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Environmental Advisory Council: October 11, 2022 (Land Conservation Workshop)
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I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. with Mr. Jason Banonis, presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Jason Banonis, President; Priscilla deLeon and Thomas Carocci, Council Members; Mark Hudson, Township Manager; Linc Treadwell, Township Solicitor; Brien Kocher, Township Engineer; Cathy Gorman, Assistant Manager/Director of Finance; Carol Schneider and Stacy Werkheiser, Administrative Assistants. **Absent:** Mark Inglis and Sandra Yerger Council Members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE) – Mr. Banonis said Council did meet in executive session this evening to discuss land acquisition for Parcel 2022-02 and a County depository property.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY – 3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mr. Banonis wanted to remind everyone of the Public Comment Procedure, a copy of that is available outside on the table. He would also like to introduce and welcome Mark Hudson, our new Township Manager. He comes to us with a wealth of experience. He's been a Township Manager and Assistant Township Manager for decades. He has been here for about 3-1/2 weeks and has hit the ground running. He's done a tremendous job and we're excited to have him here. He's going to do a great job for the Township and continue to move us forward in a positive way. Please feel to reach out to him if you have any needs or any concerns and his door is always open and he's ready to move forward.

Mr. Banonis said the comment period is for Township residents and taxpayers only with a three-minute time limit.

- Thomas Louder, 2145 Johnson Avenue said we didn't go over the fire services yet but he did read what was in the packet and he appreciates all the hard work that Lower Saucon 16 did and also wants to thank Councilman Carocci for all his hard work on this merger. It's been a long time coming and there's been a lot of issues and hopefully we can now move forward in a positive direction and have a fire department in Steel City again.
- Laura Ray, 3357 Lower Saucon Road said you aren't supposed to read her address. She had a couple of things about the Capital Plan, one was in the Park and Rec. development area. There was a statement that due to Hellertown Borough's decision to remove themselves from the Saucon Valley Partnership, that Lower Saucon Council may need to revise ongoing recreation needs. She was curious as to what recreation needs would change and how that would be impacted or who will be working on that. There were ten items listed to consider for budgeting. She'd like to see EAC maybe have some input on things like that as it looks like they all come from just Parks and Rec. Under IT improvements, there was requested funding in 2023 from the General Fund budget for online streaming of Council meetings and she's hoping that we don't have to wait until 2023 to get that as we've been waiting since 2021. We needed the new Manager and we have him so let's move forward with that. In the Parks and Open Space area, there was reference that future park and open space purchases would be done in compliance with the Saucon Valley Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan. There was also reference to a Joint Park and Recreation Open Space which was completed with Upper Saucon Township (UST). She can't find that plan on our website or on UST's website. She doesn't remember anything about it so maybe we can find out where that is so we can refer to it when we are planning things like this for our Parks and Open Space. Outside of the Capital Plan there was an item on the agenda for funding for the Hellertown Halloween Parade this year and she couldn't find out what we contributed in past years but she's pretty sure we did. She's hoping we will be contributing something, either what we did last year or support one of the divisions.

III. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS

- ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 – AMENDING CHAPTER 137 (STORMWATER MANAGEMENT) – PUBLIC HEARING**
- ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 – AMENDING CHAPTER 137 (STORMWATER MANAGEMENT) – CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION**

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Mr. Banonis said Ordinance No. 2022-01 has been prepared by Hanover Engineering Associates to update the Stormwater Chapter of the Township Code to meet the requirements from PADEP and MS4.

- MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to open the public hearing.
- SECOND BY:** Ms. deLeon
- ROLL CALL:** 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

Attorney Treadwell said this is Ordinance No. 2022-01 which deletes the existing Chapter 137 of the Township Code which is Stormwater Management and replaces it with a new Chapter 137. The new chapter will have some additional requirements that came from the PA DEP as well as the MS4 requirements. It's been advertised for a public hearing and for consideration of adoption. This is the public hearing. Brien Kocher will explain what changed in Chapter 137 and then we'll take questions and move from there.

Mr. Kocher said he went through Chapter 137 and it was based on an older Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) model when they did the Saucon Creek Watershed study. LVPC has a newer global model which is more consistent with what applicants have to go through in the NPDES process. He updated all the requirements to make it consistent with LVPC's newest model which will assist applicants coming in as they won't have our requirements being different than DEP's requirements. He went through this and all of the new requirements that weren't in the LVPC's model but are in DEP's model, as we are required to adopt this with our newest round of the MS4 permit and put those in. There weren't very many of those because the LVPC model already had most of them. Mr. Banonis asked if there were any comments from the public? No one raised their hand.

- MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to close the hearing.
- SECOND BY:** Mr. Carocci
- ROLL CALL:** 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

- MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-01.
- SECOND BY:** Ms. deLeon

Ms. deLeon asked when the effective date was for this? Attorney Treadwell said ten days from today. Ms. deLeon said anyone who submits between now and then, they'd go with the old one. Attorney Treadwell said as Mr. Kocher said they'd be better off to wait for the new one.

- ROLL CALL:** 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

C. CONGRATULATIONS TO LOWER SAUCON FIRE RESCUE (LSFR) ON THE SUCCESSFUL GRANT AWARDED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$385,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/FEMA

Mr. Banonis said Lower Saucon Fire Rescue was successful in receiving an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to upgrade their radio systems.

Scott Krycia, President and Captain from LSFR was present. They wanted to thank the Township as they were able to give the funding to get the grant through FEMA. This grant is \$385,000 and actually replaces their portable radios that their members carry inside a burning building or use on fire calls. The current radios they have roughly cost about \$900.00 each. The radios they are replacing them with are P25 compatible, which is going to be the new Federal standard for communications for fire, police and EMS in the country. They are also tri-band. He carries three portable radios depending on where they are going, a Northampton County one, a Lehigh County one, and a Bucks County one. At any time, especially in Lehigh County, you will see him carrying two radios as he has to talk to Lehigh County and Northampton County. The radios they are getting will allow them to monitor channels all at the same time and if they need to talk to anyone on those bands. There are 48 radios written into the grant for a total cost of about \$385,000. The radios they are replacing they got with a Federal grant in 2006 which was for radios and air packs so they are well past their shelf life and they would never be able to do this without a Federal grant and help from the Township, so they just want to thank the Township.

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Mr. Banonis said they want to thank them as they pursued this and put the information together and the public probably doesn't realize all the hard work you guys do both responding to emergencies and also behind the scenes to make sure you are properly equipped and trained and ready to go. The need to communicate when you are out at an emergency scene is paramount because it's not just talking to one another, but you are strategizing and figuring out how things are evolving so you can attack the situation. Any second you can save is time that goes towards facing that urgency. Thank you for doing this and for all your hard work in pursuing this and everything you do to make sure you are trained and ready to go.

Mr. Carocci said you're also thanking the Township for the money set aside for the grant writing process. Mr. Krycia said it was \$5,000 for the grant writer and the Township donated that to help us to get that grant. Mr. Carocci said it's a great return on investment as it was \$5,000 and you got a \$385,000 grant so let us know what else we can do in the future.

Ms. deLeon said she remembers when we were in the old building and we were talking about upgrading radios as the Public Works couldn't talk to this, couldn't talk to that, couldn't talk to the County, and we were trying to get them all together. She's surprised we're not there yet. Mr. Krycia said they are surprised too. Ms. deLeon said she's unhappy about that. Mr. Krycia said it's going to happen with the County, but it's a huge infrastructure thing for them to go to the P25 system, all new towers, all new radios and trucks. It's going to be a multi-million-dollar project. It's going to take a while to get it done. Bucks County is already doing that as they are on the P25 system right now.

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None

V. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS

A. UPDATE ON FIRE SERVICES CONSOLIDATION

Mr. Banonis said Lower Saucon Fire Rescue will provide an update on the consolidation. Mr. Scott Krycia said they signed the merger agreement and petition to the Orphans Court. Steel City did the same thing. That information was sent to Steel City's lawyer. Our lawyer Jill has it and Linc also has a copy of it and Mr. Krycia sent it to a lot of people in the Township including the Manager. Where they are at right now on the legal side of things is they are waiting for Orphans Court to give them a date so they can go in and say they approved the merger and then once that happens, we are officially merged at that point and we can start consolidating assets, transferring deeds, transferring truck titles and doing all that other stuff. Their board is planning on having a series of meetings probably starting in the next two or three weeks to get some things cleaned up. He wants to know what vendors they are using and if they had any obligations, those kinds of things. He talks a lot to Scott Nocek, the current President, and said it would be great if they could clean everything up by the end of the year and close their books. It would be difficult to really keep their books open. They are hoping to have it all wrapped up by the end of the year.

Ms. deLeon said what about dividing the fire services with the Steel City then. She knows you were having trouble finding a location to keep the truck, what happened to that. Mr. Johnson said there's fire protection in Steel City now. The newest truck that's there now they are going to put online as soon as the Orphans Court is done. They had the hose and the pumps tested last week. PM is going to be done on it which would be changing oil and things like that as it's been sitting and hasn't been run. That will all be taken care of before they put it into service. The few guys we have over there will train on it and then they will cross train with the members of the department and they will be getting it on the road. Ms. deLeon said you will be using the station that's there. Mr. Johnson said absolutely. The oldest truck that is there is going to be sold as it's past its life expectancy and falling apart. They've already been talking to Steel City and some things are going to be liquidated to try to get some of the dead weight off and Scott Nocek has been in contact with him about the Fire Commissioner's grant coming up. Steel City is still going to get that grant and next year it will be under LSFR. They can still get that grant for ten years. The boat needs to be replaced and they will use that money to replace that so they can keep the Water Rescue Team intact and build on that.

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Mr. Carocci said you have to wait for the Orphans Court to get the titles of the trucks and the deed to the property. Mr. Johnson said correct. It's worth waiting for. They made it this far and he thinks all the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed, and they can make things happen.

Mr. Banonis said all of the assets, the physical building, the fire trucks, the equipment that's in there will be part of LSFR once the Orphans Court approves it and all that apparatus except for what can be discarded as it's obsolete will remain there to provide fire services to the residents of Steel City just as it was before. Mr. Johnson said correct.

Mr. Carocci said the resolution will require Steel City to dissolve as a 501(c)3 which is important. Also in the packet is a letter from the Attorney General's office which addresses some concerns they had with Steel City and they had been brought to light by Cathy and Linc to Steel City and their attorneys in April 2021 and went pretty much unanswered. Donna Louder brought a lot of that to their attention and it's unfortunate but he's glad that it hasn't been an impediment moving forward and that type of stuff really can't happen and he knows it doesn't happen with you guys. You are getting taxpayer dollars and you are asking for donations from the public so everything has to be above board. There was some improper activity and financial transactions related to a \$40,000 donation. He thanked them for all their hard work and everything they do. We have a great volunteer fire company. There was an article which talked about collaborating fire companies and how the volunteerism has declined, and donations have grown less reliable and 90% of the fire companies in PA are volunteer fire companies and collaboration is basically the way to go. Mr. Banonis asked if that was the article from State College or somewhere where they were facing issued with consolidation and funding? Mr. Carocci said they are consolidating five fire companies in different municipalities. Mr. Johnson said it's also happening south of us, Springtown, Riegelsville and Ottsville just entered into an agreement and it will be Palisades Regional Fire Services. They are doing the same thing; you have to do it. Ms. deLeon said it's been happening all over the State since she's been going to PSAT's conferences, she has heard this over the years. Mr. Johnson said there's strength in numbers and they are going to build that station up over there and will get it back to where it should be.

Mr. Banonis said you guys have always been the cutting edge and the other guys look to you for guidance on structural and operational changes and he's sure that other departments, like Palisades, may be looking to you. Thank you for making those departments as efficient as yours.

B. AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INSTALLMENT PAYMENT NO. 2 OF 5 TO LOWER SAUCON FIRE RESCUE FOR THE LADDER TRUCK

Mr. Banonis said LSFR's loan payment for the purchased ladder truck is due on October 1, 2022. Council agreed to fund 75% of the purchase price over a period of five (5) years after a down payment in the amount of \$425,600. The breakdown would indicate the next payment to apply toward LSFR's loan payment would be in the amount of \$134,313.35.

Mrs. Cathy Gorman said if Council remembers the loan for the ladder truck was taken out by LSFR and on an annual basis they would request Council's permission to release that as a contribution to them. We have budgeted for it, and this would be the second payment on their amortization schedule. The payment is due October 1, 2022.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved to authorize the release installment payment No. 2 of 5 immediately or as soon as possible to Lower Saucon Fire Rescue for the Ladder Truck in the amount of \$134,313.35.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon
Mr. Carocci asked if this comes out of the Fire Services Fund? Mrs. Gorman said yes. Ms. deLeon asked this should be done right away instead of waiting? Mr. Banonis said the payment is due October 1st, so we have 9 days. They need to get it in time to meet that deadline.

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

C. **ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION #VAR 02-22 – 1743 OLD MILL ROAD – COUNCIL REVIEW**

Mr. Banonis said the residents at 1743 Old Mill Road are looking to obtain several variances in order to construct a pool on their property.

John and Gretchen Rice were present. Mrs. Rice said her husband and two children live at 1743 Old Mill Road. They just got to know Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci at their block watch neighborhood parties and she thanked them for coming to that. They are interested in putting in a swimming pool at their home and are fortunate to live in an 1850's converted bank barn. It was constructed before zoning codes were put in place and building setbacks didn't exist at that time. The location of the existing barn is partially, at least half of the way, of the current 50-yard setback. The orientation of the home when it was converted to a barn back to a home in 2002 is such that their front door is located on the opposite side of the home from the road. Its orientation isn't customary to what you normally see with your front door facing the road; therefore, what the Township necessarily considers their front yard based on its location to Old Mill Road is actually their back yard. Their desire is to place the pool as you go out their basement where you would open the French doors on the lower level of the three-story barn and walk out to the location where you would put a swimming pool. They have amenities in the basement that would naturally serve a pool like the bathroom, the rec area, the bar and kitchenette area, all those things which they would have to rebuild if they put the pool elsewhere on the property where there is more land available. She provided in the packet a colored version which shows the proposed location of the swimming pool and the fence that would be necessary to close the swimming pool which would need to be slightly higher than the fence that's permitted in the front yard for pool safety reasons. Their intention is to use the existing stone wall which is there in the Township's right-of-way (ROW) as a portion of the fence and then enclose the pool area by connecting each end of that stone wall to the home. The ROW is substantially deeper than the standard ROW for roads of that type and if you go to the properties further down on Old Mill Road the ROW isn't as deep. The reason this ROW is that deep is this is Lot 10 of the subdivision that was done in 2001 and when that was recorded the ROW was granted 15' deeper than it necessarily had to be. It included their existing stone wall. It would only be a couple feet of fence within the ROW which would be fence panels that could be removed if there were any issues or need for the Township to access that which is unlikely as the water line is on the opposite side of the stone wall and the road which wouldn't be affected by their proposed construction. They are asking for three variances; one would be constructing the swimming pool within the area that's 50' setback; constructing a small portion of the fence within the existing ROW; and the last would be constructing a fence that's slightly higher than the fence that's currently permitted in the front yard. Her understanding in reading the ordinance is that the Zoning Officer could provide that relief on his own based on the fact that the fence would be enclosing a recreational structure such as the swimming pool.

Mr. Banonis said with regard to the stone wall and your intention to put a fence there, do you plan to put the fence on top the stone wall? Mrs. Rice said yes, that is their first choice.

Ms. deLeon said a long time ago your house or barn, your beautiful home was on Saucon Valley's Barn Tour booklet and that is the barnyard fence, stone wall and that should be preserved and she would hope future Township people would preserve that and never touch it as it was part of the barn. Mrs. Rice said they have photographs and the fence they are proposing is basically putting back the fence in the same place where it had the animals. Ms. deLeon said that was for the animals in the barnyard.

Mr. Carocci said there was a fence on top of that wall. Mrs. Rice said not on top, but on the sides. The grade is sloped and is quite high and they'd have to do some excavating there to bring it down so they would only have to go 1' or 2' above the stone fence for privacy and the aesthetic they are looking for. They will plant a tremendous amount of greenery and hedges around it for their privacy so it's not unpleasing to the eye for anyone driving by. There are neighbors who are in support of their project and the third neighbor recently moved in and they haven't met them yet, but she doesn't

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see how it would affect him negatively as it's on the complete opposite side of where their pool is. Mr. Carocci said they seem like reasonable requests. Mr. Banonis said they haven't heard any opposition during the public comment period

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved to take no position, for VAR 02-22 which seeks variances for Section 180-29a, 180-9(c)2.f and 180-97(c)2.a.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

D. APPROVAL OF 2023 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO) FOR UNIFORM/NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLANS

Mr. Banonis said Act 205 requires the Township Manager as the CAO for the two employee pension plans to annually determine the MMO of the Township for the coming year. The 2023 MMO's for both plans have been prepared by the Township Actuary.

Mrs. Gorman said at the last Pension Advisory Committee (PAC) they had presented the 2023 MMOs based on the most current Act 205 filing and the Committee agreed to move it forward to Council which is required to be authorized today. The MMOs for the uniform plan is \$426,673 and the non-uniform plan is \$170,257. This is \$14,148 less than we were obligated to pay this year. We had discussed several things during the PAC meeting and this was one of them, and with your approval we will have them added to the budget.

Ms. deLeon said is this less than we paid the last year? It would be nice to have last year's numbers for comparison. Mrs. Gorman said since this is for next year, she always compares it to what we are paying this year. It was \$14,000 less than what we are paying now. If you want her to go back to 2021 MMO, she can do that. Ms. deLeon said it would be helpful for next year when you put the MMO in, you have that information in our packet. Mr. Banonis said he doesn't need that, he's just happy knowing what this year is and what next year is going to be. Ms. deLeon said a lot of the residents might want to know too.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Uniform/Non-Uniform Pension plans in the amount of \$426,673 and \$170,257.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

Ms. deLeon said Jason you are on the PAC so you are privileged to certain information that the rest of Council is not. Mr. Banonis they are open meetings and you can participate at that meeting if you want. Ms. deLeon said you took her off that committee.

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

E. RESOLUTION #62-2022 – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR MONROE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EASTON ROAD BALLFIELD

Mrs. Gorman said the resolution is for her to finalize the grant submission for the Easton Road ballfield development. They are aware of LST's intent to apply and what their project is. The deadline is September 30, 2022.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #62-2022 authorizing the submission of a grant application for Monroe Local Share Account Funding for the development of the Easton Road ballfield.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

F. RESOLUTION #63-2022 – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR NORTHAMPTON AND LEHIGH COUNTY LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EASTON ROAD BALLFIELD

Mrs. Gorman said this is the same type of grant and both of them we are applicable for so we will be submitting the same exact grant for that funding and hopefully we'll get money from both parties.

Ms. deLeon said what happens if we get the same amount of money. Mr. Banonis said we double the money. Ms. deLeon said can we keep it? Mrs. Gorman said the intent of filing, they will be

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seeing the bid submission so they will know we are contributing a large amount to it. Mr. Carocci asked if we can receive both grants in the full amount. Mrs. Gorman said hopefully. Sometimes they do call and ask if you will accept less and if that happens, Mrs. Gorman would bring it back to Council. The administrators of these grants are aware of our intent.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #63-2022 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Northampton and Lehigh County Local Share Account Funding for the development of the Easton Road Ballfield Replacement Project.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

G. RESOLUTION #64-2022 – AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE DUI GRANT

Mr. Hudson said Resolution #64-2022 has been prepared authorizing the Council President to execute the DUI grant application on behalf of the Lower Saucon Township Police Department. This grant was received many times. It was a two-year grant and will now be a one-year program as they changed the process as everything is electronic so we just have to sign the resolution and it will give money for traffic enforcement, DUI programs and aggressive driving programs and we run the grant for Hellertown, Lower Saucon and Freemansburg.

Ms. deLeon said under the cover page where it says application agency, it says Lower Saucon, Hellertown and Freemansburg, they are the partnerships, are we still in partnership with those two entities and you can confirm that by an agreement? Mr. Hudson said we run the grant for the three Police Departments. Ms. deLeon said, so these other departments are working together with the Township. Mr. Hudson replied yes, they do their own in their own towns, we just run the grant with them is his understanding and sometimes they will get together and do enforcements together.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #64-2022 authorization to execute the DUI Grant Application on behalf of Lower Saucon Township Police Department.

SECOND BY: Mr. Carocci

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

H. RESOLUTION #65-2022 – SIGNATURE FOR DISBURSEMENTS

Mr. Hudson said Resolution #65-2022 has been prepared to authorize him as a signer on behalf of the Township.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #65-2022 making the new Township Manager, Mr. Hudson a signer for the Township.

SECOND BY: Mr. Carocci

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

Ms. deLeon asked Mr. Treadwell for confirmation that these are all new resolutions, and he confirmed they were.

I. RESOLUTION #66-2022 – TOWNSHIP SECRETARY

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #66-2022 has been prepared appointing Mark Hudson, Township Manager as Township Secretary.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #66-2022 appointing Mark Hudson as Township Secretary.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

J. RESOLUTION #67-2022 – RIGHT-TO-KNOW OFFICER

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #67-2022 designates Mark Hudson, Township Manager as the Right-to-Know Officer, and the Director of Finance as the Assistant Right-to-Know Officer.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #67-2022 authorizing Mark Hudson as the Right-to-Know Officer and Director of Finance and Assistant Manager as the Assistant Right-to-Know Officer.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

K. RESOLUTION #68-2022 – TOWNSHIP PLANNING/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #68-2022 has been prepared appointing Mark Hudson, Township Manger as Planning/Zoning Administrator.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #68-2022 appointing Mark Hudson as Planning/Zoning Administrator.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

L. PRESENTATION AND REVIEW OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023-2027

Mr. Banonis said the Director of Finance has prepared a draft of the 5-year Capital Plan for Council's review and discussion, and he said they had time to review it and asked if Mrs. Gorman had anything she would like to highlight.

Mrs. Gorman said it's self-explanatory and pretty aggressive based on some of the items that Council had previously stated at meetings that they wished to accomplish, including the paving of Steel City and the Easton Road ballfield. They listed the vehicles the Police and Public Works Department are requesting for next year which are two units for the PD and a replacement truck for Truck No. 8 which is the bucket truck. Two of the vehicles they ordered this year will not come in until next year so they moved that funding. Mr. Rasich is also requesting a new roller at \$50,000 and a skid steer grader blade for \$45,000. They had a conversation with Mr. Rasich as to why this blade costs so much and he provided us with a video which she can present during the budget session. It's automated and it would replace the Galion Grader on our Capital Plan. We are basically making a vehicle we have now a multi-use as opposed to buying individual units.

Mr. Banonis said with regard to the two vehicles that Cathy mentioned that were supposed to be purchased this year but are being purchased next year, does the Township staff continues to use the old vehicles? Mr. Hudson said correct. They were ordered this year but we won't receive them until next year. Mr. Hudson confirmed we are not short vehicles, and there is a good chance the vehicles we order next may not come in until 2024. Mrs. Gorman said we have a 15-year replacement schedule for Public Works vehicles which Roger tries to adhere to, and for the PD with the 24/7 coverage, they need to be replaced sooner. Mr. Banonis said the Chief has been fairly aggressive in seeking grant money to offset these costs. Mr. Hudson added that they are rotating the vehicles and all of the equipment is in great working condition, just some are in need of replacement to avoid spending a lot time on repairs.

Mrs. Gorman said some of the items are road improvements such as finishing up Lower Saucon Road this year, working on Black River Road and Reading Drive for next year. Hopefully, within the next year we'll have those two bridges finished as well. We are also adding on as opposed to taking off for 2024, some modification in improvements to the Public Works office area as requested by the Public Works Director. If it's okay with Council and you are in agreement with that, we can do plan designs and things like that now and it will be in the 2024 budget which would include modifications of their restroom facilities, their locker room, that sort of thing.

Mr. Banonis asked for any questions from Council. Ms. deLeon said on the summary page, it says the Capital Plan was modified at the request of Council in 1998 Ordinance No. 98-17 with the adoption of the Administrative Code. The Administrative Code was already adopted in 1976. Mrs. Gorman said she'll review the ordinance again. That language hasn't changed in years. Ms. deLeon said that is not correct. Ms. deLeon said on page 3 under Open Space Acquisitions, ArcheWild, is spelled two different ways, she's not sure which way is correct. Mrs. Gorman said she will check that. We did receive an email earlier in the year. Ms. deLeon said under Park and Recreation Development, it says "Duplicating projects and services with neighboring communities is not cost effective and not compliant with PA mandates, thus limiting the Township's ability to secure grant funding opportunities", then the next sentence, "due to the Hellertown Borough Council's decision to remove themselves from the Partnership, Lower Saucon Council may need to revise ongoing recreation needs", can you please explain that? Mrs. Gorman said what she was specifically

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identifying was the fact that in our previous Capital Plans, Council had previously approved \$5,000 a year for the opportunity for Hellertown Borough (HB) to request the funding from us to modify their pool. It's their pool so once they removed us from the agreement we had with them regarding the swimming pool, we have no real stake in that pool, so her recommendation was to move that funding to another option such as MS4 which is increasing as we speak. Ms. deLeon said are you saying we never gave HB \$5,000 in all the other years for their pool? Mrs. Gorman said no, we were supposed to allocate \$5,000 a year, save it and they were supposed to come to us and ask Council for an in-kind contribution if something should happen at the pool that they needed a capital improvement on. Ms. deLeon said she doesn't remember it that way, somebody should go back and check the minutes.

Mr. Banonis said we received notice from HB that they were no longer going to follow the accounting gimmick they were using for resident and non-resident. We are still paying the difference between the resident rate and the non-resident rate. LST was paying that difference for LST residents to utilize the pool and they can still use that pool. Mrs. Gorman confirmed. Mr. Banonis said as a result of their decision to take away that accounting gimmick, now we'll have an additional \$5,000 for other recreational purposes? Mrs. Gorman said you can use it for whatever Council decides to reallocate it for. Mr. Banonis said that's great. Mrs. Gorman said she believes there's \$45,000 to \$50,000 in the Capital Plan that was earmarked for HB if they ever needed a capital improvement for the pool.

Mr. Carocci said it's on page 6 where it says "Eight years ago the Township reserved funds for improvements to the Hellertown Pool. The previous agreement with HB regarding the administration of the pool and due to the damage the pool may have sustained during flooding earmarked \$5,000 annually to set aside". Last year there was \$40,000 that had been set aside over those eight years and now it's being reallocated to stormwater management. It's clearly stated on page 6.

Ms. deLeon said she did read that. Her point was years ago when we allocated the first \$5,000, she thought we were supposed to give that to them. Mrs. Gorman said no, the intent of that money had always been for us to hold it and for them to approach us...Ms. deLeon said did they know they had to ask for it? That was when they had repairs from the flood. Mrs. Gorman said that plan was implemented after that. They received FEMA money for all that replacement and all the work that needed to be done and she believes it was Mr. Cahalan because he had a relationship with Hellertown and when the pool came up, they had the discussion of setting aside funding for them that if they ever applied for a grant or anything disastrous happened there again that they needed funding to help with repairs to the pool, we would be able to do so. Ms. deLeon said she does not quite remember it that way. Mrs. Gorman said the intent was for them to come to ask for it, not that we would just issue them a check every year.

Mr. Carocci said it was like an emergency fund, a rainy-day fund if something damaging happened to the pool. Mrs. Gorman said Council would have the ability to say we would like to help them out. Mr. Carocci said fortunately over the past 8 years, there was no catastrophic incident where they needed a capital improvement. The money is still there and now it's going to be reallocated to stormwater management or something else. He thanked Cathy for all her hard work on the Capital Plan.

M. 2022 HELLERTOWN POOL INVOICE – AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR 2023 PUBLIC POOL REIMBURSEMENTS

Mr. Hudson said we received an invoice from the Hellertown Pool in the amount of \$9,700. Our past practice was we paid this so we would pay it in 2023. Due to the separation, staff is recommending that we pay it this year to be done with the payment and if you would like, staff would put together a plan for 2023 on how we can reimburse the residents.

Mr. Banonis said this makes sense, and it was an accounting gimmick where this \$9,700 reflected the difference between the resident rate and the non-resident rate for LST residents who would utilize

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the pool. They paid the Hellertown resident rate and in turn the Township would reimburse Hellertown the difference for every resident that was a member of the pool. Anybody from the public can still use the pool, they will just pay the non-resident rate, and he would ask that we look to potentially continue to have access to the Hellertown Pool by having the Township reimburse the Township residents who purchase a membership the difference between what you would pay as a resident versus a non-resident so there's no economic or financial impact to any resident. He would also ask that we explore other pool options. He knows Fountain Hill had a pool at one time and he thinks they are closing, maybe going in with Hellertown. Southern Lehigh has a pool we could look at, but there are other options that may be available to expand pool services for everyone.

Mr. Carocci said there was a family rate at Hellertown pool last year which was \$200.00, the non-resident rate was \$275.00, so if a resident comes in and shows they joined the Hellertown pool, and they are a resident of LST, they will be given \$75.00 check to make up for the difference. He said years ago, his family was part of the Southern Lehigh pool, it's an excellent pool and they actually have a swim team there for the kids where Hellertown doesn't. They are a little more expensive, they were \$350 for both residents and non-residents, but he'd like to see it where if we have residents that want to join the Southern Lehigh pool, that they are also given \$75.00 toward that membership once they prove they joined. The Southern Lehigh pool actually stayed open every day between Memorial Day and Labor Day whereas the Hellertown Pool was closed for at least five days in August due to staffing issues and they had modified hours and actually closed on August 20th when the kids go back to school, whereas the Southern Lehigh is open until Labor Day so we need to give our residents options for their summer pool. Hellertown is a good option, Southern Lehigh is a good option, and they are both different as he stated above.

Mr. Banonis said he recalls that the Hellertown pool was also closed in June due to lifeguard issues. It may not have been 2022 and he may have it confused with last year, but he knows there was a delay in opening one of past two years.

Mr. Carocci said we should pay the amount of the invoice and authorize our staff to prepare some type of procedures that are posted on our website and put in our next newsletter where they can come in for their reimbursement. He doesn't know what Fountain Hill is doing next year. This would only be for non-profit pools.

MOTION BY: Mr. Carocci moved for approval to pay the 2022 invoice for the Hellertown Pool to Hellertown and for staff to prepare a plan for 2023 public pool reimbursements as stated above.

SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

N. CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING REQUEST FOR HELLERTOWN HALLOWEEN PARADE

Mr. Hudson said the Township received a letter from the Hellertown Halloween Parade asking for a donation. In the past, we had donated \$1,000 to the Saucon Valley Spirit Parade which has become the Hellertown Halloween Parade. He'd like to see if Council wants to fund this again.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for funding of the 2022 Hellertown Halloween Parade in the amount of \$1,000.

SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

Ms. deLeon said normally Council and the previous Manager would call Chevy 21 for a truck. Mr. Banonis said it's called Raceway. Ms. deLeon said they usually donate a pickup truck for the day and PW puts hay bales in the back and Council rides and throws candy. She'd like to see that tradition continue. Mr. Banonis said you need a motion to ride in the float? Ms. deLeon said to get the truck. Mr. Banonis said he thinks it was donated so we don't need a motion. Ms. deLeon said we usually send a thank you note afterwards; and usually the Manager drives the truck. Mr. Hudson said he thinks he can handle that. Mr. Banonis said he and Tom rode in it last year and it was very enjoyable. Ms. deLeon said Carol usually gets the candy.

O. APPROVAL OF EVENT APPLICATION AT LUTZ-FRANKLIN SCHOOLHOUSE – APPLE FEST

Mr. Banonis said Council will review the event application for Apple Fest to take place on October 15, 2022 at the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse. This is an annual event. Mr. Hudson said it's a great event.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the event application at the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse for Apple Fest on October 15, 2022.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 17, 2022 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mr. Banonis said the August 17, 2022 Council minutes are ready for Council's review and approval.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the August 17, 2022 Council minutes.

Ms. deLeon said she hasn't missed a meeting in a long time, but she missed August 17th, does she get to abstain? Attorney Treadwell what we've always done in the past is if you read them you can vote on them.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

B. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Banonis said the August 2022 Financial Reports are ready for Council's review and approval.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the August 2022 Financial Reports.

SECOND BY: Mr. Carocci

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

VII. COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

A. TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Hudson

- On Saturday, September 17th we had Christ Lutheran Church Pastor Phil and Mark Karpa organize the cleanup of the Southeastern Park. He wanted to thank them as they did a great job cleaning up at the park.
- We received two payments totaling \$570,789.16 representing the rest of the Covid-19 relief funds that were due to the Township.
- The meeting room AV was mentioned. He actually had a company come out yesterday to try to look at the room and offer ideas on how to broadcast the meetings. There are two bills, one in front of the Senate and one in front of the House where the State is looking at making rules for broadcasting meetings, so he's keeping an eye on that.
- The Chief wanted to let you know the Hill Climb is this Saturday and the PD will have staffing out there from 10 AM to 5 PM. Northampton County will also be there.
- The Lower Saucon Bridge project is moving forward. PPL was out on Monday and Tuesday and got their lines moved. Service Electric was out today. We are still waiting for Verizon but our contractor is there working and has the bridge out already, so they are moving ahead as quickly as possible. Mr. Banonis said the Lower Saucon Bridge, he knows there is a time constraint because of DEP regulations because of the spawning trout that are downstream, is there a deadline of October 1st? Do you think it will be in place? Mr. Hudson said we are trying our best, that's why they started when the lines were still up. PPL ran into an issue and they had the tree clearing come out, then when they went back to run the lines, they realized they did not clear enough trees, so they had to have PPL come back out and Asplundh come out. They met with the neighbors to make sure they were okay so they got that all done as quickly as possible and then had Asplundh out the next day to have the trees removed so we are hoping we can be done and out of the stream by October 1st. The project doesn't have to be done; we just have to be out of the stream. Mr. Banonis said is the constructed culvert on site and ready to go? Mr. Hudson said that will be done the day it's ready to be set as the crane

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has to back down the road. The tractor trailers have to back down the road. Mr. Banonis said does the manufacturer of the bridge know the time constraints we have? Mr. Hudson said that's DESSCO and they have that all worked out and are working as quickly as possible. Mr. Banonis said there are a lot of residents who are interested as this is a main roadway in the Township that has been closed for a while, not because of anything the Township did, but because of DEP regulations. He said he'd hate to see us get tied up again, and if we don't meet the October 1st deadline, when can we get back in there to do it? Mr. Hudson said he wants to say it's January 1st. He knows Brien, the Township Engineer, is monitoring it closely.

- Mr. Carocci said we are going to need the Jr. Council appointments next month, are you still collecting applications? Mr. Hudson said when he got here, they realized that was kind of missed so they are going to do that in October. We put a notice out to the school district and received some applications. They will do that at the October 19th meeting.
- Ms. deLeon said the rules and regulations you have coming out on broadcasting, could he share that with her? He said yes. Mr. Banonis said that was in the "Township News" booklet we get. Ms. deLeon said she must have missed it.

B. COUNCIL/JR. COUNCIL

Jr. Council - No Jr. Council member

Mrs. Yerger - Absent

Mr. Inglis - Absent

Mr. Carocci

- He thanked the staff for the newsletter and everyone that worked on it.
- He welcomed Mark, thanked him for everything he has done so far, and they look forward to working with him.

Mr. Banonis

- There was no Parks and Rec. meeting in September.
- There was a Pension Committee meeting on September 14th. It was very gloomy. The economy, particularly the finance system is in shambles. Inflation is out of control. The bond market, which is usually safe in situations like this, is at its worst level it's been at since 1840 since they started keeping records. Fortunately, our pension is well funded and we don't have any significant outlays at this time. We are down 14% which is better than what the market is down which he believes as whole is down 19%. They've been fairly aggressive to diversify but this is something we need to keep our eye on. Today the Fed increased rates by three-quarters of a percent. The rate of return we are getting in CD's and conservative investments does not keep up with the rate of inflation. CD's are two to three percent and inflation is nine percent. It's something that translates to the finances and how we operate this Township. We need to be mindful that each and every resident of this Township is feeling the pinch of this, the squeeze, the strangulation, whatever word you want to use for it. We need to be very conscious how we treat their dollars and to recognize this now to help to avoid situations we could get in later. It is a reminder for everybody not just us in Council, but for people in their household finances. He hates to be so gloomy, but it's still important for us to make these tough decisions.

Ms. deLeon

- She welcomed the new Township Manager, Mark.
- Last night she attended the Chamber meeting and they came up with all kinds of dates of different events for the next year. The day after Thanksgiving is Light-Up Night and it's a pretty big event.
- Library update – does anyone know anything about this? Attorney Treadwell said library services are still being provided to LST residents. The library got a letter from the Office of Commonwealth of Libraries (OCL) back in June that gave them certain options on how to proceed the rest of 2022 and 2023. He did send a letter to the HAL attorney asking them if they made any decisions on those options and he did not hear back from them. Ms. deLeon said come January 1, 2023, our residents go where to the library? Attorney Treadwell said January 1, 2023, according to the letter from the OCL, Lower Saucon is still in the Hellertown Area Library service area. Mr. Banonis said regarding that letter, the HAL did

not include us on their correspondence to the OCL and we had no idea they had written to them. In addition, the OCL response which has an effect on LST residents, we did not receive a copy of that. Linc asked to be included on that so we are apprised but the letter very clearly states it's expected that HAL will provide library services for LST residents through 2023. Ms. deLeon thanked them for the update.

- She noticed the letter from the Attorney General in our packet did not have a date stamp on it for when we received it. Whenever the Township gets something in the mail, they date stamp it. Mr. Banonis said maybe it was stamped on the backside. Attorney Treadwell said he thinks he got it from somebody's attorney and he forwarded it in an email so it probably didn't come through the usual channels and probably didn't get stamped. He's sure Mark will make sure it doesn't happen again. Mr. Banonis said it was part of tonight's meeting so it's part of the Township records. Ms. deLeon said it is a procedure.
- She'd like to reconsider the Citizen's Forum date, when brought up it was going to be November 23rd, she had no idea it was the night before Thanksgiving and she knows that's a busy time for a lot of people traveling and doing all sorts of things and it violates our Administrative Code as it says it should be held at a regular-scheduled meeting and we had to do a special meeting to do the Citizen's Forum. That violates the code so we should look ahead at the already scheduled meetings and find time for a half an hour or so to do the Citizen's Forum. Mr. Banonis said he thought we had acknowledged we were waiting for a new Township Manager to start to find out what his availability was to conduct that meeting, and now we have him, we can probably have a conversation. Ms. deLeon said to not have it the night before Thanksgiving would be a wonderful idea as some people have to cook dinner for the next day. She's just teasing, she knows we've had meetings the night before Thanksgiving before. Mr. Carocci said let's have Mark look at the calendar and in October we'll decide. Ms. deLeon said it would be nice before final budget. Mr. Carocci said let's have Mark look at the calendar and decide a time. Ms. deLeon said it would be nice before final budget so residents have a chance to comment on certain aspects. Mr. Carocci said we have the budget preview on October 5th where this is a public comment on agenda and non-agenda items and we will vote to advertise the budget on October 19th, and again there will be public comment on agenda and non-agenda items. There are comment periods at both meetings, so they'll have plenty of time to comment on the budget after the draft budget and a third time when we adopt it. It's not a huge concern. Ms. deLeon confirmed with Mr. Hudson he will look into this, and Mr. Hudson confirmed he will.
- She gets a lot of complaints when residents write emails, they want to get a response and this is not directed at Mr. Hudson as he just started. They take the time, they've gone through the process going through the different aspects of the Township, whatever department, and they might not be happy with the answers they are getting, so they go to the Manager. They need to be responded to. Mr. Hudson said not a problem.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS – RESIDENTS/TAXPAYERS ONLY – 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT

- JoEllen Thomson, 1819 Viola Lane said she wants to comment on \$50,000 of LST taxpayer money that you chose to donate without request to the Southern Lehigh Public Library (SLPL). She feels it's important that our taxpayers know this \$50,000 donation, although unanimously accepted presented many problems to those involved. Stated in the minutes of the SLPL Board meeting on July 19th there was a lengthy discussion about the \$50,000 and all the board members spoke. Jay Shubert said that if he was a LST resident he would be up in arms to find that his tax money was given to another Township instead of its local library in Hellertown. Ms. Pfeiffer said that she felt they were being pressured by the municipalities to accept the check and have LST join the SLPL system. She stated that SLPL's children's programs are already oversubscribed now and she was unable to enroll her children. Jay Shubert stated that adding LST would be an increase of 46% of their patrons. Mark Sullivan of the Allentown District said that legally SLPL would have to add the equivalent of four more full-time employees. Kate Parsons stated she had a fiduciary responsibility to the school district that she represents to accept the check and that the services provided to LST are already once provided to all PA residents who have a library card as part of the ACCESS system.

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She would be aghast if UST decided to just give \$50,000 to another municipality with no reason except to show appreciation for actions that are required by law. B. Eames spoke of the financial staff and building aspects of having LST join the SLPL. It is easy to see that the decisions made by this Council regarding the library issue have not only created and greatly disrupted LST residents, but also that of the Southern Lehigh and municipalities. Since this money was not solicited and in a letter to SLPL from our Solicitor Mr. Treadwell, it states this donation is unconditional and made in appreciation of services provided to Township residents, then this \$50,000 donation is clearly a donation. This should be reflected in LST's statement of Revenues and Expenditures page 1 of 7 of donations category and not under the library accounts page 2 of 7 since it was not a budgeted amount but a frivolous donation to an unaffiliated library. She requests this correction to the statement be made.

- Laura Ray, 3357 Lower Saucon Road said she wanted to find out more about the library. She did attend their board meeting last month. There is talk out there or they are being told that LST is offering them a space or place where they could possibly be having a satellite library in our Township. She doesn't see anything like that in our Capital Plan and it's never been talked about at Council, so she'd like to know who is coming up with that plan and why aren't we hearing about it. You sit up there and act like you're in the dark about everything, well we're in the dark about everything. We must go to meetings all over the place trying to piece together what's actually going on and what's being said and who is telling what. If we are offering some place for a satellite library, which she doesn't ever see happening, who authorized that and where is that happening? When can we get answers, why can't we get answers? She's one of those people who emails and don't get answers from anyone and it's sickening and tiring and you just sit there and don't care.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mr. Carocci oved for adjournment. The time was 8:00 p.m.

SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis

ROLL CALL: 3-0-2 (Mr. Inglis and Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

Submitted by:

Mark Hudson
Township Manager

Jason Banonis
Council President