

**Elizabeth Township  
Board of Commissioners  
Monday, April 3, 2017  
Commissioners' 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 acknowledges that there was an executive session held at 6:00 PM to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Announces Earth Day Saturday, April 22, 2017.

**Reports:**

Code Enforcement – John Snelson announces Special Planning Commission Meeting for Wednesday April 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building to review ordinances pertaining to pipelines and gas and oil operations ordinance.

Engineer – Bryan Churilla states that Chapel Drive building improvements are completed except for doors and gutters which should be complete by the end of the month. The 2017 Paving Project has been advertised. Bids will be received at the next meeting and opened beginning at 6:30 PM. In regards to the Act 537 Plan, PennVest funding can be available even after going through the same timeline and due dates.

Plant Operations/Veolia Water – Discussed March operations report and repairs that are needed to at two pump stations to replace pipes.

Police – March police report 426 events logged for the department 13 adult arrests, 5 juvenile arrests, officers conducted 40 traffic stops and issued 3 traffic citations. The department investigated 12 motor vehicle crashes 6 reportable, 6 non-reportable and 4 injuries were reported.

Public Works – John Castine states that the Road Department is working on Ocean Street drainage.

Solicitor – Nothing outside of written report and what was discussed in executive session.

**Presentation:** Chris Dell from Elizabeth Township EMS to speak about possible merger with Jefferson. The Administrative Headquarters will be located in Jefferson Hills while the Operational Headquarters will be located in Elizabeth on Swiss Way. Chris Dell states that the two EMS Services are about 70% through the merger process and hope to be operating as South East Regional EMS by August 2017.

**Citizens to address agenda items only:**

**Mike Majzer - Offered his assistance to work with KLH on the township 537 plan his offer was tabled by the board.**

**Tim Weinman – PTV V, LLC discussed the proposed land use development plan for Dollar General store to be located on Scenery Dr.**

**Larry Coccia – Inquired about the refund of cable TV franchise fees from SHACOG.**

**Patty Hoffman – Commented on how great the Easter egg hunt was and thanked those who helped make it a success.**

**Resolutions:**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-11 amending the current fee schedule to include the addition of a food vendor permit at \$200.00 per year.**

**Motion** Commissioner Saxon                      **Second** Commissioner Blake

**All in favor - Motion passed**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-12 to join with Allegheny League of Municipalities declaring the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> as Local Government Week.**

**Motion** Commissioner Saxon                      **Second** Commissioner Blake

**All in favor - Motion passed**

**Items for Consideration:**

1. Motion to approve the March 20, 2017 Commissioner Meeting minutes.

**Motion** Commissioner Blake                      **Second** Commissioner Similo

Commissioner Rhoderick – Questioned the minutes of March 20, 2017 about the vote for the gas & oil ordinance he believes that the motion was not voted on properly to send the ordinances back to the Planning Commission.

Motion to ratify the vote taken on March 20, 2017 on the oil & gas ordinance. seconded by

**Motion** President Beckowitz                      **Second** Commissioner Similo

**Roll call vote: In favor** Commissioner’s Similio, Saxon, Blake, Evans, Beckowitz. **Opposed:** Commissioner Rhoderick. **Absent:** Commissioner Kuzma. - **Motion passed.**

2. Motion to approve the General Fund Bill Warrant dated April 3, 2017 in the amount of \$88,016.55.

**Motion** Commissioner Similo                      **Second** Commissioner Blake

**Roll call vote: All in favor – Motion passed.**

3. Motion to approve the Sanitary Fund Bill Warrant dated April 3, 2017 in the amount of \$73,369.77.

**Motion** Commissioner Blake                      **Second** Commissioner Evans

**Roll call vote: All in favor – Motion passed.**

4. Motion to approve payments totaling \$58.90 out of the K9 Donation Fund for K9 tracking equipment.

**Motion** Commissioner Similo                      **Second** Commissioner Blake

**Roll call vote: All in favor – Motion passed.**

5. Motion to approve the land development application from PTV V, LLC for the construction of a Dollar General store located at 420 Scenery Drive as recommended by the Planning Commission contingent on the execution of a signed developer’s agreement.

**Motion** Commissioner Blake                      **Second** Commissioner Saxon

**All in favor – Motion passed.**

6. Motion to accept proposal from Suburban Glass Company in the amount of \$2,588.00 to replace insulated glass and metal panels at the storefront area of the Police Department entrance.

**Motion** Commissioner Saxon                      **Second** Commissioner Similo

**Roll call vote: All in favor – Motion passed.**

7. Motion to approve the Road Department Summer Hours from 6:00 AM – 2:30 PM for Memorial Day through Labor Day.

**Motion** Commissioner Saxon                      **Second** Commissioner Blake

**All in favor - Motion passed.**

8. Motion to retain Campbell Durrant Beatty Palombo & Miller, P.C. as special counsel for pending labor matter and additional special counsel.  
**Motion** Commissioner Saxon                      **Second** Commissioner Blake  
**Roll call vote: In favor** Commissioner's Similo, Saxon, Blake, Beckowitz. **Abstained:** Commissioner Rhoderick.  
**Opposed:** Commissioner Evans. **Absent:** Commissioner Kuzma  
**4 to 2 motion passed.**
  
9. Motion to waive the fee for use of Industry Field for Lydia Taylor to hold the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Bowl on October 8, 2017 Flag Football Game to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital.  
**Motion** Commissioner Saxon                      **Second** Commissioner Blake  
**All in favor - Motion passed.**
  
10. Motion to accept refund of Franchise Fee from SHACOG for years 2013, 2014, and 2015. Totaling \$65,415.09.  
**Motion** Commissioner Evans                      **Second** Commissioner Saxon

Commissioner Rhoderick states that this is 10% of the franchise fee that was held by SHACOG.

**Roll call vote: All in favor – Motion passed**

11. Motion to advertise an ordinance establishing fees, costs, penalties and procedures for use of the Elizabeth Township Sanitary Sewer System.  
**Motion** Commissioner Similo                      **Second** Commissioner Blake

Commissioner Rhoderick asked Bryan Churilla about the ordinance allowing of changes in the EDU's Bryan explained that changes are only for commercial users who can request a change every two years and that this ordinance does not change any of the rates charged for usage of the system.

**5 to 1 Motion Passed** commissioner Rhoderick was opposed.

12. Motion to rebid lawn cutting services changing a few speciation's and the length of the contract.  
**Motion** Commissioner Blake                      **Second** Commissioner Evans  
**All in favor – Motion passed**

**Citizens to address items:**

Russel Verbanec – Addressed the pipeline and oil & gas operations ordinances that are under review by the planning commission. Mr. Verbanec is opposed to any stricter regulations on pipelines and oil & gas drilling.

Marcus Nadler – Is concerned with wells close to schools and neighborhoods and for safety of the residents and children and the effect on property values wells could have.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**Motion** Commissioner Saxon                      **Second** Commissioner Evans  
**All in favor – Motion passed**