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Zoning Hearing Board: June 17, 2019
Township Council: June 19, 2019
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Planning Commission: June 27, 2019
Parks & Recreation: August 5, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. @ Kingston Park

I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at Lower Saucon Township, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA with Mrs. Priscilla deLeon, presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Priscilla deLeon, President; Ryan Stauffer, Vice President; George Gress, Donna Louder; Sandra Yerger (arrived at 7:22 p.m.). Leslie Huhn, Township Manager; Thomas Barndt, Chief of Police; Cathy Gorman, Director of Finance; Jim Young, Zoning Officer; Roger Rasich, Director of Public Works; Brenda Detweiler, Administrative Assistant; Linc Treadwell, Township Solicitor; Judy Stern Goldstein, Township Planner and Brien Kocher, Township Engineer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Mrs. deLeon said Council did not meet in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. deLeon said if you are on the agenda, you have Council and Staff's undivided attention. If you do choose to speak, we ask that you use one of the microphones and state your name for the record. If you have a non-agenda item, she asks that you give your fellow public the courtesy of the floor.

II. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS

A. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JR. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. RESOLUTION #56-2019 – RECOGNIZING MATTHEW WAGNER
2. RESOLUTION #57-2019 – RECOGNIZING GEORGE FRENCH
3. RESOLUTION #58-2019 – RECOGNIZING ETHAN KENNEDY
4. RESOLUTION #59-2019 – RECOGNIZING MADELINE LOHR
5. RESOLUTION #60-2019 – RECOGNIZING KATHERINE FRENCH
6. RESOLUTION #61-2019 – RECOGNIZING SYDNEY OSKIN
7. RESOLUTION #62-2019 – RECOGNIZING MACLAINE OSKIN
8. RESOLUTION #63-2019 – RECOGNIZING THOMAS SPIRK
9. RESOLUTION #64-2019 – RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS SNEAD
10. RESOLUTION #65-2019 – RECOGNIZING FERRIS ABU-GHOSH

Mrs. deLeon said resolutions have been prepared recognizing the Jr. Council members for the 2018-2019 school year.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for approval of Resolutions #56-2019 through #65-2019.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Louder

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

III. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. ARIA ENERGY – 2335 APPLEBUTTER ROAD – REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS “RNG” FACILITY AND VARIANCES FROM PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Mrs. deLeon said Aria Energy is requesting a special exception to allow the construction of the Renewable Natural Gas “RNG” facility and variances from plan requirements.

Stephen Smith, Sr. VP of Aria, Matt Harnish, General Counsel for Aria, and Ed Murphy, Local Land Use Counsel for Aria, were present.

Mrs. deLeon asked for Aria representatives to go through their process as it is associated with the landfill, as she'd like to learn about what this plant is going to do regarding hours of operation, lights, where you are going to tie into the landfill, quantity of vehicle trips and the oil and water separator and condensation tank.

Mr. Smith said there are no additional trucks with this process. The newer drawings were submitted at the Planning Commission (P/C) meeting and do show exactly where they are going to

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take the landfill gas from the local system, bring it into the plant and process, treat it and will remove CO2 because landfill gas is roughly 50% methane and 50% CO2. The CO2 has no value and not part of the natural gas, so that's purification. The methane goes out in a pipeline south of Applebutter Road and along Ringhoffer Road and the UGI property to the connection point of the pipeline. There's an existing pipeline which only feeds Calpine but there is a pressure reducing station just as that pipe enters the Calpine property and there is a local distribution that exits from there, goes north on Applebutter Road and runs west on Applebutter Road and serves a good chunk of the Lehigh Valley area. The production will be used locally by the citizens as well as the company.

Mrs. Stern Goldstein said her review letter dated May 16, 2019 addresses the use regulations and her review states that the RNG facility is an accessory use to the existing landfill and a special exception would be required. They have applied for their special exception and that's why they are here tonight with their site plan.

Mrs. Stern Goldstein said the next section is site plan requirements and it's a list of items that are required, some of which have not yet been addressed. The applicant has represented at the P/C meeting that all the items will be addressed on the land development except those of which they requested variances. The Zoning Ordinance permits what's appropriate on the list for site plan requirements and they can essentially have that relief from the P/C. The applicant has chosen as the landfill had in the past to request variances. They acknowledged and stated on the record at the P/C meeting that they would comply with everything in land development that's in the letter with the exception of the variances they asked for.

Mrs. Stern Goldstein said the only other item is environmental protection standards, they need to comply with those and they will with the land development. Mrs. deLeon said we have requirements to shield the lights. Mr. Smith said they have corporate requirements that are the same. Mrs. Stern Goldstein said that will be reviewed at land development. Parking and loading, that's where we talk about illumination also. Buffers and landscaping had quite a bit of discussion during the P/C meeting and the applicant agreed to have a site meeting with the adjacent neighbors of their site, but also with neighbors along Applebutter Road as it's up quite a bit and they agreed to work with them about buffering. Mrs. deLeon said what about noise? Mrs. Stern Goldstein said noise did not come up as a separate issue at the P/C meeting. Mr. Smith said all of the noise is contained inside the building.

Attorney Treadwell said there are requirements in the Zoning Ordinance about noise and they will be looked at in the land development process. This special exception request that goes to the ZHB is step 1. Once the use gets approved, then there will be a detailed land development plan that will go to the P/C and back to this Council for review.

Mrs. deLeon said on page 2, under 2.c. it talks about fire protection and we go through this all the time. Would they be under the Host Agreement and how would that be addressed? The Host Agreement says the City of Bethlehem covers this. Attorney Treadwell said he doesn't know that answer, but he's assuming that the City of Bethlehem would respond to anything, but that's something that the applicant needs to check into. Mr. Smith said they have talked to them and they would be the first responders.

Mr. Smith said they agree to do a traffic study. They only have four employees. Attorney Treadwell said that's in Mrs. Stern Goldstein's letter and all she's doing is identifying how many trips per day. Mrs. Stern Goldstein said however many trips they will have per day, whether its 0 or 5,000, they need to state that. Mr. Smith said it's basically going to be two pickups and two SUV's.

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Mr. Kocher said their letter dated May 17, 2019 is a list of expectations of what they would expect to see with the future land development plan submission. They are just at the Special Exception stage now but they did put some things down that will be reviewed like stormwater management, erosion control, the traffic, any water and sewer requests, retaining wall details and some other things we talked about but it's putting things on record that we expect to see. Mr. Smith said they acknowledge receipt of that letter and they understand the requirements.

Mrs. deLeon said because the site is up high you are putting a retaining wall in. Mr. Smith said the gentleman from the P/C made those comments, but he doesn't consider this site to be up that high. It's very much lower than the hill behind it. They will do a site screening evaluation analysis to verify. Due to looking at this now in a more detailed perspective, one of the things they are considering is actually building two retaining walls, one on the north side and then on a small step down on the south side. That would lower the plant elevation by 10'. It would be equivalent to the top of the berm as it exists now on Basin 1. The retaining wall shown now is a massive retaining wall, it takes a lot of concrete, but it's probably going to be cheaper to go a step down plus it lowers the plant elevation and reduces the amount of fill they have to import to get to the base elevation. That is a detail they are working on right now and appears it might make economic sense. Mrs. deLeon said that would be less visible to surrounding neighbors.

Mrs. deLeon said in Mr. Kocher's letter it says the applicant shall clearly identify the type/composition of proposed sanitary sewer flow, as we note an oil/water separator and condensation tank are proposed. Mr. Smith said that is correct. There will be two separate leads out of the plant. For sewage they are anticipating 90 gallons per day, the condensate itself will run through an oil/water separator and that separates out compressor oil that is not allowed in a sanitary sewer. The water is drawn off of that system and actually put back into the existing landfill facility (condensate/leachate) and that's already under permit with the City of Bethlehem. Currently the landfill has a system that its gas itself produces condensate, and they have a permit to do that. That facility is located right at the flare, so all of Aria's condensate will be pumped out of the gas into the sump and go through that pathway. They have to notify the City of Bethlehem and they will review it. Mrs. deLeon brought up the fine that IESI had to pay the Bethlehem Waste Water Treatment Plant (BWWTP). Mr. Smith said they have a number of facilities in operation and they are allowed to discharge to whatever the jurisdictional agency is in that city. Their process is a different treatment process than what a power plants is. He doesn't know what BRE's issues were.

Mrs. Louder asked what the by-product is that you are discharging into the BWWTP. Mr. Smith said the only real by-product is the condensate. Mrs. Louder asked what's in it. Mr. Smith said there's going to be minor, minor amounts that meet their discharge permit and that's basically it. Mrs. Louder said when BRE was in operation their by-product was labeled hazardous. Mr. Smith said he doesn't know about that. Mrs. Louder said that is why when they discharged there was a \$42,000 fine given to IESI. At that point, there were storage tanks put in and they were hauled away on a weekly basis. If that is the same by-product that you are going to be producing, she would like to know what the makeup of it is. Mr. Murphy said the process employed at the BRE plant produces a totally different by-product. Mrs. Louder said she respects that but would like to know what your by-product is made of. Mr. Murphy said basically its water. Mrs. Louder said she'd like to see testing and a piece of paper that tells her what's in that water before it's discharged. Mr. Smith said they will have it tested before they discharge to the local system. Mrs. Louder said the City has to use chemicals to dilute what you are putting in there and that causes odors sometimes.

Mrs. deLeon said she hears what Mrs. Louder is saying because we were here when it happened and we don't want to see it happen again. Mr. Murphy said BRE did not have an oil water separator.

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Mrs. Louder asked how the storm water was going to run. Mr. Murphy said the storm water is going to go into Basin 1. Mrs. deLeon said you are going to the ZHB on June 17th. This is where we support, oppose or take no action.

Mrs. Louder said what's going to happen with the building when the landfill is done producing gas. Mr. Murphy said under their contract, they have to take the plant down. Mrs. Louder said is there anything that should be put in the plans for that. Mr. Smith said he and Attorney Treadwell had a conversation about a plan for the deconstruction of the plant. Mrs. Stern Goldstein said that was part of the narrative. The facility will continue to receive the landfill gasses long after the closure of the landfill.

Mrs. deLeon said where would be the appropriate place to ask about the condensate. Attorney Treadwell said when the land development plan is back in front of you, they will bring back answers to the questions you asked and then it's appropriate to propose any type of condition on the landfill. What we've heard tonight is the process BRE used is a different animal than what this process is. He would suggest that whatever action or no action that you take regarding the special exception request, that you ask the ZHB to impose on any approval that it might give, the four conditions that were recommended by the P/C.

Attorney Treadwell said it's the compliance with the B&J letter, compliance with HEA review letter, requirement that you go through the land development approval and comply with those regulations and have a site meeting with adjacent property owners during the land development process to address their concerns regarding buffering of the proposed improvements. Mr. Murphy said they are accepted.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved to support this, but ask the ZHB to include the four conditions set by the P/C's memo dated May 31, 2019.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger
Attorney Treadwell clarified the motion with the four conditions set by the special exception and variances.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon amended her previous motion and moved to support this, but ask the ZHB to include the four conditions set by the special exception in the P/C's memo dated May 31, 2019 and the variances.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger amended her second

Susan Severn, 2425 Applebutter Road said she's tired of things being put in the back of her house where she can see it from her kitchen window. Where is this exactly going? Attorney Treadwell showed her on the map. Mrs. deLeon said it would be across from the flare. We have a flare on the landfill and that's there for compliance and BRE closed as of June 1st. They were taking the gas and transferring it into electric and that's not happening anymore. She does not want the gas just to go up in the atmosphere. We have to do something with it. If it's not diverted to a place like this, and if something happens to the flare, it going to go in the air and you don't want to breathe that.

Mrs. Louder said if something happens to the flare, what is going to happen at the landfill right now. Mr. Smith said the plant itself has an oxidizer and it has a 100% backup flare and it is used very minimally but used for plant startups and they can tweak the process and bring it back. They will have 100% backup. If their flare goes down, IESI can use their flare. Mrs. Louder said whose going to be controlling the landfill gas. Mr. Smith said they are operating the gas system under their contract. They will be regulating the flow. Mrs. deLeon said she's opposed to pipelines, but she understands, what do you do in this situation. Mr. Smith said this facility will lessen the demand for some of these other pipelines and will have their own source of gas. Mrs. deLeon said will the residents using this gas see a reduction in their gas bill. Mr. Smith said that's UGI's call, not theirs.

Susan Severn said they are surrounding the whole area with gas; it's just very frustrating. They come here and say this stuff and it's just not that way. She lives there every day. She's not going to see garbage, but she sees garbage every night, now they use big white tarps.

ROLL CALL: 4-1 (Mrs. Louder – No)

Mrs. deLeon said since we had a “no” vote, what would be the alternative if you don't put your plant in. Mrs. Louder said she totally understands the concept; you are taking landfill gas and turning it into renewable energy. She didn't get the answers she was looking for this evening and presenting this you should have had these hard core answers. When she asked them to give her an analysis of the by-product, she felt as if they just shrugged their shoulders and rolled their eyes. She wasn't pleased with that, so she won't support this until she feels comfortable with what she needs to support it. Mrs. deLeon said they will have answers for us when it comes to that stage. There are only certain things they need when they go to the ZHB, and you will move on and go through the process. We made a motion and it passed so we're going to send it to the ZHB.

IV. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS

A. TOWNSHIP TECHNICAL CONSULTANT COMMITTEE QUARTERLY BETHLEHEM LANDFILL REPORT

Mrs. deLeon said Chris Taylor from Hanover Engineering will present the 1st quarter 2019 Technical Consultant Committee Landfill report to Council. Mr. Taylor said the Technical Consultant Committee (TCC) met on May 14th to discuss the status of landfill activities during 1Q2019. All standard reporting was received on time.

Mr. Taylor said waste disposal took place in cell SE-1A, the new cell activities as part of the SE alignment. Waste tonnage was lower than the previous quarter. The Host Municipality Benefit report has been received. PA DEP conducted one inspection. No complaints or non-compliance conditions were documented. The Township received a complaint on May 3rd that daily operations had not ceased by the 6 p.m. cutoff time and garbage was still uncovered and machines were operating. These concerns were raised to IESI and this office has not been aware of any uncovered garbage or working machines since then. The Committee found no concerns.

Mr. Taylor said regarding “Landfill Gas Management”, there are facts and figures in front of you. BRE had been running full capacity in January but it shut down on January 31st due to a machine malfunction and never came back on line. The plant owner is retiring the plant June 1, 2019. Bethlehem Landfill (BL) received 7 odor complaints. PA DEP received two additional odor complaints. Gas royalty payments are up-to-date. The planning process for a second flare continues. Aria Energy is proposing to construct an RNG facility on landfill property. They submitted site plans. PA DEP Air Quality did not report any inspections. Five locations exceeding 500 PPM and all five rechecked okay. Soil probe monitoring 250 ppm, leachate management chamber LMC-3 measured methane at 250 ppm. The committee found a concern related to this topic which is continuing occurrence of surface emissions of methane gas exceeding the permissible limit and of odor incidents. Odors are occurring and migrating offsite. The permit states the operator shall prevent and eliminate odors. Mrs. deLeon said whoever the consultants are going to be looking at this, each landfill has different things going in it and with the methane, we have to be careful and compare it to other landfills.

Mr. Taylor said regarding “Leachate Management”, maintenance work in LMC-6 was performed and detection zone flows were subsequently recorded between 25 and 9 gallons per acre per day (g/a/d). A pump failed and they had been getting zero flows. LMC-7 was recorded as 0 or 1. LMC 8 varied between 198 and 580 g/a/d.

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Mr. Taylor said regarding “Groundwater Management”, sampling takes place quarterly. Groundwater abatement system continues to function as designed and the Committee found no concerns.

Mr. Taylor said regarding “Traffic Management”, the issue of overweight (O/W) trucks continues to be a problem using 2,000 lbs. as an arbitrary cutoff. The record indicates 22 trucks were more than 2,000 lbs. over the 80,000 lb. weight limit and 39 trucks over the 73,280 lb. weight limit entering the landfill. The LST PD was called on February 1st in response to a garbage truck driving recklessly and dropping garbage, the driver was identified by IESI and that information was relayed to the PD. The committee’s concern is the number of O/W trucks. Mrs. Louder said when the trucks are lined up on Applebutter Road in the morning what side of the road are they on, the City side or LST side? Chief Barndt said the City side. Mrs. Louder said how can we get them on the LST side. Chief Barndt said he cannot answer that question. Mrs. Louder said is there any spot before they enter the landfill that they are on the LST side? Chief Barndt said it is the City side they drive on almost all the way up to the landfill. Mrs. Louder said they line up every Friday morning and there are about 5 or 6 trucks there. That’s when she sees them line up the most on the berm of I-78 getting off Route 412, and then they convoy all the way to the landfill, which is illegal. Mr. Taylor said he’ll mention it tomorrow during the inspection. Mrs. Louder said the new District Manager sent her an email and asked to meet with her this evening and she brought this to his attention and he agreed and made the comment that they are stacking up.

Mr. Taylor said regarding “Stormwater Management”, work started to replace the main gabion down channel on the south face, but has been halted due to site conditions and scheduling issues. The cap underlying the channel is damaged and will be repaired. February, PennDOT cleaned the inlet of the culvert of Applebutter Road to prevent overtopping that occurred there. The committee found no concerns.

Mrs. Louder asked is there suspicion of a leak in the liner. The report said that the committee found there was continuous flow of leachate within leachate detection zone and the landfill has identified several monitoring points. Mr. Taylor said there’s some sort of breach in the liner as suspected we’re getting elevated flows in the detection zones especially when those flows vary as to their concentration, it would seem they are being delivered by stormwater and the only way stormwater is getting in is if there is some breach in the liner system. Mrs. Louder said this is where her frustration comes from. These people want to build another facility within the landfill and they aren’t taking care of what they already have. Mr. Taylor said there is some hope that the gabion down channel will find and repair breaches in the cap and that will cut off stormwater flows. LMC-7 had no secondary flows, that is why they suspected a leak.

Mr. Taylor said regarding “Status of Permit Applications”, two applications are currently pending. One for a new flare and one for a name change for the facility to Bethlehem Landfill Company. Mr. Taylor said regarding “Operational Changes”, a new district manager was hired, Astor Lawson. The Committee found no concerns.

Mr. Taylor said regarding “Regulatory Oversight”, PA DEP Waste Management conducted one inspection in January and one in May. DEP Air Quality program reported no inspections. DEP Engineering conducted inspections for January through March. They are back to a monthly routine. The Committees found no concerns.

Mr. Taylor said “Miscellaneous”, the condition of the west high wall was observed, no major slope failures and no movement of soil or rock. Mr. Taylor said citizen complaints show one complaint in January, two in February and four in March. Mrs. Louder said do these coincide with the gas exceedances. Mr. Taylor said we documented gas exceedances during SEM in March. Mrs. Louder said the one exceedance was fairly high. Mr. Taylor said we’re only catching these exceedances when the quarterly monitoring is done. We just have our data points spread out.

Mr. Taylor said complaints lodged with DEP received one in January and one in February. Mrs. deLeon said she called Dee on May 21st and there was a garbage truck swerving over the line and it was very scary. Dee figured out who it was and gave them a warning. Mr. Taylor said the next TCC meetings are August 20th and November 19th.

B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW/PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

Mrs. deLeon said Council would like to recognize Chris Leidy who has been promoted to Sergeant in the Lower Saucon Township Police Department and would also like to welcome Brenda Detweiler, who has joined the Township administrative staff as Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Huhn said Chris Leidy had a prior commitment and was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She also welcomed Brenda. Mrs. deLeon asked Chief Barndt to pass their congratulations on to Sgt. Leidy.

C. AUTHORIZE DEMOLITION OF THE BLAIR HOUSE LOCATED ON OLD PHILADELPHIA PIKE

Mrs. deLeon said the demolition of the Blair House was previously discussed with Council; and at that time, Council President deLeon requested the building be inspected for asbestos. The Manager will report the results to Council.

Mrs. Huhn said Roger contacted ACM Associates who conducted some testing sites within the building and they found asbestos in the kitchen area floors and countertops. Their invoice for the samples and testing was \$990 and a quote to have it removed was \$1,800. If you'd like to continue with the removal of the building, Public Works can do it, but the asbestos has to be removed first.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved to approve the proposal from ACM Associates for the testing (\$990) and removal (\$1,800) of asbestos found in the building and once that is completed, have Public Works remove and dispose of the building.

SECOND BY: Mr. Stauffer

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Mrs. Huhn said there is the block building behind the house which Public Works currently uses for storage. Mrs. Louder said if it's serving a purpose, why don't we let it be and spruce it up with some arborvitae or something.

D. REVIEW OF HELLER HOMESTEAD PARK SIGN PROPOSAL BY BOY SCOUT CHARLIE PAVIS

Mrs. deLeon said Charlie Pavis, a freshman at Bethlehem Catholic contacted the Parks & Recreation Board to refurbish signs at Heller Homestead and clean the park of all debris, for his Eagle Scout project. Frank Thompson from Parks & Recreation is present to discuss the proposal.

Mr. Frank Thompson, Parks & Recreation Board member, said we had a request to fix up the signs at the Heller Homestead Park (HHP) and Charlie Pavis, a freshman, came up with a proposal. He proposes to replace the two signs at the two entrances. He'd refurbish the eight informational signs on the Nature Trail. Once everything has been done, he would bring his scout troop in and clean up the park. He's doing this to get his Eagle Scout badge. He said he can do it in eight weeks' time and would like to get it started. There will be no cost to the Township and Parks & Recreation has unanimously agreed to and recommends this proposal. He will do a great job.

MOTION BY: Mrs. Louder moved for approval for Charlie Pavis, to refurbish 8 directional signs at the Heller Homestead and redo the two signs at the entrance of the park for his Eagle Scout project and lead the clean-up.

SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Mrs. deLeon asked about the kiosk at the HHP. Mrs. Huhn said it will be taken down when they redo the bridge and will be replaced.

E. REVIEW OF POLK VALLEY DOG PARK WATER FOUNTAIN LOCATION

Mrs. deLeon said Staff received approval from PA DCED Greenways, Trail and Recreation Program to modify the scope of work to include the fountain addition to the dog park. Prior to having the contractor install the fencing at the alternate dog park, Public Works would like to install the water line. The Public Works Director included an aerial map identifying the location they would like to place the fountain.

Mr. Rasich said originally they wanted to put this in a central location inside of the park of the gates so it could be accessed by the three parks; however, with the layout it can't be done. The only location that would be the best would be the entrance at the lower parking lot closer to the ballfield and also the stone parking lot above the emergency access. He would suggest putting it as they go to the three parks; they have to walk past that spot. Council thought it was a good spot.

MOTION BY: Mrs. Louder moved for approval of the location of the Polk Valley Dog Park fountain as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

ROLL CALL: 5-0

F. REVIEW OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT UCC BOARD OF APPEALS WITH FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH AND AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE & ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Mrs. deLeon said an Intermunicipal Agreement for the establishment of a joint Uniform Construction Code (UCC) Board of Appeals has been prepared at the request of the Borough of Fountain Hill.

Attorney Treadwell said the Borough of Fountain Hill was unable to fill a Board of Appeals so they are requesting that they be allowed to use ours for one or two hearings they may have during the course of the year. He prepared a draft agreement saying they can use our Board of Appeals. If they use it, they have to pay any cost associated with it. We would need to do an ordinance and advertise it. If Fountain Hill approves it, if you would make a motion to advertise an ordinance, we can have it ready and then they can do theirs. Mrs. Louder asked if there is any liability? Attorney Treadwell said no.

MOTION BY: Mr. Stauffer made a motion to authorize the preparation of an ordinance to adopt the Intermunicipal Agreement and to authorize for the advertisement of a public hearing for adoption.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Louder

ROLL CALL: 5-0

G. SOUTHEASTERN FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

Mrs. deLeon said Staff is requesting Council's formal approval to release \$50,000 typically issued to Southeastern Volunteer Fire Department to be made to Lower Saucon Fire Rescue due to their merger.

Mr. Gress said this doesn't usually come to Council, does it? Mrs. Gorman said it happened once before and we did. Budgetarily it was assigned to Southeastern and the merger happened in January. Mrs. deLeon said if you refer to our administrative code, Leslie is allowed to spend up to \$800 without Council approval. Anything over that, she has to come to Council. Mrs. Louder said this was discussed at the Fire Services meeting last night. Mrs. Huhn said this is just an audit trail.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon motion to approve \$50,000 budgeted to Southeastern Volunteer Fire Department to be issued to Lower Saucon Fire Rescue due to the merger of the companies.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

ROLL CALL: 5-0

H. RESOLUTION #66-2019 – ADOPTING PAY SCALE FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Mrs. deLeon said Resolution #66-2019 has been prepared adopting a pay scale for 2019 for Township seasonal staff.

Mrs. Huhn said this would adopt the pay scale for our seasonal staff. The contract was just completed and with the changes, we didn't have an hourly rate. This will set the rate that was presented in your budget. If you want to change it in the future, we can bring it back at budget time.

MOTION BY: Mr. Gress motion for approval of Resolution #66-2019 adopting a pay scale for 2019 for Township seasonal staff.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Louder

ROLL CALL: 5-0

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 2019 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mrs. deLeon said the May 15, 2019 Council minutes are ready for Council's review and approval. Mrs. Louder said on page 3 of 9 she wanted to purchase a flag for Public Works and she sees there's no flag pole so she is just going to do donuts instead. This is not a correction in the minutes, she just wanted to let PW know.

MOTION BY: Mrs. Yerger moved for approval of the May 15, 2019 Council minutes.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Louder

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Stauffer – Abstained)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Gordon Gress, Black River Road, complemented the work on the storm water basin on Manor Drive and Waldheim Drive. On Fire Lane all the springs are sprouting up on the west side and coming down in torrents. Saucon Square, which has a large retention pond, the water in that pond has never gone above the two ports. The last month, with all these storms, that pond is dry. He wondered where did the water go. Mr. Kocher said as part of the MS4 program, they'll have to do regular inspections to make sure the outlet structure is designed and in place, something could have happened. When we hear about one 300 year storm, or whatever, the term 100 year storm although it's used by the press frequently, it's very specific to a given watershed. What might be a 100 year storm for the Delaware, is not a 100 year storm with respect to storm sewer design or storm pond design, it's just designed to their contributing watershed. Mrs. deLeon said she talked to a lot of people and springs are coming up all over the place.
- Chief Barndt spoke for Mr. Rudy Blomstrom who had to leave. He wanted Council to be aware Mr. Blomstrom filed a complaint with the PD yesterday about speeding on Wilhelm Drive between Apple Street and Wassergass Road. It's a growing problem. Mr. Blomstrom has clocked drivers at the legal speed but he's registered speeds of 40, 50, 60 and even 80 mph. They are showing no respect to the law and ignoring the safety of the residents who live on that road. He hopes the Township and PD can work together to solve this dangerous problem. Chief Barndt said this morning they deployed their speed trailer and will do enforcement there. Council thanked him.

VII. COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

A. MANAGER – MRS. HUHN

- This past Monday was the 11th annual volunteer appreciation picnic, it was a great turnout and great weather. Representatives from Council, Jr. Council and boards and commissions attended as well as our volunteer fire departments. It was a nice evening. On our F/B page there are some candid photos of the evening.
- The dedication for Ken Lubyli's pond will be on June 12th at 6:00 p.m.
- She has a special event application for amplified music for a graduation party at Southeastern Park on July 27th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. which we have allowed in the past.

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MOTION BY: Mrs. Yerger moved for approval of the special event application at Southeastern Park for amplified music on July 27th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Louder

ROLL CALL: 5-0

- Security cameras in the PD have started to malfunction. These were installed when the building was built so they are about 16 years old. TechData is recommending to replace 13 of the original cameras with upgraded models. There's a quote of \$1,404.00 with installation. Mr. Gress said is that all the cameras. Chief Barndt said they have 16 but there are four new ones that were installed. All the cabling is already there.

MOTION BY: Mr. Gress moved for approval of payment to TDS Technology of \$1,404.00 for the replacement and installation of the cameras in the LSTPD.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

ROLL CALL: 5-0

- The Seifert Conservation settlement has been scheduled for June 28th. This has been since 2017, when we did approve this. This straddles LST and Springfield Township. The reason for the delay was waiting for a Federal Highlands grants. The Township's portion of the easement covers 27.5 acres. Our monetary obligation is \$62,041.10 for the easement plus \$8,647.50 for an endowment for the property to do a baseline and monitor it for a total of \$70,688.60.
- We received a very nice offer from the Saucon Creek Watershed to maintain the Native Plant Garden outside of Town Hall and restore it back to the original design by Hans Reimann. They will start in June and will put in plants in the fall or early 2020. Once everything is complete, they would like to put a sign that states the garden is being taken care of by the Saucon Creek Watershed in memory of Hans Reimann. Mrs. Yerger said it was all native plants; it would also fit into the characteristics of a pollinator garden. She would suggest it can get certified by an international organization called "Monarch Watch". You can report the Monarchs as they migrate as far as Mexico and you can track them. Mrs. Huhn will work with them on that. Mrs. Yerger said we're in trouble with the pollinators declining.
- There are photos of a tree leaning across Polk Valley Road in your folder and due to its height; PW is unable to take it down. There is a quote for \$1,439.00 from All Seasons Tree Care to remove it.

MOTION BY: Mr. Gress moved for approval of \$1,439.00 from All Season Tree Care to remove a tree on Polk Valley Road.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Louder

ROLL CALL: 5-0

B. COUNCIL/JR. COUNCIL

Mrs. Yerger

- The LST Historical Society is going to have a presentation on the Dent Family on Monday, June 10th.
- The Seifert property is incredibly important to preserve it. It not only has the source springs for the Cooks Creek watershed, it also has the wellhead for Springtown's water supply.

Mr. Gress

- He attended the Volunteer Picnic and it was great meeting everyone on different committees.

Mrs. Louder

- She attended the Relay for Life on Saturday. It did not rain; and it was quite nice. She presented them the resolution; and did walk with them.
- She had a question for Roger, how are we doing with the roadwork. Mr. Rasich said we're good right now. It's been wet, but we are on track.

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Mr. Stauffer

- He attended the Volunteer Picnic and had a good time and he and Priscilla said thank you to all the volunteers and Township employees for all they do.

Mrs. deLeon

- She was at the Volunteer Picnic and said you did a great job and it was nice talking to everyone.
- Yesterday the Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber took a photo with a big check presentation for the signs applied for through the grant.
- She attended the McDonalds ribbon cutting. Music in the Park will start this Sunday with the Large Flowerheads.

Chief Barndt

- He said the Hill Climb is this Sunday and they will be there. Mrs. Louder said this is the only place that doesn't get billed by the Township. Chief Barndt said correct, but said if they are not there, they will encounter problems and they deter problems when they are there. Mrs. Louder said there's a lot of overtime going out for that; and maybe we should bill them. Attorney Treadwell said the only time anyone ever pays us for police protection is when they agree to do it. We don't have any authorization or statutory authority to just bill somebody. Mrs. Louder said she knows, but it's the only event in the Township that does not pay. There are officers sitting at lights that are being paid by the school district that is having a graduation at Stabler. She appreciates the PD being there. Chief Barndt said just to clarify, they are not actually hiring us. They are on private property. We sit at the motorcycle gate, the car gate and a command post inside to monitor and deter any problems and that's the only reason they are there. The Hill Climb has their own security on the inside and if there's a problem they come out and get us. If we're not there, he's sure we'll encounter problems. Mrs. deLeon said because it's located at the end of Riverside Drive and you're not there, it would take you a while to get there. Chief Barndt said the patrol officers are still patrolling the Township and we still have officers there including the State Police.
- Chief Barndt said Tuesday, August 6th will be National Night Out at Dimmick Park from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- C. **SOLICITOR** – No report
- D. **PLANNER** – No report
- E. **ENGINEER** – No report

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mr. Gress moved for adjournment. The time was 8:50 p.m.
SECOND BY: Mr. Stauffer
ROLL CALL: 5-0

Submitted by:

Leslie Huhn
Township Manager

Priscilla deLeon
Council President