

**COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2022**

In attendance:

Council

Mark McCouch
W. William Whiteside, III
Theresa Harmon
Gregory S. Nesbitt
Sean Wade

Staff

William T. Gildea-Walker - Township Manager
Mary Eberle, Esq. - Solicitor
Erik Garton, PE - Engineer
Dennis Haggerty – Director of Administration

Mr. McCouch opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 pm in the Horsham Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham PA

Council thanked and recognized the retirement of Dennis Blackburn from the Horsham Police Department. They recognized Mr. Blackburn's 32 years of devotion and service to our community as a Police Dispatcher. Council wished him a happy, healthy retirement and presented a proclamation for him.

Council thanked and recognized Susan Glover, of the St. Vincent De Paul Society Food Bank. Ms. Glover is a long-time township resident and served as president of the St. Vincent De Paul Society for six years. Council thanked her for her dedicated, countless volunteer hours assisting the less fortunate in our community. Council presented a proclamation for Ms. Glover.

Mr. McCouch asked for questions or comments from the public. Mr. Bill Slaymaker, 104 Crabapple Lane, updated Township Council on the Miracle Field project.

Mr. Gildea-Walker gave an update on Covid-19. He reported that the Horsham Township positivity rate is 27.18% and the Montgomery County positivity rate is 25.01%.

Mr. Gildea-Walker updated Council on the PFAS water issue in Horsham. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted to the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority website.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the December meeting minutes. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Nesbitt to approve the December 2021 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gildea-Walker provided the Treasurer's report for December. He reported that the balance in the General Fund as of December 31, 2021, is \$4,203,407.23.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the list of checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, and second by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the list of checks in all funds in the amount of \$494,614.58 and further move to authorize payment of same. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Whiteside to ratify the list of checks in all funds in the amount of \$169,160.01 and further move to authorize payment of same. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Whiteside to ratify the US Bank Credit Card transactions for the month of December 2021, in the amount of \$7,469.18. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gildea-Walker presented the preliminary land development plans for Pete's Carwash at 233 Easton Road. The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing restaurant and to construct a carwash. Present for the applicant and also to review the plans with Council, were the following: John Alejnikov P.E., from Bohler Engineering, and Rob Gundlach, Esq. The requested list of waivers were reviewed and discussed. It is the hope of the applicant to receive preliminary approval in the near future.

Mr. Gildea-Walker explained that the update to the Township Comprehensive Plan was placed on hold the last two years due to COVID. It is included in the 2022 Budget, and for Council's consideration this evening, is a planning assistance contract with the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the contract. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Ms. Harmon to authorize the planning assistance contract with the commissioners of Montgomery County for the Montgomery County Planning Commission to assist with the update to the Township's Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gildea-Walker gave a presentation on Keeping Horsham Township Whole in any Pennsylvania Redistricting Effort. He explained that Horsham Township and its residents are facing great and unique challenges. The first is the Redevelopment of the Former Willow Grove Naval Air Station, which comprises almost 10% of the Township. The second is the PFAS Contamination. He stated that most communities in the country will never have to deal with these issues and that there will be extreme consequences if not addressed with one voice in the legislature.

Mr. McCouch asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Ms. Harmon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM.



William T. Gildea-Walker