# CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING December 13, 2022 5:00p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please be advised that the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors met in executive session immediately prior to this meeting from <u>4:15pm</u> to <u>4:55</u> pm to discuss contract negotiations, personnel and litigation matters.

Attending this meeting were Supervisors Gary Friend, Bronwyn Kolovich and Frank Wise. Also present were Jodi L. Noble-Township Manager; James Liekar-Solicitor; Jennifer Slagle-Director of Engineering and Planning; Joseph Sites-Township Engineer; Steven Horvath, Chief of Police.

Jamie Rozzo, Recording Secretary; ABSENT: Ed Jeffries, Public Works Director

The Board addressed the residents prior to the meeting. They explained that the alternate bid was sent out to see if unified hauling would save the residents money when they sent their bid for recycling this year. It was not their intent to single out any haulers we currently have in the Township. They simply wanted to inquire whether it would be beneficial to the Township and residents in saving money. Currently the Township pays for the required recycle for its residents. They have not raised taxes in over 29 years. With current expenses rising, they were looking at options and avenues to possibly help with the budget.

#### **VISITORS TIME:**

2. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to Reject All bids and rebid a one (1) and a three (3) year recycling option. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion caried 3-0.

#### **Public Comment:**

David Cramer 25 S. Johnson Road clarified to the public that the Board rejected the unified hauler and opted to stay with just the recycle bid.

Merriam Miller 255 Washington Trail Road gave her feelings and frustrations with unified hauling. She is very satisfied with Mr. Lemon as her current provider and doesn't believe unified hauling would be a good decision for our Township.

Patricia Morflak 420 Allison Ave Ext. hopes the board doesn't decide to try this again down the road.

Harlan Shober 140 Shober Lane thanked the Board for looking out for the residents and seeing if the Board could save the residents money. The Board got a feel for what was going on and the residents' concerns regarding unified hauling and called a public meeting for those residents to be heard. This is not the first-time unified hauling has been brought up in the Township, but it is the first time the Board has ever put it out for bid. He doesn't believe the residents have anything to worry about and this item will most likely not be coming back in the future.

Vanessa Carter 220 Welsh Road has had issues with our recycle throughout the years. She has stopped recycling due to the number of times they have not picked up her recycle. She suggests that we investigate this and not pay for the houses that currently do not receive recycle or have missed recycle due to the hauler not picking it up.

George Popelas 439 Thorne Street thanked the Board for their freedom of choice.

Richard Hall 1350 Paxton Road feels that we could better communicate with the community by putting discussions like this one in the community newsletter. He also acknowledged how this discussion brought the community together and thanked Mr. lemon for his years of service to our community.

Jane Lemon thanked their drivers Don Wise and Zach for the outstanding job they do with trash pickup. She is always receiving thank you notes and kind words for their company and their drivers.

The Board is going to work on getting information out to the community on larger issues to get their opinion.

#### **DEVELOPERS TIME**

- 1. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the modification request from the requirements of §305-27 B (1) of the Chartiers Township Code of Ordinances, Subdivision and Land Development, requiring a plan shall be drawn at a scale of not less than one-inch equals 50 feet for the Revised Nickovich Plan of Lots No. 2 Minor Subdivision. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.
- 2. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the Revised Nickovich Plan No. 2 Minor Subdivision, conditional upon satisfaction of the outstanding items in the Township Engineer's letter dated December 12, 2022. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.
- 3. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the modification request from the requirements of §305-27 B (1) of the Chartiers Township Code of Ordinances, Subdivision and Land Development, requiring a plan shall be drawn at a scale of not less than one-inch equals 50 feet for the

Perryman Lot Consolidation Plan Minor Subdivision. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

- 4. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the Perryman Lot Consolidation Minor Subdivision, conditional upon satisfaction of the outstanding items in the Township Engineer's letter dated December 12, 2022. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.
- 5. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the financial security release for Arden Farms Phase VI in the amount of \$78,787.50 for completed/accepted improvements as recommended by the Township Engineer in his letter dated December 7, 2022. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.
- 6. Public Hearing 58 Kings Road, Scarmazzi Townhomes Conditional Use

The Regular Board Meeting was recessed and the Public Hearing for 58 Kings Road, Scarmazzi Townhomes Conditional Use Public Hearing was called to order at 5:28 pm.

The following Items were entered into the record by Jodi:

- Chapter Chartiers Township Code of Ordinances, Zoning
- Scarmazzi Homes Conditional Use Application
- Public Notices as they appeared in the Observer- Reporter 11/29/22 and 12/6/22
- Photos of the public posting of the property
- Letters to adjacent property owners
- Map of adjacent property owners
- Letter from the Kingston Estates homeowners association

Brian Metzler Engineer from T3 Global representing Scarmazzi Homes went over a diagram of the proposed townhomes for the new development off Kings Road. They are asking for a conditional use for this project. They were here to answer any questions the board or residents may have.

The board asked about the main entrance to this proposed development. Brian confirmed they would be placing the mailboxes near Kings Road as the main access point, but they will also be able to access their homes through Kingston Estates community.

James Simonini 321 Windsor Circle does not agree with the townhomes going in above his home. He also has concerns about traffic and speeding with more homes and cars being on the road.

Bill Pagano 306 Windsor Circle loves where he lives and has been there 16 years. He knew eventually the area around him would be developed. He also has concerns about the traffic and agrees they already have issues with traffic and

speeding. He thinks the residents need to have some patience and work with Mr. Sarmazzi. He has suggestions on possibly moving the townhomes to a different placement so they would not be towering over the Kingston Patio homes and to let Kingston Estates keep their cal de sac. He welcomes Mr. Scarmazzi.

Eric Perell from Park Place Realty Group submitted a letter to the board regarding Kingston Estates and the proposed Scarmazzi development. He recognizes the cul de sac was considered "temporary". He has suggested a modified cul de sac at the top of the plan, leaving the cul de sac for Kingston Estates residents. Most of these residents have been apart of this community 10 plus years and it would drastically change their neighborhood if the cul de sac is opened to the new development. He thanked the board for their time.

Jeff Marcischak 233 Lyons has lived in Chartiers for years. One of the reasons he loves Chartiers is its charming country setting. He feels with more development we will lose that charm that these residents love.

Dave 380 Oak Spring Road is concerned about development and flooding.

Jen Slagle, Township Engineer assured the residents that Chartiers Township does have requirements in place for storm water management with its new developments. These regulations must be followed.

Bernice Pagano 306 Windsor Circle asked Brian from T3 if there would be any provisions made to their development since they currently do not have any sidewalks.

Brian confirmed that they are planning to add a sidewalk to one side of the street in the new development. There have been no discussions on doing any offsite improvements.

The board mentioned that we are not permitted to deny a development if they are following the ordinances and own the land. They are permitted to build as long as they follow Chartier's guidelines.

John Breitigan 309 Windsor Circle is concerned on the distance between his home and the new proposed townhomes. He believes this will be a privacy issue.

Brian from T3 stated the ordinance requires 50 ft for a setback. They are proposing a larger set back that is closer to a 100-foot setback.

Timothy Surich 1015 Allison Hollow Road is concerned about the traffic along Allison Hollow Road. They have issues with speeding and traffic now. The development is going to bring more traffic related issues. This road is narrow as well.

The Scarmazzi Homes Conditional Use Hearing was adjourned to the regular board meeting at 6:15 pm.

7. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the Scarmazzi Homes Conditional Use Application for Townhomes in the R2 Zoning District for 58 Kings Road (170-015-00-00-0010-00) as recommended by the Chartiers Township Planning Commission at their meeting of November 15, 2022. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the minutes for the Budget Meetings of November 1, 2022, November 9, 2022 and November 15, 2022 as well as the Regular meetings of November 8, 2022 and the regular November 22, 2022, as presented. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORTS:**

Mrs. Kolovich-No Report Mr. Wise -No Report Mr. Friend -No Report

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the Conditional Use Application of Sheri Donas for a Home Occupation: Child Care Facility in the R-2 Zoning District for 781 McClane Farm Road (170-014-01-00-0008-00) in accordance with Section 350-51 F. 19.r. of the Chartiers Township Code of Ordinances Zoning, as recommended by the Chartiers Township Planning Commission at their meeting of October 18, 2022. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.
- 2. Public Hearing Liquor License transfer request 1375 Henderson Ave

The regular board meeting was adjourned to the Public Hearing Liquor License transfer request for 1375 Henderson Ave at 6:20 pm.

The following items have been entered into the record by Jodi:

- Application from Graham Bros, III, LLC to transfer the liquor license
- Public Notice as it appeared in the Observer Reporter on 11/22/22 and 11/29/22

The Public meeting was adjourned to the Regular Board Meeting at 6:22 pm.

- 3. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve from GrahamBoys, LLC for the transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License (R-6237) from Wheeler Inn, Inc of 2 Cedar Grove Road, Cross Creek Township, Avella, PA 15312 to 1395 Henderson Avenue, Washington, PA 15301 ad adopt Resolution R-19-22, accordingly. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.
- 4. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to adopt Resolution R-20-2022 and establish the 2023 Real Estate Tax Rate of 0.8632 Mills for general purposes and other such tax and assessment rates as included therein

as recommended by the Township Manager. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

5. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to adopt the 2023 Chartiers Township Final Budget and approve Resolution R-21-2022 accordingly. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to make an offer
of employment to <u>Erica Bandi</u> for the position of Sewer Clerk/Community
Development Coordinator and amend Resolution R-2-22 accordingly. A roll call
vote was made by the Supervisors.

Vote: Kolovich yes Wise yes Friend abstained

The motion carried 2-1.

- 2. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the agreement by and between Chartiers Township and the Chartiers Police Department Wage and Policy Committee for 2023-2025 in a form acceptable to the Township Labor Counsel. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.
- 3. A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to authorize payment of invoices indicated on the attached listing. Invoices to be paid are posted on the bulletin board for review.

General Fund:\$74,063.85;Fire Tax Fund:\$13,788.32;Rev. Gaming Fund:\$1,620.47;Sewer Fund:\$6,819.20;Local Services Tax Fund:\$7,678.92;Comm. Oper. Fund:\$30.00;Capital Reserve Fund:\$97.19;Payroll Fund:\$2,906.82;Total Checks:\$107,004.77

Online Bills:\$30,959.44

All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. 2022 Sewer Rehab
  - a. Contract A: Excavation-The excavation contract has been completed.
  - b. Contract B: Lining-This item will be rebid in 2023.
  - c. CCTV-A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.
- 2. Barnickel and Country Club-Thomas, the Townships alternate Engineer gave an update regarding permitting and the next steps on this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the quote for Geotechnical Investigative Services for the Barnickel and Country Club Relocation project to ACA Engineering, Inc.in the amount of \$8,815.50 as recommended by the Project Engineer in his letter dated December 12, 2022. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

#### 3. WEWJA Items

- a. Arden Pump Station-No Update
- b. Arden Mines Sewage Project-No Update
- c. WEWJA Multi-Municipal 537 -No Update
- 4. May 3<sup>rd</sup> storm / emergency follow-up-The Salt Storage Facility has been restored and the salt has been placed back into the salt storage facility.
- 5. Laurel Ave Improvement Request-Public Works made this road passable with regrind. They will maintain this portion of Laurel Ave.
- 6. Girls Softball Requests
  - a. Meeting Room Use-Softball has requested to use the meeting room for their upcoming meetings for the winter months.
  - b. Complementary Community Center Use-Girls Youth softball has requested their organization be considered for the complimentary rental drawing for the Chartiers Township Community Center.

Jodi let the board know we did not receive enough request to require a drawing take place. The girls' softball can be granted a complimentary use at this time if the board agrees.

A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to permit the girls youth softball program to use the Chartiers Township Meeting Room for their winter board meetings. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve a complementary use of the Chartiers Community Center to the girl's youth softball program. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

7. Alternative Office Hours Continuation Consideration – The board asked residents for their opinion on keeping alternate hours at the Township for the winter months. The residents agreed when they were working, they would appreciate the alternative hours, as it makes it easier to come in after work.

A motion was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the extension of Chartiers Township Alternative Hours through March 2023 and revisit in April 2023. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURN** 

Alex Nakoneczny 627 Regent Street asked the board on an update with his past sewer issues. The board, Jodi, and Jen discussed everything that has been done to identify and address the sewer issues. They have taken steps to remedy infiltration concerns around his property. They will continue to monitor the situation. Mr. Nakoneczny has not had an issue with flooding since work has been completed.

Scott Moore 129 Piatt Estates Drive submitted a letter to the board regarding Piatt Estates placement of their cluster boxes. He has concerns for elderly and disabled residents. The boxes are not ADA compliant for disabled bodies. He has contacted USPS along with the United States Postmaster General regarding this issue. He has asked for the Townships help if possible as he has not gotten anywhere with USPS.

Jodi has contacted our State Representative about this issue. Jen and Jodi are working with Piatt Estates to address this issue and hopefully remedy this situation.

Joe Kereki 639 N Main Street asked the board for their help with vehicles speeding down his alley. This has been an ongoing issue. He has asked for speed bumps or something that will help slow down traffic.

Jodi explained the PennDOT process the Township must follow to Mr. Kereki. She will have this item added to the following agenda for board to discuss.

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Time: <u>7:15pm</u>	
	Frank Wise Jr.
Jamie Rozzo -Recording Secretary	