

**Elizabeth Township
Board of Commissioners
Monday, July 11, 2016
Commissioners' 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 – Absent
President Rhoderick – Present

Executive Session Acknowledgement: Solicitor Racunas acknowledges that there was an executive session held to discuss personnel issues.

Presentation: Frank Bernadowski presentation of Certificate of Recognition for being inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall Of Fame.

Department Reports:

Business & Economic Committee – No one present from the Committee.

Canine Committee – No one present from the Committee.

Code Enforcement – President Rhoderick asks about condemned property. John Snelson says he and Bryan Churilla are working on everything.

Engineer – Bryan Churilla says that paving is now complete. States that he's looked into the road study versus liquid fuels list. Of 39 roads they are seeing which ones can be submitted to liquid fuels. Commissioner Similo asks if KLH has the information Gateway was paid to give them. Bryan Churilla answers yes. We are using them for the consent order tasks. Commissioner Beckowitz asks when the information will be ready. Bryan Churilla responds in the next couple of weeks. Commissioner Similo asks about what are considered special projects and what are covered under the retainer fee. President Rhoderick says that they will sit down and look at the retainer.

Police – Report for the month of June, there were 604 events logged by Allegheny County 911, 22 adult arrests, 1 juvenile arrest, Officers conducted 68 traffic stops, issued 13 traffic citations, officers investigated 14 motor vehicle crashes, 8 reportable, 6 non-reportable, and 4 injuries as a result. Our department also participated in the South Hills DUI Task Force on June 25th.

Road – John Castine states that the in-house paving is complete, possibly 1 more road. The Road Crew is paving the back parking lot. Commissioner Beckowitz asks about the grass to the right of the Boston Bridge, who cuts it? John Castine says that we do (the Township). Commissioner Beckowitz asks them to cut it and clean it up. Commissioner Saxon asks John Castine if the Road Crew cuts Bunker Hill. John Castine says they do and they cut it last week. President Rhoderick brings up having a skid steer with

tracks on it to clear the right-of-ways for sanitation. President Rhoderick asks Bryan Churilla if it is part of the consent order that we must keep the right-of-ways clear. Bryan Churilla says it is not consent order but it is general maintenance that should be done. President Rhoderick asks the Board's opinion on looking at bids for the skid steer. No one objects. No motion needed to look at bids.

Solicitor – Nothing outside of executive session materials.

Citizens to address AGENDA items only:

Discussion Items:

Millings – President Rhoderick asks the Board's thoughts on giving the discretion to John Castine to deliver millings to residents with a stipulation on how many loads per resident as opposed to taking board action every time a resident makes a request for millings. Commissioner Saxon expresses concern about the Road Crew just dumping millings as opposed to actually working on private property. President Rhoderick says that most of the millings need dumped in the right-of-way which is the Township's Property to even out the road with driveways. Commissioner Blake speaks about millings under the Boston Bridge. No one objects to John Castine delivering millings to residents at his discretion.

August 1st Meeting – President Rhoderick asks Commissioners' opinions on canceling the Monday, August 1st Meeting due to Commissioners being on vacation.

- **Motion to cancel the Monday, August 1, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting.**

1st Motion Beckowitz **Second** Kuzma

Commissioner Similo – Yes

Commissioner Saxon – Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes

Commissioner Blake – Yes

President Rhoderick – Yes

6:0, Motion Carries

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2016-13. Motion to adopt a resolution accepting the Act 101, Section 902 Recycling Development and Implementation Grant in the amount of \$136,863.00 from the Department of Environmental Protection and execute agreement.

1st Motion Similo **Second** Kuzma

Commissioner Similo – Yes

Commissioner Saxon – Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes

Commissioner Blake – Yes

President Rhoderick – Yes

6:0, **Motion Carries**

Resolution No. 2016-12. Motion to adopt a resolution accepting the Memorandum of Understanding between the Allegheny County Conservation District and Elizabeth Township. The Memorandum of Understanding will serve as a foundation for a cooperative and mutually beneficial working relationship.

1st Motion Beckowitz **Second** Blake

Bryan Churilla further explains.

Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – Yes
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – Yes
President Rhoderick – Yes
6:0, **Motion Carries**

Items for Consideration:

1. Motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2016.

1st Motion Beckowitz **Second** Kuzma

Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – Yes
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – Yes
President Rhoderick – Yes
6:0, **Motion Carries**

2. Motion to approve the July 11, 2016 Bill Warrant in the amount of \$144,893.45 which includes \$6,302.41 (2 payroll periods) for Sanitary Department payroll that will be reimbursed from Sanitary Funds.

1st Motion Kuzma **Second** Blake

Commissioner Similo questions the use of credit cards.
Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – Yes
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – Yes
President Rhoderick – Yes
6:0, **Motion Carries**

3. Motion to approve the July 11, 2016 Sanitary Fund Bill Warrant in the amount of \$144,719.20.

1st Motion Beckowitz **Second** Blake

Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – Yes
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – Yes
President Rhoderick – Yes
6:0, **Motion Carries**

4. Motion to approve Bond Requisition 038 in the total amount of \$3,369.50.

1st Motion Beckowitz **Second** Blake

Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – Yes
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – Yes
President Rhoderick – Yes

6:0, **Motion Carries**

5. Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 926 to protect the property, environment and concerns of the Township and the health, safety, welfare and well-being of its residents, by regulation of Pipelines within the limits of the Township. Removed

6. Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 927 regulating the use and operation of model aircraft and amateur rockets in the Township.

1st Motion Beckowitz **Second** Blake

Commissioner Similo – Yes

Commissioner Saxon – Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes

Commissioner Blake – Yes

President Rhoderick – Yes

6:0, **Motion Carries**

7. Motion to provide 2 port-a-johns at a cost of \$170.00 for the Blaine Hill Fire Company Community Day on August 13, 2016.

1st Motion Beckowitz **Second** Blake

Commissioner Similo – Yes

Commissioner Saxon – Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes

Commissioner Blake – Yes

President Rhoderick – Yes

6:0, **Motion Carries**

8. Motion to waive firework permit fee for Buena Vista Community Day on August 6, 2016.

1st Motion Saxon **Second** Similo

Commissioner Similo – Yes

Commissioner Saxon – Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes

Commissioner Blake – Yes

President Rhoderick – Yes

6:0, **Motion Carries**

9. Motion to waive firework permit fee for Blaine Hill Community Day on August 13, 2016.

1st Motion Similo **Second** Beckowitz

Commissioner Similo – Yes

Commissioner Saxon – Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes

Commissioner Blake – Yes

President Rhoderick – Yes

6:0, **Motion Carries**

10. Motion to approve payment to M&M Uniforms in the amount of \$270.00 out of the K9 Donation Fund.

1st Motion Beckowitz **Second** Blake
Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – Yes
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – Yes
President Rhoderick – Yes
6:0, **Motion Carries**

11. Motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$41,809.45 to Mutual Employers Insurance Trust for employee insurance coverage for the month of August 2016.

1st Motion Rhoderick **Second** Kuzma
Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – Yes
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – Yes
President Rhoderick – Yes
6:0, **Motion Carries**

12. Motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$3,590.00 to The Lawnfather, LLC for grass cutting services for vacant properties.

1st Motion Similo **Second** Saxon
Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – Yes
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – Yes
President Rhoderick – Yes
6:0, **Motion Carries**

13. Motion to provide 5-6 tons of asphalt for paving for the Mt. Vernon field.

1st Motion Rhoderick **Second** Similo
Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – Yes
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – Yes
President Rhoderick – Yes
6:0, **Motion Carries**

14. Motion to add David Masioni, Walter Butch-Anthony, and Sandy Hearn as alternates to the Elizabeth Township Planning Commission.

1st Motion Saxon **Second** Beckowitz
Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – Yes
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – Yes
President Rhoderick – Yes
6:0, **Motion Carries**

15. Motion to have the Township make a payment not to exceed \$1,700.00 with the contingency of Solicitor Racunas to review and approve the painting of the building in Buena Vista that has the Post Office.

1st Motion Kuzma **Second** Rhoderick

Commissioner Similo – Yes

Commissioner Saxon – Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes

Commissioner Blake – Yes

President Rhoderick – Yes

6:0, **Motion Carries**

Citizens to address items:

Fred Bickerton: Waste Management Special Recycling Program. No one knows about it and not enough people go on the website or Facebook. President Rhoderick says he will ask Waste Management for their suggestion of how to spread the word about the program.

Lani Knabenschuh: Comments in regards to meeting minutes and past agendas either not posted on the website or posted as word documents as opposed to PDF documents. Asks about ethics commissions complaints and whether they've been filed or not. Solicitor Racunas states that it's a personnel matter. If there is a finding the Ethics Commission will make the finding public.

Cathy Wivagg: Asks about condemned properties. President Rhoderick states that the Commissioners will ratify the low bid at the August 15th meeting.

Sharon Pomay: Lives on Twele Road and has open drainage into her yard. John Castine states that he and Bob Robertson are going to look at it tomorrow.

****Break for Executive Session****

16. Motion to accept George Gobel's proposal for the investigation of the Sanitary Authority.

1st Motion Beckowitz **Second** Similo

President Rhoderick would like to attach a \$10,000.00 cap to the motion. There is discussion about the amount and other attorney referrals.

17. Motion to table the motion to accept George Gobel's proposal for the investigation of the Sanitary Authority with a \$10,000 cap.

1st Motion Rhoderick **Second** Saxon

Commissioner Similo – No

Commissioner Saxon – Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – No, we have to handle it

Commissioner Beckowitz – No

Commissioner Blake – Yes

President Rhoderick – Yes

3:3, **Motion Fails**

Vote on original #16 Motion

Commissioner Similo – Yes

Commissioner Saxon – No
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – No
President Rhoderick – No, not without cap
3:3, **Motion Fails**

18. Motion to accept George Gobel’s proposal for the investigation of the Sanitary Authority with a cap of \$10,000.00

1st Motion Kuzma **Second** Rhoderick

Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – No
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – No
President Rhoderick – Yes
4:2, **Motion Carries**

Motion to Adjourn:

1st Motion Saxon **Second** Beckowitz