

**COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

**In attendance:**

**Council**

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

**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 7:01 PM at the Horsham Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham Township, PA.

Chief Scott Fida swore in Officer Justin Echevarria as the next Corporal. Officer Echevarria has been with the Police Department for six years. Council congratulated Corporal Echevarria and wished him well in his new position.

Mr. Gildea-Walker announced that the Horsham Township Library was voted ‘Most Loved Library’ by Hulafrog of Doylestown/Horsham. He explained that Hulafrog is a media company for parents. It connects parents to local activities and resources for kids. This year parents voted between Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. McCouch asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

PA Representative Todd Stephens, Chair of the Military Installation Remediation and Infrastructure Authority (MIRIA), and Larry Burns, Executive Director of MIRIA, provided an annual update to Council. Representative Stephens provided an overview of Act 101 of 2019, the grant program, the MIRIA zone/parcels, projects funded and the accomplishments in the first two years.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of council concerning the list of checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Whiteside to approve the list of checks in all the funds in the amount of \$385,907.24 and further moved to authorize payment of same. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch advised that the 233 Easton Road preliminary land development was not ready for consideration this evening. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Wade to table the consideration of the 233 Easton Road preliminary land development. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gildea-Walker announced that we are ready to recommend to solicit proposals for a shuttle bus. This will be the pilot year. The bus will travel between the SEPTA Ambler train station and the PA Lifestyle Campus and Horsham Business Center. The bus will run on propane, be equipped with WiFi, security cameras, bike rack as well as be ADA complaint. There will also be a phone app available for users of the bus. Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning requests for proposals. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Nesbitt to authorize the solicitation for Request for Proposals for a shuttle bus service for the Pennsylvania

Lifestyle Campus and Horsham Business Center and further authorize advertisement of same.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bill Slaymaker, Project Manager, provided an update on the fundraising efforts for the Miracle Field in Deep Meadow Park. Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the grant application. It was moved by Mr. Wade, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the Resolution as proposed authorizing application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority Local Share Assessment grant program for the purpose of the Miracle Field project. Roll call vote:

Mr. Whiteside – Aye  
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye  
Mr. Wade – Aye  
Mr. McCouch – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gildea-Walker reviewed for Council the submission of a Montco 2040 Grant application which is for the Deep Meadow Parking lot project. Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the application. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the Resolution as proposed authorizing application to the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program for the purpose of the Deep Meadow Park Modernization Project. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Whiteside – Aye  
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye  
Mr. Wade – Aye  
Mr. McCouch – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gildea-Walker explained the need to update the Property Maintenance Ordinance. Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the introduction of the Ordinance. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Nesbitt to introduce the Ordinance as proposed adopting the 2018 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, therefore repealing Ordinance 2019-05 and all other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict therewith. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Whiteside – Aye  
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye  
Mr. Wade – Aye  
Mr. McCouch – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the Property Maintenance Ordinance. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Wade to adopt the Resolution as proposed establishing a time and place for a public hearing on an Ordinance adopting the 2018 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code for Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:45 p.m. in the Horsham Township Building. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Whiteside – Aye  
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye  
Mr. Wade – Aye  
Mr. McCouch – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gildea-Walker explained the need to update the International Fire Code. Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the introduction of Ordinance. It was moved by Mr. Wade, second by Mr. Whiteside to introduce an Ordinance adopting the 2018 Edition of the International Fire Code, therefore repealing Ordinance 2019-03 and all other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict therewith. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Whiteside – Aye  
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye  
Mr. Wade – Aye  
Mr. McCouch – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance pertaining to the 2018 Edition of the International Fire Code. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the Resolution as proposed establishing a time and place for a public hearing on an Ordinance adopting the 2018 Edition of the International Fire Code for Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:45 p.m. in the Horsham Township Building. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Whiteside – Aye  
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye  
Mr. Wade – Aye  
Mr. McCouch – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning a highway occupancy permit. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the Resolution as proposed authorizing the application for a highway occupancy permit for new connector road as part of the Hankin Tract, 1300 Road, 17-05-D, Land Development Plan.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Whiteside – Aye  
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye  
Mr. Wade – Aye  
Mr. McCouch – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council on a Library Board appointment. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Whiteside to appoint Kelly L. Boetefuer to the Library Board of Directors for a term ending on 12/31/2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council regarding the ad-hoc committee for the Comprehensive Plan update. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Whiteside to appoint the following individuals to the Comprehensive Plan Update ad-hoc Committee:

- William Whiteside, Council and HLRA representative
- Theresa Harmon, Council representative
- Eric Frary, Township Planning Commission representative
- Jeffrey Martell, Township Planning Commission representative
- Jack Butler, Horsham Water and Sewer Authority representative
- William Gildea-Walker, Township staff representative
- Michael Shinton, Township staff representative

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council regarding the ad-hoc committee for Park Signs. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Wade to appoint the following individuals to the Park Sign ad-hoc Committee:

- Mark McCouch, Council representative
- Janeen Saxer, Park and Recreation Board representative
- Tracy Frary, Park and Recreation Board representative
- William Gildea-Walker, Township staff representative
- Dennis Haggerty, Township staff representative
- Kyle Lynch, Township staff representative

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council regarding the Horsham Connected group and the Miracle Field. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Nesbitt to appoint Gregory Nesbitt as Council representative to the Horsham Connected group and Sean Wade as Council representative to the Miracle Field of Horsham Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch advised that Council would be adjourning into Executive Session to discuss a matter of Real Estate.

Mr. McCouch asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Nesbitt to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion passed unanimously.



William T. Gildea-Walker