Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
August 25, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Longswamp Township Municipal Building, 1112 State Street, Longswamp Township, Mertztown, Pennsylvania, 7:00 p.m., prevailing time as previously advertised and posted.

CALL TO ORDER:
Chairperson Joyce Marin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG/ROLL CALL:
Officials present: Joyce Marin, Chairperson; Michael Sacks, Vice Chairman; Donald Hickman, Supervisor; Steve Wyka, Township Administrator; Joni McPike, Township Treasurer; Beth Kohl, Township Solicitor. Jill Smith, Township Engineer and John Yoder, SEO were not present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:
Chairperson Marin entertained a motion to accept the BOS Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2020. Don Hickman made a motion to accept the BOS Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2020 with one correction (under New Business) concerning Executive Session on July 30, 2020; instead of 'discuss employee issues', it should read 'unload legal papers as part of the transfer of Solicitor'. Mike Sacks seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:
No Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Chairperson Marin announced the Executive Sessions since the last Board of Supervisors meeting of August 11, 2020;
August 12, 2020 from 11:07 am to 12:38 pm concerning employee issues and legal matters
August 18, 2020 from 10:02 am to 11:38 am concerning employee issues and legal matters
August 20, 2020 from 8:30 am to 9:29 am concerning employee issues and legal matters
August 25, 2020 from 9:30 am to 10:33 am for meeting with all employees of Township.

Public Comments:
Marie Maly, Chairperson of the Township Historical Society stated she wanted to address three matters:
(1) Letter of Indorsement regarding grant application. Chairperson Marin stated she would have Township Administrator, Steve Wyka put it on Township Letterhead and send to the Historical Society.
(2) Ninety-nine (99) year land-lease for placement of the Mertztown Train Station on Township property. Chairperson Marin advised that Chris Hoffman with previous Township Solicitor was to have drafted the lease. Don Hickman stated he would follow up with our previous Township Solicitor.
(3) Rumors regarding taxes assessed for moving the Mertztown Train Station. Chairperson Marin

assured Ms. Maly absolutely no taxes have been assessed nor tax money used in the relocation of the train station. Further, Chairperson Marin asked Ms. Maly to write a short article for the Township Website to stating same and to give a brief on fundraising activities which is what actually we pay for the relocation.

Resident Cora Lee inquired concerning grant approval for Act537 work on the 'Topton 7'. The Board of Supervisors stated we would not proceed with any further action on Act537 unless and until we had hard numbers to work with concerning Residents, Township, and Contractors.

ENGNEERING REPORT:
No Report.

SEO REPORT:
No Report

ZONING AND CODES ENFORCEMENT:
No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:
No report

RECREATION REPORT:
Steve Wyka advised next Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM will be the next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

Resident Leeann Sacks, gave praise regarding the August 22, 2020 Longswamp Lions Club Car Show held at Hunsicker Grove. It was a great success and very well attended by the community as well as those showing cars.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT:
No Report

OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
Chairperson Marin led discussion regarding Township Ordinance No. 169, dated October 9, 1990 establishing the office of Township Manager. Mike Sacks made a motion to advertise for a Township Manager. Don Hickman seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:
Mike Sacks made a motion to approve processing for payment, bills totaling $ 58,446.52 and fund transfers totaling $ 36,340.26 for the period of August 12, 2020 August 25, 2020. Don Hickman seconded the motion. Roll call vote; Mike Sacks, yes; Don Hickman, yes; and Joyce Marin, yes. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Don Hickman made a motion to adjourn. Mike Sacks seconded the motion. All in favor. Chairperson Marin adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Donald Hickman, Township Supervisor