

**Elizabeth Township
Board of Commissioners
Monday, June 20, 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 personnel matters, public works, and litigation issues.

Presentation: President Rhoderick acknowledges John Castine for his 30 years of service with the Township. The Board presents him with a plaque and a cake. Girl Scout Cadet Troop 50049 presents proposed projects to complete their Silver Award. Three groups present three different projects to be completed for the Community Center.

Group 1 is planning to create bird houses, bat boxes and informational boards regarding these items. They are planning to do this because it gives families the opportunity to engage in learning while spending quality time together. Not to mention they will be able to admire nature in a more animal friendly environment.

- **Motion to allow Girl Scouts Group 1 to earn award by putting up bird houses and bat boxes.**
1st Motion Saxon Second Blake
All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

Group 2 is planning to clean up the old wilderness trails that were used by the girl and boy scouts that used to use the camp. The girls will make trail markers and pedestals to help identify trees, plants and flowers that surround the Community Center and along the trails. They have the same focus as Group 1, to engage families in spending more time together outdoors away from electronics and distractions while learning about nature.

- **Motion for Board of Commissioners to donate up to \$200.00 for supplies to the Girl Scouts Group 2 to complete their project at the discretion of the Road Department.**
1st Motion Kuzma Second Saxon
All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

Group 3 is planning to make an “exercised focused” trail to follow around the Community Center grounds. Pedestals will be placed at each “station” to explain the exercise. The goal of this group is to again engage individuals and families to spend time outside while exercising and enjoying nature away from electronics.

- **Motion for Board of Commissioners to donate up to \$200.00 for supplies to the Girl Scouts Group 3 to complete their project at the discretion of the Road Department.**
1st Motion Saxon Second Similo
All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

Citizens to address AGENDA items only:

Discussion Items:

1. Paving: Requirements are specified on what kind of roads can use Liquid Fuels money. There is discussion of possibly making some of our roads wider so Liquid Fuels money can be applied. Bryan Churilla elaborates on Liquid Fuels requirements. Many roads that need paved in the Township are not on the list because they are not Liquid Fuels. President Rhoderick asks for a motion to add Ocean Street on the paving list. Commissioner Similo suggests that they take a look at all of the roads in the Township first to add to the Liquid Fuels and second to compose a list for next year.

Voting Items:

1. Motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Minutes from June 6, 2016.

1st Motion Beckowitz Second Kuzma

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

2. Motion to approve the June 20, 2016 Bill Warrant in the amount of \$193,117.03 which includes \$2349.75 for Sanitary Department payroll that will be reimbursed from sanitary funds.

1st Motion Beckowitz Second Similo

Commissioner Similo – No

Commissioner Saxon – Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes

Commissioner Blake – Yes

Commissioner Evans – Yes

President Rhoderick – Yes

6:1, **Motion Carries**

3. Motion to approve payment to El Grande Industries in the amount of \$344,455.79 out of the Liquid Fuels account for Pay Application No. 1 in regards to the 2016 Annual Paving Program.

1st Motion Beckowitz Second Evans

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

4. Motion to approve bid of \$7,454.00 for carpet replacement in the office to Robert Obusek Carpet Service.

1st Motion Kuzma Second Commissioner Similo

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

5. Motion to approve the June 20, 2016 Sanitary Fund Bill Warrant in the amount of \$60,025.98.

1st Motion Blake Second Beckowitz

All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

6. Motion to approve the wire transfer from the Sanitary Operating Fund in the amount of \$514,372.83 to BNY Mellon for the 2009, 2011 and 2012 interest on Sewer Bonds.

1st Motion Beckowitz Second Blake

Commissioner Similo – Yes

Commissioner Saxon – Yes

Commissioner Kuzma – No

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes

Commissioner Blake – Yes

Commissioner Evan – Yes

President Rhoderick – Yes

6:1, **Motion Carries**

7. Motion to award the Lovedale Sanitary Sewer Relocation project to Lawson Excavating in the amount of \$61,125.00.

1st Motion Beckowitz Second Evans
Working on agreement with PennDOT for 75% reimbursement.
All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

8. Motion to advertise for 2 alternates for the Planning Commission.

1st Motion Similo Second Saxon
All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

9. Motion to advertise for the Assistant to Mechanic Position for the Public Works Department with an hourly rate of \$25.26.

1st Motion Blake Second Kuzma
Commissioner Similo – Yes
Commissioner Saxon – No, wait until closer to retirement date
Commissioner Kuzma – Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes
Commissioner Blake – Yes
Commissioner Evans – Yes
President Rhoderick – Yes
6:1, **Motion Carries**

10. Motion to execute the Snow and Ice Agreement between Elizabeth Township and Allegheny County.

1st Motion Blake Second Evans
All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

11. Motion to authorize payment to Officer Dan Novacek in the amount of \$82.43 out of the K-9 Donation Fund for reimbursement of supplies purchased for K9.

1st Motion Kuzma Second Beckowitz
All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

Citizens to address items:

Megan McDonough: Speaks about the rights of residents in addition to the transparency and accountability of the Board. Asks Commissioners to make a motion. Solicitor Racunas explains that there will be an appeal and the Board of Commissioners must take a position as a whole on the appeal.

- **Motion to authorize Elizabeth Township to intervene into a probable statutory appeal that may be filed by Allegheny Energy Center (Invenergy) in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County and support the written decision of the Elizabeth Township Zoning Hearing Board.**

1st Motion Beckowitz Second Similo
All in Favor: **Motion Carries**

Emil Burak: Sanitary Authority, doing business with an entity did not exist since December 13, 2013. What was the back door discussion that was never done? Solicitor Racunas states that under the act it has to be revived. I can't question another professional. When I researched those issues it was my determination that that was correct and I drafted a notice of termination. Commissioner Similo states that three Solicitors let us operate illegally.

Claire Bryce: Asks about the audit. President Rhoderick says that it will be completed June 30th. Lauren Zang confirms that she never gave the credit card to Claire Bryce and the credit card was in Bobbi Jo Bickerton & Harry Faulk's name.

Pat Talavina: Spoke at May 16, 2016 meeting. The issue is now worse on the Jones property in the Boston Area. She needs help. There has been a fridge, a boat, and a car frame in yard and the Magistrate is not helping. John Snelson states that a new hearing notice has not been received yet but he will talk to Judge Mills, however it is out of his hands right now. Judge Mills will uphold the orange tags on cars so the Police can take them. Pat Talavina states that she has lived next door to Jones since 1968 and the yard has always been a mess but his excuse is that his mother has Diabetes. Solicitor Racunas and John Snelson to have meeting to come up with plan.

Patty Hoffman: Thanks Police for their service on the night of the special Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

Carol Dailey: Thanks Police also. Thanks Public Works Department for hanging banners. Thanks all involved in making decision at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting and states that she is very proud of the Board.

Motion to Adjourn:

1st Motion Beckowitz

Second Saxon