

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2023

A meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Henry on the above date at the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Henry were Robin Lindsey, Norman Zoumas, Chris Judd, and Paul W. Navarro. Also in attendance were Bradley Gotshall, Township Manager, Samuel Miller, Assistant Township Manager, and Steve Stine, Township Solicitor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Judd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes of the business meeting held on February 7, 2023. Mr. Zoumas seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Announcements

Mr. Henry announced that the Supervisors would meet in executive session before the meeting, and they would meet again afterward.

Public Comment

Bill Minsker, 5956 Linglestown Road, Lower Paxton Township Lions Club, announced that the Lions Club met last Tuesday, March 28, 2023, to hold the Officer of the Year ceremony. Every year in October they hold a ceremony to recognize a Firefighter from one of the three fire companies and a representative of South Center Emergency Management Services.

Last week, the Lower Paxton Township Lions Club recognized Officer Matthew R. Bond as the Officer of the Year. Officer Bond has demonstrated outstanding service for the Township by handling 534 calls for service, that's 115 more calls than the average officer, 97 traffic citations, 344 warnings, 60 criminal arrests, 25 non-traffic citations, 49 driving under the influence arrests, and 10 arrests for illicit drugs. Officer Bond and his wife attended the program, and he is a fine representative of the 60 officers on the police force.

Mr. Henry thanked Mr. Minsker and the Lower Paxton Lions Club for recognizing the Township's outstanding police officers and firefighters throughout the year.

Chairman and Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Lindsey announced that she received a lot of emails and calls from residents about the culvert replacement on Fairmont Drive. The culvert was removed on Monday, March 27, 2023, and replaced by Thursday, March 30, 2023. The project should be completed by May or June 2023.

Manager's Report

Mr. Gotshall announced that the Township's Compost Facility is now open for the 2023-2024 season and the operating hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, starting at 7:30 a.m. till 5:30 p.m. The permits can be purchased at the Municipal Center and Hornung's Hardware store. He reminded residents that the Municipal Center will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023, in observance of Good Friday.

Old Business

Action to Adopt the Strategic Management Planning Program Project Report

Mr. Navarro motioned to adopt the Strategic Management Planning Program Project Report. Mr. Judd seconded the motion.

Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Action to Approve Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart and Distributor Settlement Agreements Relative to Global Opioids Litigation

Mr. Miller announced that he and Solicitor Stine had briefed the Supervisors on settlement arrangements with Jansen Pharmaceuticals and three of the largest pharmaceutical distributors related to the Opioid Epidemic. Those settlements are ongoing and two additional manufacturers, Allergan and Teva along with three of the largest pharmacy chains in the U.S.: CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart were identified to negotiate separate settlements. The settlements were resolved in late 2022; the agreement before the Board is the action for the Township to participate in the settlement agreements as a subdivision party. While the settlements are very substantial in total, a very small amount will trickle down to subdivisions for use and it will go through a complex formula about the impact of the opioids and distribution from state to state and would be restrictive in use.

Mr. Judd asked Mr. Miller if the Township would administer the funds received from the settlement. Mr. Miller explained that the funds would be available in the future and could be used in partnership with South Central Emergency Management Services and the Police Department. Mr. Judd mentioned that Dauphin County probably has a program to administer the funds.

Mr. Navarro announced that he sits on the Dauphin County Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board. Currently, there is no specific program in place; however, the funds will be used to educate EMS employees and the Police to help identify, assist, and treat people.

Mr. Judd motioned to Approve Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and Distributor Settlement Agreements Relative to Global Opioids Litigation.

Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

New Business

Action to Approve a Municipal Lease-Purchase Agreement with Santander Bank for (3) Three Public Safety Vehicles

Mrs. Lindsey motioned to approve the Municipal Lease-Purchase Agreement with Santander Bank for three Public Safety Vehicles. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Action to Approve Change Order No. 1 from East Coast Contracting, Inc. For the Reception Area Renovations at the Municipal Center

Mr. Zoumas motioned to approve Change Order No. 1 from East Coast Contracting, Inc. for the Reception Area Renovations at the Municipal Center; an increase of the contract for \$ 2,030.058 and extend the term of the contract until June 30, 2023. Mrs. Lindsey seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Subdivision and Land Development

Action to Approve a Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan and Lot Addition for 2150 Parkway West (Plan #23-05)

Mrs. Lindsey motioned to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan and Lot Addition for 2150 Parkway West (Plan #23-05). Mr. Zoumas seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Improvement Guarantees

Mrs. Lindsey motioned to approve the Improvement Guarantees for Poplar Street, Linglestown Fire Company, 1250 Colonial Road, Blue Ridge Village, Phase 3, 5912 Linglestown Road, and The Estates of Union Deposit. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Payment of Bills – Lower Paxton Township & Lower Paxton Township Authority

Mr. Zoumas made a motion to pay the bills for Lower Paxton Township and the Lower Paxton Township Authority. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Announcements

Mr. Henry announced that the next Board workshop meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center.

Mr. Henry noted that there have been a lot of rumors and disinformation circulating relative to the trash bids; next week Mr. Gotshall and Mr. Miller will be presenting the results of the bids and different components to it. The Board will hear an analysis of the bids and act to award the bid at the following meeting scheduled for April 18, 2023. Therefore, there's ample time for public input over the next two weeks.

Adjournment

Mr. Zoumas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Smith
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Chris Judd
Secretary