

COUNCIL MEETING
February 13, 2013

In attendance:

Council

Mark McCouch
Gregory S. Nesbitt
Andrew Santacroce
W. William Whiteside, III

Staff

William T. Walker - Township Manager
Richard Sabol - Finance Director
Erik Garton, PE - Engineer
Mary Eberle, Esq. - Solicitor

Absent: Deborah Tustin

Mr. McCouch opened a public hearing at 7:53 p.m. on the proposed ordinance amending the zoning ordinance to eliminate Article XXXI, the Airport Noise and Crash Overlay District (ACNOD) and remove restrictions imposed due to the existence of the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove. Mr. McCouch explained the purpose and evolution of the proposed ordinance. He asked Council and the public for comment, and there were none. The hearing adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM.

Mr. McCouch opened the regular Council meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA. He asked for questions or comments from the public and none were provided.

Mr. Walker provided introductory remarks about the annual Horsham Day event, and introduced four top financial sponsors from 2012- Goodman Properties, First Niagara Bank, Tonelli's, and Heffernan & Partners. In attendance were Bruce Goodman, Chip Randa and Joe Heffernon. On behalf of Council, Mr. McCouch thanked them for their generous community support. Mr. Walker also identified several important volunteers - Mary Dare, Tom Brown, and Mike Smith. On behalf of Council, Mr. McCouch thanked the volunteers for their time and for giving back to their community.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Township Council concerning the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, and seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the following minutes as presented: Organizational Meeting 7 January 2013, Council Agenda Meeting 9 January 2013, Council Meeting 9 January 2013, and Council Meeting 28 January 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided the Treasurer's Report for January, 2013. He stated that the balance in the General Fund as of 31 January 2013 was \$2,515,016.46.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in the amount of \$639,766.65. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning a second List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in the General Fund for Verizon in the amount of \$250.10. Mr. Santacroce abstained. Motion passed 3-0-1.

Mr. Walker identified a resolution to adopt the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Amendment. The amendment was prepared by the Montgomery County Planning Commission and Public Safety Department. The amendment is in accordance with the Stafford Act's federal guidelines, and evaluates twenty-four potential natural, human caused and technological hazards. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the resolution as proposed adopting the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan amendment. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt - Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified a second resolution approving the Act 192 Schedule of Costs submitted by H. A. Berkheimer, the Montgomery County Tax Collection District Collector. He explained the evolution of Act 32, the appointment of H. A. Berkheimer as earned income tax collector, and the proposed fee schedule for

delinquent collections. Mr. Santacroce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the resolution as proposed approving the Act 192 Schedule of Costs submitted by the earned income tax collector. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified a third resolution authorizing an agreement for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Participation in the CDBG program was authorized at the 26 March 2012 meeting, and it will provide funding for new inlets in the area of Broadway, Watson, and Jefferson. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the Resolution as proposed authorizing the agreement for the Community Development Block Grant. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified several bids for Council’s consideration. Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to authorize the solicitation of the following bids – and hereby authorize the advertisement of same: line painting, milling, highway materials, grass cutting, and the Clearbrook Park Bank Stabilization Project. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker explained the evolution and current status of a land development application for Klaunder Tract, Rose Lane (07-20-S). Township Council reviewed the waivers associated with the application, and discussion ensued centering on a private well and easement on proposed lot 5 that supplies water to 101 Rose Lane. William Donnelly, 111 Rose Lane, asked about proposed driveway dimensions.

Mr. Walker introduced the dedication of the public improvements in the Valley View II subdivision (98-24-S) to accept the Deed of Dedication of the Valley View II Subdivision for Midfield Drive.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to accept the Deed of Dedication of the Valley View II Subdivision for Valley View Drive.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch introduced the Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance to eliminate Article XXXI, the Airport Crash and Overlay District (ACNOD) and removing restrictions imposed due to the existence of the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the Ordinance as proposed amending the zoning ordinance to eliminate Article XXXI, the Airport Crash and Overlay District (ACNOD) and removing restrictions imposed due to the existence of the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified a PCE well contamination issue in the area of Limekiln Pike (near Horsham Road), and discussed the role of DEP to remediate the problem. Mr. Andrew Starr, 926 Langdon Avenue, asked about the extent of DEP's actions toward the permanent capping of wells, and alternatives such as carbon filtration. James Kephart, Jr. 1120 Limekiln Pike, is an affected property owner who discussed the impact of the problem on his residence. He stated that DEP funding is connected to the capping of wells, and that he is opposed to this course. After discussion of the problem Mr. Santacroce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to authorize an agreement with PA-DEP regarding the installation of water lines for the Limekiln PCE site. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to table an agreement with the Horsham Water & Sewer Authority regarding the installation of water lines for the Limekiln PCE site. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to introduce an Ordinance as proposed concerning the proposed water lines for the Limekiln PCE site. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Santacroce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the resolution as proposed establishing Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 7:45 PM as the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance concerning the proposed water lines for the Limekiln PCE site. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified an additional agenda item related to the reimbursement of costs incurred during Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to appoint George Fida as the Applicant's Agent for FEMA disaster assistance related to Hurricane Sandy. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.

