

COUNCIL MEETING
April 10, 2013 AT 8:00PM

In attendance:

Council

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

Staff

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

Mr. McCouch opened the regular Council meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 8:13 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA. The Township Manager identified the loss of Brad Fox, a Plymouth Township police officer, who was killed in the line-of-duty on September 13, 2012. Police Officer Brad Fox was shot and killed while involved in a foot pursuit along the Schuylkill River Trail, near the intersection of Conshohocken Road and Ernest Station Road. Mr. Sheldon Simpson, Chairman of the Plymouth Township Council. Mr. Simpson introduced Ms. Lenore Bruno, Vice Chairman, Dean Eisenberger, Councilman and Deputy Police Chief John Mysiedes. They each thanked Horsham Township for assistance provided during a very difficult time. Mr. McCouch remarked that the community is very proud of everyone who serves, that it is good to see camaraderie, and that he hopes and prays that this type of loss doesn't happen again. Mr. Walker stated that Officer Fox, along with his K-9, assisted Horsham Township on several occasions throughout his career; that Plymouth Township's presentation is very much appreciated; and that Plymouth Township's loss was also a loss for other communities.

The meeting recessed at 8:20 and reconvened at approximately 8:25. Mr. McCouch announced that a new Police Lieutenant will be sworn in this evening. Mr. Walker then provided a history of Sgt. Colleen Troxel's employment with the Horsham Township Police Department: she started as a dispatcher in 1998, became a police officer in 1999, and was promoted to sergeant in 2007. He stated that she has been an important part of the department, and would now be sworn-in as a lieutenant. Chief Ruxton thanked the Horsham Township Council for bringing the department's staffing to previous levels, identified the large number of representatives from the "police family" that were in attendance, and stated that he was extremely proud of a promotion for someone with Sgt. Troxel's education and experience. He then swore-in Lieutenant Troxel.

The meeting recessed for congratulatory greetings and photographs, and then reconvened at 8:46 PM with Mr. McCouch asking for questions or comments from the public. Mr. Andrew Starr, 926 Langdon Avenue, read a prepared statement concerning his opposition to the deployment and use of drones. He also included a sample resolution.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Township Council concerning the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, and seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided the Treasurer's Report for March, 2013. He stated that the balance in the General Fund as of 31 March 2013 was \$3,630,985.42.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in all funds in the amount of \$367,000.73. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks in the Library Fund for communications – PATEC – in the amount of \$212.01. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in the Library Fund for communications in the amount of \$212.01. Motion passed, 4-0-1, with Mr. Santacroce's abstention.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks in the General Fund for communications – Verizon, Comcast, Line Systems – in the amount of \$2,712.49. 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 communications in the amount of \$2,712.49. Motion passed, 4-0-1, with Mr. Santacroce's abstention.

It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to ratify the Check List in the General Fund in the amount of \$27,634.46. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker explained a waiver of land development with conditions for NaBrasa Brazilian Steakhouse & Iron Abby Pub located at 680 North Easton Road. After discussing the land development agreement associated with the property, and its declaration of covenants for parking, Mr. Santacroce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the resolution as proposed granting a waiver of land development with conditions for NaBrasa Brazilian Steakhouse & Iron Abbey Pub located at 680 North Easton Road. Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Tustin - Aye

Mr. Santacroce - Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt – Aye

Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker stated that the Township will be paving the Oak Terrace development in 2014 which will necessitate any damaged concrete curbs to be replaced. They can use either the Township's bid award contractor or one of their own. Mr. Santacroce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to authorize the solicitation of bids for concrete curbing and further authorize advertisement of same. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker discussed Horsham Day's annual fireworks display. He stated that the event is well attended - drawing between 10,000 and 12, 000 people. The cost of the fireworks is paid by a sponsor and last year's sponsor was Goodman Properties. Ms. Tustin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to authorize the execution of an agreement with Celebration Fireworks, Inc. for the Horsham Day Fireworks. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified the Township's "Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)," and the need to periodically update its information. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the resolution as proposed adopting a revised Emergency Operations Plan. Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Tustin - Aye
Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt - Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided brief remarks about a resolution that would authorize Traffic Planning & Design, Inc., to act as Horsham Township's agent in the application of a Highway Occupancy Permit application. Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to adopt the resolution as proposed authorizing Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. to act as Horsham Township's agent in the application of a Highway Occupancy Permit application with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, for Limekiln Pike and Welsh Road. Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Tustin - Aye
Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt - Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to an Executive Session at approximately 8:55 PM in order to discuss real estate and personnel matters.

William T. Walker