

COUNCIL MEETING

December 13, 2017

In attendance:

Council

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

Staff

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

President Tustin opened a public hearing at 7:55 p.m. on an Ordinance amending the Horsham Township Code Chapter 193 Streets and Sidewalks for Road Opening Standards. Mr. Walker explained that the revised regulations will protect our roads, prolong the life expectancy and protect our community's quality of life by having those that have to dig into our roads restore them the proper way. Ms. Tustin asked for public comment. There being none Ms. Tustin closed the hearing at 7:59 p.m. and stated that the ordinance would be considered later in the meeting.

President Tustin opened the Council meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA.

Ms. Tustin asked for a moment of silence for the memory of Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputy Bryan Lukens two son's who both died in an early morning house fire. Bryan Lukens Jr. was 11 years old and Parker Lukens was 6 years old. Mr. Walker stated that the family was in this exact room only 24 hours ago at our Project Blue Light ceremony. There was then a moment of silence.

Council members and Mr. Walker recognized outgoing Council Members Deborah Tustin and Tom Johnson for their services to Council and the community. Ms. Tustin has served on Council for 8 years (2010 to 2017) and 4 years on the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority (2007 to 2010) prior to Council. She has been a Horsham resident for over 20 years. Mr. Johnson served on Council for 4 years (2014 to 2017). He has been a Horsham resident for over 35 years. Both were thanked for their service and wished well in their future endeavors.

Council recognized departing Superintendent of Parks, Richard Lutz. Mr. Lutz served in the position from 2004 to 2007 and then from 2014 to 2017. Mr. Walker stated that Mr. Lutz represented the Township well and would be missed. Council thanked him for his service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Council and Mr. Walker recognized Director of Administration, Mark Hudson, for his devotion to the Tre-Centennial Celebrations. Mr. Walker explained the amount of time Mr. Hudson committed for almost two years in fundraising, planning, coordinating and implementing all the different events held throughout the year for our Tri-Centennial. Council thanked Mr. Hudson for his dedication and commitment.

Council and Mr. Walker recognized the retirement of Police Captain Jon Clark. Mr. Walker and Chief Daly both praised Capt. Clark. Capt. Clark started in the Police Department in 1974 and rose through the ranks to Captain. He is credited and developed one of the best community policing programs in the region. Council thanked Capt. Clark. Mr. Walker announced that he would be staying with the Township as a civilian employee in the position of Community Policing Coordinator.

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

Mr. Walker updated Council on the PFC water issue in Horsham. Attached to these minutes is the PowerPoint presentation.

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

Mr. Walker provided the Treasurer's Report for November. He reported that the balance in the General Fund as of November 30, 2017 is \$ 5,441,819.18.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. McCouch to approve the List of Checks in all funds in the amount of \$ 1,214,176.22 and to further move to authorize payment of same. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the credit card transactions. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. McCouch to approve the credit card transactions in November in the amount of \$6,185.46 and further move to authorize the credit card transactions in December in the amount of \$ 3,916.72. Motion passed unanimously.

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

HTZHB 18-1, 421 Chapel Hill Lane, Clyde & Michelle Hedgepeth; Council will remain neutral to the application.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the Hankin Tract Lot 1, 1300 Easton Road (17-5-D) land development application. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the Resolution as proposed granting preliminary approval to the Hankin Tract Lot 1, 1300 Easton Road land development application. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Johnson – Aye

Mr. McCouch – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

Ms. Tustin – Aye

Mr. Nesbitt-Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the Hankin Tract Minor Subdivision Plan, 1300 Easton Rd (17-9-S). It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the Resolution as proposed granting preliminary/final approval to the Hankin Tract Minor Subdivision Plan, 1300 Easton Road. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Johnson – Aye

Mr. McCouch – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

Ms. Tustin – Aye

Mr. Nesbitt-Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker and Ms. Eberle reviewed the proposed Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map for “Age-Qualified Development Overlay District”. Mr. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the ordinance. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Whiteside to introduce an Ordinance amending the Zoning Map providing for an “Age-Qualified” Development Overlay District on certain land located in the R-1/R-2 Residential/Zoning Districts and further to amend the Township’s Zoning Ordinance by creating Article XXXIX Age-Qualified Development Overlay District. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Johnson – Aye

Mr. McCouch – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

Ms. Tustin – Nay

Mr. Nesbitt-Aye

Four ayes, one nay: motion passes 4 to 1

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the hearing on amending the Zoning Map for Age-Qualified Development Overlay District. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Johnson to adopt the Resolution as proposed to establish a time and place for a public hearing on amending the Zoning Map providing for an “Age-Qualified Development Overlay District” on certain land located in the R-1/R-2 Residential Zoning Districts and further to amend the Township’s Zoning Ordinance by creating Article XXXIX Age-qualified Development Overlay District for January 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Johnson – Aye

Mr. McCouch – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

Ms. Tustin – Nay

Mr. Nesbitt-Aye

Four ayes, one nay: motion passes 4 to 1

Mr. Walker reviewed the proposed Resolution to PA House Bill 1620, entitled “Wireless Infrastructure Deployment bill”. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the Resolution. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the Resolution as proposed in opposition to PA House Bill 1620, entitled the “Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill”. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Johnson – Aye

Mr. McCouch – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

Ms. Tustin – Aye

Mr. Nesbitt-Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker explained that the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) Contract was not ready for consideration this evening. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the contract. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Johnson to table the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker reviewed the bids for new sidewalk along Dresher Road from New Road to the Power Line Trail. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the bid. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Whiteside to award the bid for new sidewalk along Dresher Road from New Road to the Power Line Trail to T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc in the amount of \$197,540.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker explained and recommended the rejection of all the bids for the clearing and removal of dead trees at Lukens Park. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the trees. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Whiteside to reject all the bids. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the proposed Ordinance amending the Horsham Township Code Chapter 193 Streets and Sidewalks for Road Opening Standards. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the Ordinance as proposed amending the Horsham Township Code Chapter 193 Streets and Sidewalks for Road Opening Standards. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Johnson – Aye

Mr. McCouch – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

Ms. Tustin – Aye

Mr. Nesbitt-Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker reviewed the vacancies of the Parks and Recreation Board. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the vacancies. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Nesbitt to appoint Mark Ridgway to the Park and Recreation Board for a 3-year term and Janeen Saxer for a 1-year term. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning unexpended funds. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the Resolution as proposed re-appropriating unexpended funds in the General Fund. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Johnson – Aye

Mr. McCouch – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

Ms. Tustin – Aye

Mr. Nesbitt-Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the 2018 Budget. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. McCouch to adopt the Ordinance as proposed for the 2018 Budget and Tax Levy Ordinance. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Johnson – Aye

Mr. McCouch – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

Ms. Tustin – Aye

Mr. Nesbitt-Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Tustin announced the date and time of the annual reorganizational meeting as Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Township Building

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 PM.

William T. Walker