

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 27, 2017**

In attendance:

**Council**

Deborah Tustin  
Mark McCouch  
Gregory S. Nesbitt  
W. William Whiteside

**Staff**

William T. Walker - Township Manager  
Mary C. Eberle, Esq - Solicitor  
Erik Garton, PE – Engineer

President Tustin opened the public hearing at 7:00 P.M. Council will now hold a hearing on an ordinance which, if adopted, would provide for the vacation of a portion of New Road. Council received a petition from Horsham Blair requesting the adoption of this ordinance. Horsham Blair is the organization that secured approval of a land development plan for a Wawa, a pharmacy, and several restaurants. The approved plan shows the closure of New Road at its intersection with Route 611. The closure of that intersection has long been recommended as a part of Council's on-going efforts to improve the traffic flow on Rte. 611. The proposed ordinance would allow the closure of a portion of New Road to allow the construction of an alternate access from New Road to Gibraltar Road, but the ordinance provides that the formal vacation will not take place until the construction of the alternate access is complete. The applicant's attorney, Julie VonSpreckelsen, Esq., provided a summary of the ordinance. President Tustin asked for questions or comments from the public. Three residents provided comments.

- Mr. John Robinson, 141 Roberts Avenue
- Mr. Charles Murphy, 2 Ember Lane
- Mr. Thomas Gormley, 132 Fair Oaks Avenue

President Tustin closed the hearing at 7:40 P.M.

President Tustin opened the Council meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 7:40 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA.

Ms. Tustin asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Christopher Spinio gave a presentation on a concept plan for the properties at 1041-1101 Horsham Road. The concept plan showed retail/commercial uses as well as office. Mr. Spinio explained that he has met with some contiguous neighbors regarding his idea. Mr. and Mrs. David Barrett of 1029 Balmoral Way were present to represent themselves and four other property owners. In general, they are supportive of the concept plan and submitted a list of concerns which are attached to these minutes. Council was interested in continuing discussion with Mr. Spinio on the concept plan and directed him to come to a future meeting with more information.

Mr. Walker explained that the staff has been meeting with PFM Financial Advisors LLC in regards to financing some capital projects. Mr. Walker stated that currently the top three capital projects are the Township Municipal Campus, the Horsham Road and Limekiln Pike intersection improvement and the widening of Blair Mill Road from Rt. 63 to Rt. 611 as well as other projects. Mr. Scott Shearer from PFM presented a New Money Analysis and answered questions from Council. Mr. Walker explained that Council can have more discussion and could consider authorizing a financing team to proceed in January.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Whiteside to authorize the List of Checks in all funds in the amount of \$394,849.64. Motion passed unanimously.

Township Council reviewed the Zoning Hearing Board applications to be heard in December:

HTZHB 17-24, Rachel Weller, 400 Horsham Rd; Council will remain neutral with conditions to this application with conditions

HTZHB 17-25, Malcolm James, 242 Easton Road; Council will remain neutral with conditions to this application with conditions

HTZHB 17-26, JQE, LLC, 1001 Limekiln Pike; Council will remain neutral to this application with conditions

HTZHB 17-27, Keystone Granite and Tile, Inc, 406 Caredean Drive; Council will remain neutral with conditions to this application with conditions

HTZHB 17-28, Horsham Blair LP, Easton Rd and Blair Mill Rd; Council will remain neutral with conditions to this application with conditions

Mr. Walker reviewed for Council the land development for the Hankin Tract, Lot 1, 1300 Easton Rd, (17-5-D) application. This is Council's second review of the application. The applicant's attorney Christen Pionzio Esq. and engineer William Rearden, P.E. were present to review the plan and answer questions from Council.

Mr. Walker reviewed the Waiver of Land Development request of the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority for the water system interconnection with North Wales Water Authority on County Line Road as part of the PFOA-PFOS Long Term Remediation Plan. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the waiver request. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the Resolution as proposed granting a waiver of land development to the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority for the water system interconnection with North Wales Water Authority on County Line Rd. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch – Aye  
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye  
Mr. Johnson – Aye  
Mr. Whiteside - Aye  
Ms. Tustin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker reviewed the Municipal Campus design plans. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the plans. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Johnson to authorize the final design plans for the Municipal Campus and further authorize the Township Engineer to submit the formal land development application. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Eberle reviewed Act 42 and the Category 4 Licensed Facility, 'Mini-Casinos'. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the casinos. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the Resolution as proposed prohibiting the location of a Category 4 Licensed Facility, 'Mini-Casinos' within Horsham Township. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch – Aye  
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye  
Mr. Johnson – Aye  
Mr. Whiteside - Aye  
Ms. Tustin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker reviewed the PennDOT application for a new traffic signal proposed for Dresher Road and Business Center Drive. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the traffic signal application. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. McCouch to adopt the Resolution as proposed authorizing a PennDOT application for a new traffic signal at Dresher Road and Business Center Drive. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch – Aye  
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye  
Mr. Johnson – Aye  
Mr. Whiteside - Aye  
Ms. Tustin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Eberle reviewed the agreement for New Road. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the agreement. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Nesbitt to authorize an agreement for the vacation of a portion of New Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the proposed Ordinance to vacate a portion of New Road. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the Ordinance as proposed to vacate a portion of New Road in accordance with the approved plan for Horsham Blair LP (Easton Road and Blair Mill Road). Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch – Aye  
Mr. Nesbitt – Aye  
Mr. Johnson – Aye  
Mr. Whiteside - Aye  
Ms. Tustin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker reviewed a vacancy position on the Horsham Water & Sewer Authority Board. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the position. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Whiteside to authorize the appointment of Kyle Carr to the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker reviewed the 2018 Budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 P.M.

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William T. Walker