

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held on March 22, 2023 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:	Paul Calderaio	Chairman
	Jon Forest	Vice-Chairman
	Maggie Rash	Member
	Dana S. Cozza	Township Manager
	Daniel Gray	Township Engineer
	Craig A. Smith, Esquire	Township Solicitor
	Gary Weaver	Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

Not Present: Luke Rosanova Bucks County Planning Commission

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

Judge Maggie Snow was present to swear in new police officer Emmett Shanks. Several family members and friends were also present to celebrate the occasion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Jarret, Grape Bay Drive, was present to express his gratitude and thanks to the township for taking action to remedy the ongoing condition of his neighbor's property as previously reported to the township. He said there are still several outstanding issues, including a permanent fence that was installed today with posts in concrete, which he believes was installed to conceal contractors' use of the property. Ms. Pat Irwin, Grape Bay Drive, said there may also be someone living in the camper on the property, which raises a sanitation concern. Ms. Pat Irwin, Grape Bay Drive, asked the protocol for usual follow-up when a notice of violation is issued. Mr. Smith explained that if no action was taken, the township could bring a suit in the district justice court and enforcement actions would continue. Mr. Smith reassured Mr. Jarret and Ms. Irwin that all of the issues were on the townships radar screen.

Ms. Lisa Briegel-Braud, Dark Hollow Road, said she knows there is a township website, and asked in what other ways does the township communicate with residents. Mrs. Rash said there are e-mail blasts through the website, and a Park and Recreation Facebook page and a Police Department facebook page. Mrs. Cozza said emergency management matters are sent via Twitter. Mr. Smith noted that ordinances are advertised in the local newspaper and notification is mailed to affected residents, per legal notification requirements. Mrs. Cozza added the township notifies residents who request to be alerted concerning various subject matters. Mr. Calderaio said the township publishes a newsletter that is mailed to each resident yearly.

Ms. Braud asked if there would be a newsletter published this spring and asked how many subscribers there are. Mrs. Rash said there would be a newsletter this spring, and it is mailed to each household in Buckingham Township.

Ms. Braud explained she is advocating that the township have an active social media page, as she does not know about the events and has struggled to find the information. She suggested an

Instagram page with 3-4 posts a week. Ms. Braud said the Buckingham Township Police Department posts 3-4 times a week and it shows involvement in the community. Ms. Braud said Facebook and Instagram are linked, and that every other township has this. Mrs. Cozza said she could look into this however the township does not have the staff to post on Instagram 3-4 times a week. Ms. Braud said it takes about 8 hours a month and is what she does for a living. Mr. Forest reminded Ms. Braud that Buckingham Township has the lowest tax rate in the area and is not going to hire staff at an extra cost to the taxpayers to manage an Instagram page when all of the information is posted on the township website. Mr. Forest added that the township events are well attended by people who check the website.

BOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rash made the following announcements:

- The April Board of Supervisor's work session and regular business meeting have been Rescheduled from April 26, 2023 to April 18, 2023.
- Yard Waste Pick-up – Free Leaf Bags are available until April 21, 2023 at the township office during the regular weekday hours of 7:30am-4:00pm.
- Clean-Up Weekend is April 22nd and April 23rd. Bring your large items to the Maintenance Garage at 4991 Upper Mountain Road (no hazardous materials). Paper shredding is offered on Saturday morning and Compost is available if you bring your own covered container and shovel.
- Egg Hunt at George M. Bush Park, Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Bring your baskets and camera for a picture with the bunny.

REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT, PAYROLL and BILL LIST

Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 14, to GS Developers for work completed on the Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, General Contract BT-21-04, in the amount of \$19,000.00.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Payment Request No. 14, to GS Developers for work completed on the Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, General Contract BT-21-04, in the amount of \$19,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Calderaio explained the money to pay for this project comes from the income received from the customers of the Township's wastewater facilities, not from the township's general fund or taxpayer funds.

Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 2, to GS Developers for work completed on the Water Company Generator Upgrades, Contract BT-22-01, in the amount of \$69,930.00.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Payment Request No. 2, to GS Developers for work completed on the Water Company Generator Upgrades, Contract BT-22-01, in the amount of \$69,930.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Calderaio reiterated that the money to pay for this project comes from the income received from the customers of the Township's water facilities, not from the township's general fund or taxpayer funds.

Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending February 26, 2023 and March 12, 2023, and the Bill List for the meeting of March 22, 2023.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Payroll for the weeks ending February 26, 2023 and March 12, 2023, and the Bill List for the meeting of March 22, 2023. in the total amount of \$992,312.16. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the February 22, 2023 Work Session and February 22, 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 February 22, 2023 Work Session and February 22, 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

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 Agreement to March 24, 2024, covering "Sycamore Hollow Farms, Lot 1", Township File SA 2010-01.

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 Agreement to March 24, 2024, covering "Sycamore Hollow Farms, Lot 1", Township File SA 2010-01.

Mrs. Rash asked if Mr. and Mrs. Gupta had terminated the relationship with Sycamore Hollow Farms, and Mr. Smith said "yes". Mr. Smith said township staff is studying what needs to be done to transfer responsibility from Mr. Jones to Mr. and Mrs. Gupta so they may complete the development project.

The motion carried unanimously.

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 Agreement to March 24, 2024, covering “Sycamore Hollow Farms, Lot 2”, Township File SA 2010-01.

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 Agreement to March 24, 2024, covering “Sycamore Hollow Farms, Lot 2”, Township File SA 2010-01. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of agreeing to the Developer’s Request for an Extension of the time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Residential Development Contract to April 10, 2024 covering the “McKernan Development” Subdivision, Township File SA 2007-01.

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 April 10, 2024 covering the “McKernan Development” Subdivision, Township File SA 2007-01. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of agreeing to the Developer’s Request for an Extension of the time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Residential Development Agreement to April 24, 2024 for the “Swank Tract” Subdivision, Township File SA 2017-01.

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 Agreement to April 24, 2024 for the “Swank Tract” Subdivision, Township File SA 2017-01. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of appointing Laura Mein to the Environmental Advisory Commission, filling a vacancy with an expiration date of January 2026.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to appoint Laura Mein to the Environmental Advisory Commission, filling a vacancy with an expiration date of January 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS / MANAGER’S ITEMS

Consideration of awarding the Pump Station Generators and Upgrades, Phase 3, BT-23-01, Bid to Derstine Company LLC of Souderton, PA in the amount of \$651,000.00.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to award the Pump Station Generators and Upgrades, Phase 3, BT-23-01, Bid to Derstine Company LLC of Souderton, PA in the amount of \$651,000.00.

Mr. Weaver explained this bid includes completely rebuilding the Fieldstone thirty-one year old pump station.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting the Roadmaster's recommendations for the Highway Materials Joint Bid Award through the Bucks County Consortium.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to accept the Roadmaster's recommendations for the Highway Materials Joint Bid Award through the Bucks County Consortium. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the request submitted by Karen Condit on behalf of the Doylestown United Methodist Church to waive the \$100.00 Park Pavilion Usage Fee set by Resolution No. 2593 for use of the George M. Bush Park Pavilion for a CROP Walk for Hunger to be held on October 8, 2023.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the request submitted by Karen Condit on behalf of the Doylestown United Methodist Church to waive the \$100.00 Park Pavilion Usage Fee set by Resolution No. 2593 for use of the George M. Bush Park Pavilion for a CROP Walk for Hunger to be held on October 8, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Purchase Order to Fred Beans Ford Lincoln for Two 2023 Police Interceptor's, in the total amount of \$79,282.00.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the Purchase Order to Fred Beans Ford Lincoln for Two 2023 Police Interceptor's, in the total amount of \$79,282.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Purchase Order to Block Communications to Outfit Two Police Vehicles in the total amount of \$28,561.64.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to approve the Purchase Order to Block Communications to Outfit Two Police Vehicles in the total amount of \$28,561.64. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Calderaio announced the Board held an Executive Session prior to the business meeting to discuss pending Froehlich litigation, police personnel matters, and potential land preservation offers.

Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 18th day of April, 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.