

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING, SHALER TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

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

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

The Chairman announced that an Executive Session was held on August 10, 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.

**Mr. Rogers** noted that **Commissioner Shutter** called into the meeting and was present telephonically due to being out of state and **Commissioner McElhone** is recovering from surgery.

**Approval of Minutes**

The first item of business was the possible approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners held Tuesday, August 10, 2021. **Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2021 be approved as received by each Commissioner. The motion was carried.**

**Planning Commission**

The next item of business was the Planning Commission minutes. Mr. Piekarski stated at their last meeting, final approval was given to two lot consolidations in the 6<sup>th</sup> ward. He stated there were no issues that the Board needs to review for either property.

**Engineers Report – Mr. Matthew Sebastian**

The next item of business was the Engineers Report.

- *Sanitary and Storm Sewer*
  - The 2021-2022 NHCOC Sewer Rehabilitation contract bids were opened. Low bidders included familiar companies like State Pipe Services and Robinson Pipe Cleaning. Bid amounts were similar to the previous (2020-2021) contract and we plan to continue using the NHCOC contracts for sewer rehabilitation work.
  - Met with 3 Rivers Wet Weather (3RWW) working group to discuss Consent Order Agreements (COAs). With COAs drafted for separate sanitary system

(SSS) communities, in-person meetings have resumed for 3RWW. I will continue to meet for the general 3RWW meetings and SSS subcommittee to discuss steps needed for COA compliance and multi-municipal projects. Due to our previous sewer flow reduction work and current planning, I feel that Shaler is well positioned to meet the goals of the COA.

- *Parks*
  - Construction started on the Fawcett Fields/Eagle Canyon Trail project. The contractor is working on the stream restoration items first and finishing with the trail work. I am working with the County on expanding the scope of work covered by the GEDTF grant to fully utilize our funding amount.
- *Paving*
  - A. Liberoni, our paving contractor, has returned to Shaler to complete the 2021 paving program. They are currently working in the northeastern part of the Township on and near Dressel Rd. They will then move west to Elfinwild Ln and surrounding roads before finishing in the southern part of the township on Elbe, Locust Ridge Newland, and Elizabeth.

### **Shaler Hampton EMS (SHEMS)**

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 last month, calls received and response times. Mr. Schmidt stated that “Mission Lifeline” is an organization that SHEMS participates in. He stated they recognize hospitals and EMS agencies that provide exemplary care to cardiac patients. SHEMS was recognized just last week with Mission Lifeline and received the Silver EMS Plus Award, so now they are on their way to achieving gold next year. He stated SHEMS is looking forward to homecoming, trunk or treat and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shaler Area School District.

**Mr. Schmidt** gave an update on COVID. He stated from June 15<sup>th</sup> – August 17<sup>th</sup>, SHEMS did not transport a single COVID patient. Since then, they have been notified of at least 8 patients who were COVID positive. He stated there has been over 5 billion doses of vaccines delivered. He quoted an article that was published in the Post-Gazette today that stated “ Over 90% of COVID patients that are hospitalized are unvaccinated”. He stated there is such a shortage in hospitals with staffing that there are so many delays with care for patients. He stated they are experiencing things that they never have in the past like; Allegheny General being in code black two weeks ago for a 4-hour time period where they wouldn’t accept any patients due to the staffing crisis and an excess number of patients. He asks people to please get vaccinated.

**Mr. Schmidt** also provided the board with an update on their new ambulances. He stated there is a new supervisor’s vehicle, two new ambulances and through grant funding through Highmark a UTV are all now in service. He thanked everyone for their support they received throughout this process.

### **New Business**

#### **John Rihn storm presentation**

The next item of new business is a storm presentation for Emergency Management Coordinator, John Rihn. **Mr. Rihn** presented a PowerPoint on an overview of Tropical Storm Ida

that occurred on September 1, 2021. He went over the events leading up to the storms, what information they were provided to prepare accordingly for this and explained Allegheny County's floodplain.

**Subdivision/Lot Consolidation – Harry J. Soose, Jr. and Michele R. Soose – 3302 Laurel Drive Lot & Block #519-H-170 - Ward 6 and Ronald A. Geyer and Carolie R. Geyer – 3300 Laurel Drive Lot & Block #519-H-166 – Ward 6.**

The next item of business was the Subdivision/Lot Consolidation – Harry J. Soose, Jr. and Michele R. Soose – 3302 Laurel Drive Lot & Block #519-H-170 - Ward 6 and Ronald A. Geyer and Carolie R. Geyer – 3300 Laurel Drive Lot & Block #519-H-166 – Ward 6.

**Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher, that the Subdivision/Lot Consolidation – Harry J. Soose, Jr. and Michele R. Soose – 3302 Laurel Drive Lot & Block #519-H-170 - Ward 6 and Ronald A. Geyer and Carolie R. Geyer – 3300 Laurel Drive Lot & Block #519-H-166 – Ward 6 be approved. The motion was carried.**

**Subdivision/Lot Consolidation - William and Karen Martin - Pamela Drive - Lot & Block #0616-J-00040 - Ward 6 and Frank A. Kasun – 3763 Bradley Drive – Lot & Block #0616-K-00022 – Ward 6**

The next item of business was the Subdivision/Lot Consolidation - William and Karen Martin - Pamela Drive – Lot & Block #0616-J-00040 - Ward 6 and Frank A. Kasun – 3763 Bradley Drive – Lot & Block #0616-K-00022 – Ward 6.

**Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher, that the Subdivision/Lot Consolidation - William and Karen Martin - Pamela Drive – Lot & Block #0616-J-00040 - Ward 6 and Frank A. Kasun – 3763 Bradley Drive – Lot & Block #0616-K-00022 – Ward 6 be approved. The motion was carried.**

**Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement – Glenshaw Glass**

The next item of business was the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for the traffic signal at the Route 8 and Glenshaw Glass Driveway.

**Mr. Mizgorski moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo, that the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for the traffic signal at the Route 8 and Glenshaw Glass Driveway be approved. The motion was carried.**

**Mr. Rogers** stated this is for an ARLE grant which PennDOT has mistakenly suggested it for potential development, but this is actually a public safety development. He stated that State Representative Mizgorski volunteered her assistance with this grant. He stated the Township is required to pass this traffic signal maintenance agreement to keep the ARLE grant on schedule.

**Receipts and Authorizations**

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

**Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that the receipts for the month of August 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 August 2021.

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

**Resolutions**

### **Resolution Number 15-2021 E Sutter Road**

The next item of business was Resolution Number 15-2021 E Sutter Road – Block and Lot Numbers: 434-E-250-434-E-256 and 434-E-262-1 for the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program.

**Mr. Iozzo moved, seconded by Mr. Mizgorski, that Resolution Number 15-2021 E Sutter Road – Block and Lot Numbers: 434-E-250-434-E-256 and 434-E-262-1 for the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program be approved. The motion was carried.**

**Mr. Rogers** stated this resolution is under the Allegheny County Vacant Land Program which allows for the acquisition of property that is vacant next to yours. He stated they are doing this to clean up some title and Right of Way issues.

### **Resolution Number 16-2021 Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement**

The next item of business was Resolution Number 16-2021 Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for the traffic signal at the Route 8 and Glenshaw Glass Driveway.

**Mr. Mizgorski moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo, that Resolution Number 16-2021 Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for the traffic signal at the Route 8 and Glenshaw Glass Driveway be approved. The motion was carried.**

### **Resolution Number 17-2021 Foundry Street**

The next item of business was Resolution Number 17-2021 Foundry Street – Block and Lot Number: 222-R-88 for the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program.

**Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher, that Resolution Number 17-2021 Foundry Street – Block and Lot Number: 222-R-88 for the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program be approved. The motion was carried.**

**Mr. Rogers** stated the residents at 541 Foundry Street built an above ground swimming pool on a vacant piece of property that they thought they owned. He stated this property is currently owned by title to the Township of Shaler, the Shaler Area School District and Allegheny County which means it is a tax delinquent property. He stated there is no benefit to the Township to hold this property, so it is in the interest of the Township and the interest of the three taxing bodies to convey it to the property owner at 541 Foundry Street.

### **Commissioners Comments**

**Mrs. Fisher** reminded everyone about the Community Yard Sale coming up this Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Kiwanis Park, the Fall Fest on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kiwanis Park and Shaler's Homecoming on September 25<sup>th</sup> which will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shaler Area.

**Mr. Mizgorski** thanked the Board of Commissioners and Township Management for their sympathies of the recent passing of his mother. He also thanked the Shaler Police Department for their coordination that day.

**Mr. Cross** thanked everyone involved with the recent flooding from Tropical Storm Ida; the Police, Public Works Department, and Township Management in helping our residents to clean up from that event and to try and get back to normal.

### **Managers' Report**

**Mr. Rogers** stated it was an excellent performance by the Police, Fire Departments, SHEMS and the Public Works Department during Tropical Storm Ida. He stated Saxonburg Blvd. was cleaned up quickly and our subcontractors were able to clean up all the various branches of Pine Creek. He stated there is another contractor scheduled to come in by the end of the month to clean up K Street which is completed twice a year. He stated it was an admirable effort by everyone and he appreciated the Commissioners support as well.

There being no further business, **Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy J. Rogers, Secretary

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