Elizabeth Township Board of Commissioners Monday, February 20, 2017 Commissioners' Workshop Meeting

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Commissioner Similo - Present

Commissioner Saxon - Present

Commissioner Kuzma – Absent

Commissioner Blake - Present

Commissioner Rhoderick - Present

Commissioner Evans – Present

President Beckowitz - Present

Executive Session Acknowledgement: President Beckowitz states that there was an executive session held at 6:15 PM to conduct an interview and to discuss litigation.

Presentation:

Board of Commissioners to honor Paul Mackey for his 37 years of service.

Attorney Joshua Pribanic – Editor-in-Chief of Public Herald.

Joshua Pribanic gives a summary of his research and findings over the years that could potentially correlate complaints about drinking water with fracking and drilling in areas of Pennsylvania.

Citizens to address AGENDA items only:

Russell Verbanec – Asks if the presentation can be posted on the Elizabeth Township website before the meeting so that residents can be prepared to comment.

Discussion:

PennDot Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement – Given to Solicitor Racunas to review for next meeting.

Resolutions:

Motion to adopt a resolution approving the amendment to the sanitary service agreement between Elizabeth Township and the Municipal Authority of McKeesport.

1st Motion Commissioner Saxon Second Commissioner Blake

No Roll Call: All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to execute the Agility Agreement between Elizabeth Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

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

No Roll Call: All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

Motion to adopt a resolution approving the donation of the following equipment to the Borough of Versailles as part of the 2016 902 Recycling Grant.

2000 Model Windy 100 Tarco Leaf Vacuum Collector

1998 Model Windy 400 Tarco Leaf Vacuum Collector

2 Leaf Collection Boxes

1st **Motion** Commissioner Saxon

Second Commissioner Blake

No Roll Call: All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

Items for Consideration:

1. Motion to approve the February 6, 2017 Commissioner Meeting minutes.

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

No Roll Call: All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

2. Motion to approve the General Fund Bill Warrant dated February 20, 2017 in the amount of \$226,886.05 contingent upon review of engineering bills by Commissioner Similo.

1st **Motion** Commissioner Rhoderick **Second** Commissioner Blake

All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

3. Motion to approve the Sanitary Fund Bill Warrant dated February 20, 2017 in the amount of \$47,337.53 contingent upon review of engineering bills by Commissioner Similo.

1st **Motion** Commissioner Blake **Second** Commissioner Saxon

All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

4. Motion to approve Bond Requisition No. 45 in the amount of \$26,489.76 contingent upon review of engineering bills by Commissioner Similo.

1st Motion Commissioner Rhoderick Second Commissioner Blake

All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

5. Motion to purchase a 2017 Ford F250 Truck in the amount of \$36,718.50 to replace the Sanitary F250 Truck that was totaled in January of 2017. Financing will be provided by Northwest Savings Bank.

1st **Motion** Commissioner Saxon Second Commissioner Blake

All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

6. Motion to approve the cost estimate provided by Suburban Glass Company in the amount of \$1,078.00 to replace defective window in Police Department.

1st **Motion** Commissioner Saxon Second Commissioner Blake

All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

7. Motion to purchase Apple FitBits for all full-time employees at a total cost of \$4,200.00 with the total expense reimbursed from Municipal Benefit Services.

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

All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

8. Motion to approve payment for K9 related expenses in the amount of \$1,817.00 out of the K9 Donation Fund. (Expenses include uniform purchase, muzzle, training tools and narcotic training safe.)

1st **Motion** Commissioner Similo **Second** Commissioner Blake

All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

9. Motion to advertise a special meeting for the Act 537 Plan to be held on March 2, 2017 at 6pm at the Municipal Building.

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

No Roll Call: All in favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

10. Motion to accept the proposal from Hoffman Kennels for Animal Control Services.

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

No Roll Call: All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

11. Motion to accept the proposal from C & D Towing for Towing Services.

1st **Motion** Commissioner Saxon Second Commissioner Blake

Commissioner Similo – Yes

Commissioner Saxon - Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – Absent Commissioner Blake – Yes

Commissioner Rhoderick - No

Commissioner Evans - No

President Beckowitz – Yes 4:2, 1 Absent: **Motion Carries**

12. Motion to reappoint John Snelson as an additional Emergency Management Deputy for the year 2017.

1st **Motion** Commissioner Similo Second Commissioner Evans

No Roll Call: All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

13. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County where Elizabeth Township is desirous of obtaining funds from the RAAC in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the Schweitzer Road retaining wall project.

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

All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

14. Motion to advertise the pipeline ordinance.

1st **Motion** Commissioner Blake **Second** Commissioner Rhoderick

All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

Bobby Madden with EFYA to address Board of Commissioners regarding the Field Maintenance Agreement. President Beckowitz states that a motion regarding the Field Maintenance Agreement will be addressed at the next meeting.

15. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to contact the EEOC to give us (Board of Commissioners) an explanation on the mechanics they used to provide recent findings.

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

All in Favor, 1 Absent: Motion Carries

Motion to Adjourn:

1st Motion Commissioner Saxon Second Commissioner Similo