

December 8, 2021

The East Nantmeal Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on the above date at the Township Building. Present were Supervisors Edward P. Loomis, Jr., David L. Frame, and Tyler E. Wren. Township Solicitor, Thomas F. Oeste, and Secretary/Treasurer, Susan M. Rutherford, also attended.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Loomis.

Chairman Loomis announced the passing of resident, Jean Thomas and recognized the loss with a moment of silence.

Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Frame, second by Supervisor Wren, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021 regular meeting; all in favor.

Motion by Supervisor Wren, second by Supervisor Frame, to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2021 work session meeting; all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Supervisor Frame, second by Supervisor Wren, to approve the Treasurer's Report; all in favor. The special meeting to adopt the FY2022 budget is Tuesday, December 21, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.

Building Inspector's Report/Zoning Issues

Matt Hoffert, Zoning Officer and Building Inspector, was not present and did not present the Building Inspector and Zoning Officer's Report. However, a written report dated December 1, 2021 was submitted by Mr. Hoffert, which is on file in the Township office.

Planning Commission

Diana Cormack, Chair, reported that the Planning Commission met last month and finished the review of the Zoning Ordinance. The next meeting is December 9, 2021 and Zac Arnold will attend for an informal session regarding subdividing 245 Mansion Road.

Historical Commission

Maureen Noonan, Chair, reported that the Historical Commission met November 17, 2021, and the meeting minutes will be posted on the website. Work continues on the first phase of the Historic Resource Survey. The Commission will not meet in December 2021.

Environmental Advisory Council

Diana Cormack reported that the group did not meet in December. No one has committed to fill the vacancy on the EAC yet. Chairman Loomis asked Ms. Cormack if anyone was interested, to submit names to the Township Secretary. The next meeting is January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance Review Committee

Supervisor Wren reported the committee met December 7, 2021 to continue to review and revise the Comprehensive Plan.

Public Meeting Announcements

1. Planning Commission – December 9, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

2. Zoning Hearing Board Hearing scheduled for December 13, 2021@ 7:00 p.m., will be continued with the date to be determined.
3. Special Meeting to Adopt the FY2022 Budget and closeout year-end – December 21, 2021, 7:00 a.m.
4. The Historical Commission meeting scheduled for December 21, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. is cancelled.
5. Christmas Day observance – December 24, 2021 – Office Closed
6. New Year’s Day observance – December 31, 2021 – Office Closed
7. Board of Supervisors Organization & Regular Meeting – January 3, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
8. Board of Auditors Annual Meeting – January 4, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
9. Ordinance Review Committee – January 4, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Subdivisions/Land Development in Review

Chester Springs Investments, LLC – 3121 Horseshoe Trail

Motion by Supervisor Frame, second by Chairman Loomis, to approve the applicant’s request of a 90-day time extension to April 13, 2022 for review/completion of Land Development Plan, and consideration of the Sewage Planning Module; all in favor.

Correspondence

Chairman Loomis shared correspondence received from PECO dated November 17, 2021. PECO will be expanding and upgrading the transmission infrastructure to meet growing demand, and it will be difficult in the future for PECO to grant permission to utilize its Rights-of-Way for trails and other secondary uses. PECO’s responsibility is to deliver safe and reliable electricity and asks that we look for alternative locations to place trails.

Solicitor Oeste explained that, per the Township Code, Supervisors who wish to participate in the township health plans should submit a letter stating same to the Township Secretary. The Township Secretary announced that letters were received from Supervisor Frame and Wren requesting to participate in the plans.

New Business

Motion by Chairman Loomis, second by Supervisor Wren, for East Nantmeal Township to participate in PA Townships Health Insurance Cooperative Trust health plans commencing January 1, 2022: MED PPO Plan 2, Med Adv PPO RX1338, Dental Plan 1, Twp paid Vision, ST Dis Plan 2, and, Life 75K. All in favor.

Solicitor Oeste detailed the Ordinance amending the Township Pension Plan for Non-Uniformed employees of East Nantmeal Township. The amendment proposes to change the eligibility requirement from after one year of employment to eligibility in the first plan year following the employee’s date of employment. Motion by Supervisor Frame, second by Supervisor Wren, to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 amending the Pension Plan for Non-Uniformed Employees of East Nantmeal Township; all in favor.

Motion by Supervisor Wren to appoint Victor Sheronas as Township Auditor to fulfill the vacancy on the Board of Auditors. Motion not seconded; motion failed. Motion by Supervisor Frame, second by Chairman Loomis, to appoint Rick Toler as Township Auditor to fulfill the current vacancy on the Board of Auditors expiring the first Monday of January 2024. At the 2023 municipal election, a person will be elected for the remainder of the 6-year term held by Jean Thomas. The motion passed by a majority vote.

Public Comment

Township resident, Diana Cormack, asked why the Supervisors would not appoint the runner-up from the recent election for Township Auditor. Chairman Loomis stated if the election was closer, they would have considered.

Payment of Bills

Motion by Supervisor Frame, second by Supervisor Wren, to pay bills presented, in the amount of \$48,580.78, from the General Fund; all in favor.

Adjournment:

Motion by Supervisor Frame, second by Supervisor Wren, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Rutherford, Secretary/Treasurer