

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, SHALER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. by the Chairman David Shutter. Following a prayer by Commissioner Boyle and the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman asked the Secretary to call the roll as follows:

PRESENT: Iozzo, Boyle, Cross, Shutter, McElhone, Mizgorski, Fisher
ALSO PRESENT: Timothy Rogers, Manager; Harlan Stone, Solicitor; Judith Kording, Assistant Manager; Robert Vita, Code Enforcement Officer; Amanda Jennings, Finance Assistant; Elaina DiBucci, Administrative Assistant

The Chairman announced that an Executive Session was held on April 27, 2021 and this evening at 5:30 p.m. wherein the following topics were discussed: employee and personnel matters, contracts and policies, and an update on the actual and on-going litigation as well as potential litigations and identifiable complaints and agency business which if conducted in public would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of confidential information. Mr. Stone said the session was absolutely necessary and was in full compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and Act 15 which covers public meetings under the Governors Declaration of Disaster Emergency.

Approval of Minutes

The first item of business was the possible approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners held Tuesday, April 13, 2021. **Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2021 be approved as received by each Commissioner. The motion was carried.**

Proclamations

Fire Police Association – 40 Years

Mr. Boyle presented a Proclamation for 40 years of service to members of the Fire Police Association. The Board thanked the Fire Police Association for all of their hard work over the years.

Planning Commission

The next item of business was the Planning Commission minutes. **Mr. Piekarski** stated preliminary approval was given to the site development at Wible Homes, LLC on Wible Run Road and the site development at 1611-1615 Babcock Boulevard.

Engineers Report – Mr. Matthew Sebastian

The next item of business was the Engineers Report.

- Sanitary Sewer
 - RedZone Robotics began CCTV work, televising sewers as part of our ongoing Operation and Maintenance efforts. This year, we are running a pilot program to

include gathering CCTV data for manholes, instead of only our pipes. This should help us plan proactively for repair projects.

- Contracted with Insight Pipe Contractors through the NHCOC Sewer Repair contract to provide updated CCTV information for the trunk mains that will be turned over to ALCOSAN. This CCTV data will show the results of various repair projects we've completed in recent years.
- *Paving*
 - A. Liberoni, Inc approached us to start the annual paving program 3 weeks early. Typically, we start at the beginning of June. Due to Public Works already completing storm drain improvements on a number of roads on our paving list and a desire to limit any delays in the overall program, we are working with Liberoni's early schedule and hope to have the project completed sooner than past years.
- *Other*
 - Submitted a grant application for the demolition of 7 unsafe structures throughout the Township. We expect to know the results of this application within a month or two and will bid out demolition as soon as possible to correct these lingering issues.
 - The Fawcett Fields/Eagle Canyon Trail project was put out to bid. We are on track for fall construction.

Shaler Hampton EMS

The next item of business was a report from **Mr. Eric Schmidt**, Director of Shaler Hampton EMS (SHEMS). Mr. Schmidt reported on the number of calls in April, and they are up 58 calls from last year. He stated they also transported 25 more patients, which is the trend they have been seeing as last year, patients did not want to go to the hospital due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Schmidt stated they have been helping with the Ross Township and Allegheny County COVID vaccines. He stated about 53% of people in Pennsylvania have received their first dose of the COVID vaccine and about 45% have received both COVID vaccines. He stated this is not where PA needs to be to get the mask restriction lifted at the end of May, so he encourages people to get the vaccine if possible.

Mr. Schmidt stated with Firefighter's week last week, Police week this week and EMS week next week, he appreciates all the hard work of the public safety department they deal with and the support from everyone. He stated a group of SHEMS workers attended the Township Polar Plunge event and they are looking forward to the Bike Rodeo coming up on May 22nd with Shaler, Millvale and Etna Police Departments and SHEMS.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Shutter**, **Mr. Schmidt** stated the subscription drive is going well and the second follow-up is going out soon.

New Business

HSWA Sam Scarfone introducing new Executive Director

The next item of business was HSWA **Mr. Sam Scarfone** introducing the new Executive Director. Mr. Scarfone will be retiring soon after 27 years of work with HSWA and introduced **Ms. April Winkleman**, whom will be taking his place as the new Executive Director of HSWA.

Ms. Winkleman stated she has been in the water business for over 24 years. She stated the challenges will be manageable and there is always room for growth and improvement with HSWA. She stated the transition from Mr. Scarfone to herself has been going well.

Presentation from the Allison Park Sportsmen Club (APSC)

The next item of business was the presentation from the APSC on their new website. **Mr. Rich Simmens**, President of the APSC, thanked the Board of Commissioners and Township Manager, Timothy Rogers, for all the help and support over the years. Mr. Simmens then introduced **Mr. Stephen Plut** who created the website for the APSC over the last year. **Mr. Plut** present the website to the Board and stated it is an informational website for people to see what the APSC does, when events are, when meetings are, etc.

Crawford Pool summer part-time employees

The next item of business was the possible approval of Crawford Pool summer part-time employees.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Cross that the following individuals be hired as summer part time employees for the Crawford Pool. The motion was carried.

	Concession Stand Applicants	Position Hired For
1	Savannah Warrick	Shaler Shack Employee
2	Matteo Casuccio	Shaler Shack Employee
3	Carson Wolff	Shaler Shack Employee
4	Cassidy Laffey	Shaler Shack Employee
5	Brianna Gumto	Shaler Shack Employee
6	Hannah Klaas	Shaler Shack Employee
7	Madison Ballew	Shaler Shack Employee
8	Daniel Perrine	Substitute
9	Josh Brukhart	Substitute

	Pool Applicant	Position Hired For
1	Derek Forrester	Sub Guard/Checker
2	Tyler Ngo	Sub Guard/Checker
3	Lorenzo Basa	Sub Guard/Checker
4	Alyssandra Poliziani	Sub Guard/Checker
5	Braden Bork	Sub Guard/Checker

Receipts and Authorizations

The next item of business was the receipts for the month of April 2021.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Mizgorski that the receipts for the month of April 2021 be turned over to the proper authorities for deposit. The motion was carried.

The next item of business was the authorizations for the month of April 2021.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Cross that warrants be drawn for the month of April 2021. The motion was carried.

Reports of Standing Committees

Environmental & Land Use Committee

Walk Bike Shaler – Corridor Study

The next item of business was the Walk Bike Shaler Grant for the corridor study.

Mr. McElhone moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that the recommendation of Shaler Township will provide a matching grant up to but not exceed \$20,000 for the corridor study from Walk Bike Shaler be approved. The motion was carried.

Public Works Committee

Ravine Street Agreement

The next item of business was the Ravine Street Agreement.

Mr. Mizgorski moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle that the joint municipal agreement with O'Hara Township and Sharpsburg Borough for the Ravine Street Stream Removal Project be approved. The motion was carried.

Mt. Royal PennDOT Reimbursement and Maintenance Agreement

The next item of business was the Mt. Royal PennDOT Reimbursement and Maintenance Agreement.

Mr. Mizgorski moved, seconded by Mr. Cross that the Mt. Royal PennDOT Reimbursement and Maintenance Agreement be approved. The motion was carried.

ALCOSAN Transfer Agreement

The next item of business was the ALCOSAN Trunk Main Transfer Agreement.

Mr. Mizgorski moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that the ALSOCAN Regionalization Transfer Agreement of the two trunk mains be approved. The motion was carried.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Seadogs Pricing Request for Non-Residents

The next item of business was the Seadog Non-Resident Pricing.

Mr. Iozzo moved, seconded by Mr. Mizgorski that the \$50 fee for Non-Resident Seadog Members which allows them access to Seadog practices and meets only be approved. The motion was carried.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 6-2021 Coal Tar-Based Sealant

The next item of business was Resolution Number 6-2021 Coal Tar-Based Sealant.

Mr. McElhone moved, seconded by Mr. Mizgorski that Resolution Number 6-2021 Coal Tar-Based Sealant be approved. The motion was carried.

Resolution No. 8-2021 NIMS Update

The next item of business was Resolution Number 8-2021 National Incident Management System.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Cross, that Resolution Number 8-2021 National Incident Management System be approved. The motion was carried.

Resolution No. 9-2021 ACT 152 Grant Application

The next item of business was Resolution Number 9-2021 ACT 152 Grant Application. **Mr. Mizgorski moved, seconded by Mr. Cross that Resolution Number 9-2021 ACT 1520 Grant Application be approved. The motion was carried.**

Resolution No. 10-2021 ACT 152 Grant Application – Slums and Blight

The next item of business was Resolution Number 10-2021 ACT 152 Grant Application – Slums and Blight.

Mr. Mizgorski moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that Resolution Number 10-2021 ACT 152 Grant Application – Slums and Blight be approved. The motion was carried.

Commissioners Comments

Mr. Mizgorski stated there will be a Memorial Day Service on May 31st at the Mt. Royal Boulevard Cemetery at 11:30 AM Sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9199 and the American Legion Post of Shaler. The Board of Commissioners will be in attendance of the ceremony at the cemetery.

Manager's Report

Mr. Rogers stated there is a special committee meeting in May for the Shaler Area School Board's offer to the Township for the purchase of Jeffery School to be in the 2021 budget. Also, he commended **Sergeant McBurney** for the grant he received from the DCED in the amount of \$50,000 for the purchase of message board, speed control devices and traffic enforcement.

Mrs. Kording stated the Bike Rodeo is coming up on May 22nd at Kiwanis Park from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM with the Millvale, Etna and Shaler Police Departments as well as SHEMS. She stated there are close to 30 bikes to giveaway and each child at the event will have the ability to win one of these bikes.

Mr. Kording stated the week of May 24 will start the Chalk the Block event. She stated the Township welcomes anybody to go to Kiwanis Park and create artwork with chalk in the Kiwanis Park parking lot spots.

Public Comments

Mr. Brian Kelly, Retired Chief of Police for Shaler Township was present at the meeting and asked the Board about Resolution Number 10-2021 regarding slums and blight. **Mr. Rogers** stated this resolution is part of the grant application for demolition and it is the term they use. Mr. Rogers stated there are some properties in the Township that are considered blight, but not slum. He stated there are 7 properties the Township is listing for this grant and there are 10 total properties on the Township's list. Mr. Rogers stated it has been difficult for the Township to get funding to demolish these properties that are considered blight throughout the Township. He stated we worked through the North Hills Council of Governments and they suggested the Township applies for this grant.

There being no further business, **Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Cross that the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy J. Rogers, Secretary

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