

WORKSHOP MINUTES

Those in Attendance: Chairman Adam Bills, Supervisors: Ray Rice and Sam Beiler, Township Manager David Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Farra, Todd Smeigh, P.E., Dylan Coleman and Jason Myer.

CALL TO ORDER AT 10:00AM

MINUTES

- Minutes to be reviewed/approved at December 19, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT/BILLS

- Treasurer's Report to be reviewed/approved at December 19, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting.
- Disbursement List of Bills to be paid to be reviewed/approved at December 19, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT – ACTION ITEMS

- Todd Smeigh, DC Gohn Associates, Inc. – Benuel K. Fisher – 113 Esbenshade Rd Stormwater Management Plan: Mr. Smeigh presented request for waiver of Stormwater Management Ordinance Section 501.14.A – Post Construction Infiltration Testing. He provided a synopsis of the project, what would be required to conduct the post construction infiltration testing and how this testing would reflect upon the actual viability of the stormwater management system. Discussion was had wherein the Supervisors determined that any waiver of post construction infiltration testing would need to be considered on a case-by-case basis and any decision to waive this requirement for this project is not meant to set a precedent for other projects conducted in the area. It was made clear that this requirement is in the Township Stormwater and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance in order to be compliant with state and federal regulations governing stormwater management. Mr. Smeigh relayed that there are additional changes to stormwater management requirements that the State will be implementing next year. These requirements will be even more burdensome and Township's will be required to once again update their stormwater and land development ordinances to incorporate these new requirements.

After discussion was had, and consistent with the above comments, including those regarding case-by-case consideration of like requests in the future, Ray Rice **motioned** to approve this request for waiver from conducting post construction infiltration testing for this project. Second by Sam Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

ROADMASTER:

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PLANNING COMMISSION:

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

SEWER AUTHORITY & SEO:

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Review and consider proposals for engineering services received in response to Request for Proposal. Mr. Thompson presented spreadsheet listing all engineering firms that had timely responded to the Request for Proposal for Engineering Services. He provided a summary of fees, number of personnel on staff, years of experience, other clients/municipalities served, major projects/accomplishments and references as provided by each engineering firm. Chairman Bills opened the discussion up for public comment with Supervisors Elect Dylan Coleman and Jason Myer, and invited Mr. Smeigh to share his thoughts and opinions regarding how the Township can better serve its residents with regard to engineering services. All concurred with the idea of having more than one engineering firm for residents to choose from in effort to minimize costs. Mr. Coleman and Mr. Myers feel having at least three firms to choose from would be best. Ultimately, four firms were selected from the list and Mr. Thompson was asked to follow-up with those firms for additional information and details, and to discuss hourly rates to determine if any of the firms were willing to negotiate their rates down. Mr. Thompson will provide the Board of Supervisors with the results of his communications with these firms for final discussion, and the appointment of the Township engineer(s), at the January 2, 2024 Re-organization meeting.
- Review and consider application submissions for vacancy on the Board of Supervisors created by resignation of Supervisor Craig Keenan effective November 30, 2023. The Board discussed and considered the application submissions of Kolby Bills and Bob Devonshire.

Chairman Bills opened the discussion up for public comment with Supervisors Elect Dylan Coleman and Jason Myer. Mr. Thompson indicated that Supervisor Elect Keith Landis had emailed him his thoughts on the candidates wherein he had stated his support for appointing Bob Devonshire. After

discussions were had wherein Mr. Coleman and Mr. Myer expressed their concurrence with the appointment of Mr. Devonshire with the understanding offer would be made to Mr. Bills to participate in other Township committees/boards where openings were available, it was determined that at the December 19, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting, the sitting Board of Supervisors would be recommending Bob Devonshire to fill the vacant Supervisor seat for the remaining 2 year term based upon his extensive experience in governmental operations and finance, emergency services and other areas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN

- At 10:49am, Ray Rice **motioned** to adjourn meeting. Second by Sam Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen E. Farra, Secretary/Treasurer