

**Elizabeth Township
Board of Commissioners
Monday, October 17, 2016
Commissioners' Workshop Meeting**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Commissioner Similo – Present
Commissioner Saxon – Present
Commissioner Kuzma – Present
Commissioner Beckowitz – Present
Commissioner Blake – Present
Commissioner Evans – Present
President Rhoderick – Present

Executive Session Acknowledgement: Solicitor Racunas acknowledges that there was an executive session held to discuss real estate and litigation itmes.

Bid Opening: Opening of bids received for the sale of the 1997 Ford Super Duty Bucket Truck. Only bid received from Kevin Jones, Elizabeth Auto Sales.

Motion to accept bid from Elizabeth Auto Sales in the amount of \$3,785.00.

1st Motion Commissioner Beckowitz **Second** Commissioner Evans

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

Discussion Items:

RFP for Liability Coverage – Lauren Zang asks if Commissioners would like to put coverage out for bid for 2017 or keep current carrier. Solicitor Racunas states that liability coverage expires year end and if the Township was going to go out for bid now would be the time. There is a renewal in this contract where the rates may increase slightly. Lauren Zang will distribute information to Commissioners in regards to possible rate increase with current carrier to decide to whether to go out for bid or not.

KLH Memo regarding EDU's for the Youghiogheny Country Club – President Rhoderick YCC noticed that their bill was especially high and leakage was fixed and lowered their bill. They are allowed to ask for adjustments to their EDU's every two years. Bryan Churilla states that an EDU is a user that uses 260 gallons per day and users are charged the \$42.00 minimum per EDU. Users over 260 gallons can be charged multiple flat rates and usage on top of that. After a flow evaluation their country club account went from 26 EDU's to 2 EDU's and the pro shop account went from 5 EDU's to 4 EDU's. President Rhoderick asks when the change in EDU's would take effect. Bryan Churilla states that it would be a board decision to retroact it. President Rhoderick states that it wasn't previously handled properly by the Sanitary Authority and asks that the board go back to whenever YCC wrote the letter in March of the previous year as long as it is justified.

- **Motion to adjust Youghiogheny Country Club EDU's contingent upon Bryan Churilla's review of the prior year when the request was written.**

1st Motion President Rhoderick **Second** Commissioner Beckowitz

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

Citizens to address AGENDA items only:

Ordinances:

Motion to adopt an ordinance of the Township of Elizabeth, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vacating a street known as Highland Avenue.

1st Motion Commissioner Beckowitz **Second** Commissioner Blake

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

Resolution:

A resolution of the Township of Elizabeth, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of the numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot numbers; 1132-G-288 would be in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the Municipality.

1st Motion Commissioner Saxon **Second** Commissioner Kuzma

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

Items for Consideration:

1. Motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2016.

1st Motion Commissioner Blake **Second** Commissioner Beckowitz

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

2. Motion to approve the October 17, 2016 Bill Warrant in the amount of \$301,576.25 which includes \$1,452.82 for Sanitary Department payroll that will be reimbursed from Sanitary Funds.

1st Motion Commissioner Beckowitz **Second** Commissioner Blake

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

3. Motion to approve the Sanitary Fund October 17, 2016 Bill Warrant in the amount of \$54,437.83.

NOTE- High amount due to Principal on GOB Series 2011 and Interest.

1st Motion Commissioner Blake **Second** Commissioner Evans

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

4. Motion to approve Bond Requisition 041 in the total amount of \$6,664.70.

1st Motion Commissioner Saxon **Second** Commissioner Kuzma

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

5. Motion to promote Officer Jonathan Patterson, Officer Christopher McBride and Officer Jordan Angelo to Class D Patrolman upon completion of their one year probationary period effective October 19, 2016.

1st Motion Commissioner Saxon **Second** Commissioner Evans

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

6. Motion to accept the resignation of Sergeant Robert Donnelly effective October 31, 2016.

1st Motion Commissioner Saxon **Second** Commissioner Beckowitz

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

7. Motion to rescind vote taken at the September 19, 2016 Workshop Meeting to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Recreation Fund to a separate account for Township events and functions like the Halloween Parade and Christmas.

1st Motion Commissioner Beckowitz **Second** Commissioner Blake

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

8. Motion to renew the current medical plan design for 2017 through Municipal Benefits Services and execute agreement.

1st Motion Commissioner Beckowitz **Second** Commissioner Blake

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

9. Motion to disburse the 2016 Volunteer Fire Relief Association allocation of \$70,186.42 equally to the five volunteer fire companies of Elizabeth Township.

1st Motion Commissioner Saxon **Second** Commissioner Beckowitz

Commissioner Similo – Yes

Commissioner Saxon – Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes

Commissioner Blake – Yes

Commissioner Evans – Abstain, Blaine Hill Fire Chief

President Rhoderick – Yes

6:0, 1 Abstain: **Motion Carries**

10. Motion to apply the 2016 Municipal Pension State Aid to the following plans in accordance with the 2016 MMO.

Elizabeth Township Pension Plan (Non-Uniform) \$58,516.41

Elizabeth Township Police Pension Plan \$58,516.42

1st Motion Commissioner Similo **Second** Commissioner Saxon

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

11. Motion to authorize payment to A&H Equipment in the amount of \$102,776.42 for two Tarco Leaf Machines with 90% of the total cost to be reimbursed to Elizabeth Township under the Act 101, Section 902 Recycling Grant awarded to Elizabeth Township.

1st Motion Commissioner Blake **Second** Commissioner Evans

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

12. Motion to authorize payment to Squibb It Printing in the amount of \$2,632.46 for the Fall Clean-Up Postcards and postage with 90% of the total cost to be reimbursed to Elizabeth Township under the Act 101, Section 902 Recycling Grant awarded to Elizabeth Township.

1st Motion Commissioner Beckowitz **Second** Commissioner Saxon

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

13. Motion to authorize payment of K9 related expenses such as veterinary services and printing services out of the K9 Donation Fund totaling \$752.12.

1st Motion Commissioner Beckowitz **Second** Commissioner Evans

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

Citizens to address items:

Billy Bury: Bill Bury states that it is his understanding that Invenergy, LLC is reimbursing the Township for all costs involving the Zoning Hearing Board hearings & fees. President Rhoderick states that they have paid some. Solicitor Racunas states that they have paid for everything through the original appeal process. The agreement dealt with the underlying proceedings. The Township had no out of pocket costs for that lengthy proceeding. Bill Bury comments in regards to the property behind his home and how Invenergy, LLC is interested in purchasing it and possibly extending the road down to Henderson Road.

