

TOWNSHIP OF RESERVE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
December 14th, 2021
APPROVED

The President of the Board, Commissioner Ron Neurohr called the meeting to order on December 14th, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL - Indicated Commissioner Dan Giebel, Commissioner John Kaib, Commissioner Ron Nuerohr, Commissioner Sharon Sweeney, Commissioner Ed Vincent, Manager Natalie Thiess, Engineer Gordon Taylor, and Solicitor Nate Boring were all present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Commissioner Ron Neurohr reported the Board of Commissioners held an executive session tonight at 6:00 pm., wherein the following topics were discussed: employment and personnel matters, contracts and policies, actual and ongoing litigation as well as potential litigation and identifiable complaints.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA– Commissioner Sharon Sweeney made the motion for the Approval of Consent Agenda as submitted, with a second by Commissioner Dan Giebel. All in favor. Motion carries.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED –

Commissioner John Kaib made the motion to approve resolution 736-21 setting the 2022 water and sewage rates, with a second by Ed Vincent. All in favor. Motion carries.

Commissioner Sharon Sweeney made the motion to approve resolution 737-21 Police MMO with a second by Dan Giebel. All in favor. Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED –

Dan Giebel made the motion to review the Alarm Ordinance, with a second by John Kaib. All in favor. Motion carries.

ORDINANCES TO BE ENACTED –

John Kaib made the motion to approve Ordinance 686, 2022 Budget and 2022 Millage Rate, with a second by Commissioner Sharon Sweeney. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**COMMISSIONER SWEENEY –**

Lunch with Santa was cancelled due to Covid issues. Light Up Night was held on Dec 4th with approximately 75 attending. The Holiday Decorating Contest entry deadline was 12/10/2021 with 15 entries received. Gift cards will be awarded as prizes. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be the next township event.

COMMISSIONER VINCENT –No Report**COMMISSIONER KAIB –**

The road crew will be out plowing soon and asks that the residents park in their driveways rather than on the street.

COMMISSIONER GIEBEL – No Report

COMMISSIONER NEUROHR – Read Police report. He also thanked everyone who helped with Light Up Night.

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Ms. Thiess was looking for a motion to approve/deny the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement pending solicitor approval. Commissioner Sharon Sweeney made the motion for approval, with a second by Dan Giebel. All in favor.
2. Ms. Thiess discussed the appointments for 2022. Openings for next year will include one each for the Planning Commission (4-year term), Zoning Hearing Board (alternate 3-year term), and Civil Service Commission (alternate 6-year term). The reorganization meeting will be held in January 2022. Notify the township if anyone knows of someone interested in filling any of the vacancies.
3. Ms. Thiess reported that Reserve Township will have a utility agreement with Allegheny County regarding the Stanton Avenue waterline relocation project. Reserve's waterline is in the way of the work and Allegheny County has agreed to pay half of the cost of relocating it. Our estimate for the cost has been submitted with supporting documentation.
4. Ms. Thiess stated that the revised Killmeyer plan was asked to be added to the agenda. Ed Thaner, professional engineer and land surveyor, spoke of the plan already being approved by the County in August but later received a review letter from Mr. Taylor and the County saying some changes need made. He will make the necessary revisions. He also said Reserve does not have a subdivision land

ordinance, so the County will approve the plans and Reserve will just review them. Solicitor Nate Boring pointed out that Reserve has designated Allegheny County as its official planning Commission.

Mr. Thaner then spoke of the change to the ordinance (in 2003) increasing the size of lot requirements and side yard setbacks. He believes the changes have deemed Sal Cunic's lot on Irwin Lane useless for the building of a new home without a variance. He suggested that the ordinance be revised to apply to new lots only and exclude existing ones. Mr. Cunick then questioned whether the township's laws only apply to certain people. He stated he has been repeatedly asked by the township to move his shed while his neighbor has been allowed to build garages on his (Mr. Cunic's) easement without permits. Mr. Cunic believes the garages have caused damage to the underlying sewer lines and has reported his concerns to the township office. Solicitor Boring advised that neighbor disputes are a civil matter.

5. Ms. Thiess was looking for a vote legally advertise the January 4th, 2022, reorganization/regular monthly meeting. Commissioner Neurohr made the motion to approve, with a second by Dan Giebel. All in favor.

6. Ms. Thiess announced that there will be a zoning board hearing meeting on January 12th, 2022, at 7pm regarding the property at 1971 Mt Troy Rd. Residents are looking for a setback variance for both the side and rear yards.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT-

Mr. Taylor spoke of CD47 projects for the storm sewers for Arlington and Karen Drives. The projects were awarded but since the costs have substantially increased, he is asking that the county reallocate funding from one project to another so it would be fully funded.

GIRTYS RUN REPORT- None

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Dave Solomon 802 Geyer Rd- Expressed concern that the three homes on his section of Geyer Rd are too hard to find using the current addresses. Often delivery drivers can't locate his home and wonders what would happen in an emergency. He is suggesting a name change for the section of the street in question. He will speak with his two neighbors and provide some ideas for a new name.

Tim Gapsby -Shaler School Board – Spoke of the nomination for the Kim Baysek Extra Mile Award for Shaler employees/staff members who make the biggest difference. Nomination deadline is January 3rd, 2022. Pamphlets were provided with information. He also mentioned the Shaler Winter Band Concert series is happening now. Senior citizens over 65 can get a free pass at the administration office on Mt Royal Blvd which is good for most events hosted by Shaler Area Schools. A resident asked him whether the stop sign issue on Lonsdale was addressed. He stated he spoke with Marty Martynuska, the superintendent, and the safety director for ABC and the issue should now be resolved. The resident agreed that vehicles including buses are now stopping.

Ken Vibryl-2439 Arlington Drive – Asked for clarification of the Police MMO. Solicitor Boring explained that MMO stands for Minimum Municipal Obligation and a minimum of amount of money must be maintained in the pension fund. Every year the state will calculate how much must be put in the fund to bring it up to compliance. Mr. Vibryl also asked Ms. Thiess whether the waterline relocation project is on Reserve property and why the township needs to pay for half of the project. She explained it is our line but is in their right of way. Mr. Vibryl also questioned if the cat issue from a few months has been resolved. He spoke of a news story aired on WPXI where an agency rescued numerous animals in North Versailles. Solicitor Boring found the agency to be The Humane Animal Rescue but noted the instance Mr. Vibryl spoke of was a hoarding situation where the Reserve cat issue is more a feral cat problem. Finally, he spoke of being present when the storm sewer survey on Arlington was completed and feels there is only one sewer where the bricks are bad. Engineer Taylor explained that there are issues with a few sewers being very shallow and lacking covering causing the pipes to collapse. Mr. Taylor said that deeper catch basins need installed to stop the pipe collapse.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT – Commissioner Ron Neurohr announced the next public meeting would be on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022, at 7: 00PM.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Sharon Sweeney moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Commissioner Ed Vincent. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Henschel