. Mr. Gray said he did email Mr. Scardetto the review letter and would provide it to him again. Mr. Scardetto agreed to pay Knight Engineering for their time in review the escrow release requests.

Mr. Scardetto questioned the contingency and retainage amounts, and Mr. Smith said it was specified in the contract Mr. Scardetto signed. Mr. Forest added these amounts are allowed per the Municipal Planning Code, and are there to protect the township.

Mr. Calderaio revised the motion to approve Escrow Release #3 for the "Scardetto Property", Stormwater Facility Development Contract, Permit #PSW190013, 808 Pineville Road, TMP 6-23-55-1 in the amount of \$21,616.38, conditioned upon Mr. Scardetto paying Knight Engineering for their time in reviewing the release request, and that Mr. Scardetto pay any outstanding bills owed the township before the escrow is released or the amounts outstanding will be deducted from the escrow release. Mrs. Rash seconded the revised motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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ADDITIONAL BUSINESS / MANAGER'S ITEMS

Consideration of approving Change Order #1 for the 'Buckingham Water Company Generator Upgrade – General' Contact BT-22-01, increasing the contract amount by \$7,700.00.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Change Order #1 for the "Buckingham Water Company Generator Upgrade – General" Contact BT-22-01, increasing the contract amount by \$7,700.00.

Mr. Calderaio explained the money for this project comes directly from the income received from the customers of the Township's wastewater facilities, not from the township's general fund or tax revenues.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of adding the following item to the agenda and to post the agenda so amended on the township's website and at the township office by the first business day following this meeting:

- Consideration of approving the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement between David Rosner, Mayra Luisa Rosner and Buckingham Township.

Mr. Smith explained this item is being added because the draft was not received from opposing counsel until today.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve adding "Consideration of approving the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement between David Rosner, Mayra Luisa Rosner and Buckingham Township" to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement between David Rosner, Mayra Luisa Rosner and Buckingham Township.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement between David Rosner, Mayra Luisa Rosner and Buckingham Township. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Calderaio announced the next Board of Supervisors Work Session and Regular Business Meeting meetings are scheduled on January 25, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors

Paul Calderaio, Chairman

Maggie Rash, Vice-Chairmar

Jon Forest, Member-

Attest:

Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.

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Memorandum Pursuant to 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 1103 (j)

I, Paul Calderaio, being a Supervisor of Buckingham Township, make this Written Memorandum pursuant to 65 P.S. § 1103 (j) to be filed with the minutes of the Meeting of the Buckingham Township Supervisors for January 3rd, 2023.

The Supervisors have before them a motion concerning the elected Tax Collector for Buckingham Township, Ann Calderaio. The motion concerns the consideration of approving a Resolution appointing the locally-elected Tax Collector for the year 2023 as the municipal officer authorized to provide tax certifications, duplicate bill fees, and a return check fee, upon request by the public and authorizes the Tax Collector to collect and retain, as compensation for providing such additional services, certain fees.

Ann Calderaio is my wife and a family member within the meaning of the Ethics Act, 65 P.S. § 1101 et seq. Ann Calderaio could receive private pecuniary benefit or detriment by virtue of Buckingham Township's actions on Resolutions or other matters affecting the Tax Collector. For that reason, I am abstaining from the discussion of, consideration of and the vote on this matter.

Paul	Calderaio	

<u>January 3, 2023</u>