PULASKI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LAWRENCE COUNTY 1172 STATE ROUTE 208 PULASKI, PENNSYLVANIA 16143

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September 3, 2024

As advertised in the legal section of the New Castle News on August 23, 2024, the Pulaski Township Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on August 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building, 1172 S.R. 208, Pulaski, PA 16143.

Members present were Keith Stowe and Virginia Zinza. Kelly Smith was absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called to order by Chairman Stowe.

This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of transcribing minutes.

Public comment regarding items listed on the agenda: None.

Note: The Board of Supervisors held an executive session with legal counsel at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024 to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

Note: The Board of Supervisors held an executive session with legal counsel at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024 to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

Note: The Board of Supervisors held an executive session with legal counsel just prior to the August 28, 2024 6:00 p.m. meeting to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to amend the first agenda item. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia and second by Keith Stowe to rescind the previous motion to hire Alyson Boyer as Class C Laborer and maintain as part-time laborer at the rate of \$18.00 per hour. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to appoint Alyson Boyer as Class "B" Maintenance worker at a rate of \$21.55 per hour contingent upon issuance of Class B CDL license. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to rescind the previous motion naming Guy Morse as Road Foreman at the rate of \$27.10 per hour. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Virginia Zinza to increase the hourly wage for Guy Morse to \$27.10 per hour effective immediately. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The next agenda item to discuss and consider police contract negotiations. Solicitor Jones advised that we are currently in negotiations their contract expires on December 31st and there is a negotiation meeting scheduled for next week. So the police association has given some of their proposals and the Township is working on their counter offer and negotiations will formally start next week. On that note the Solicitor's recommendation is that because the Township is currently in negotiations with the police association the next three (3) items on the agenda be tabled.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to table the motion to appoint a police sergeant. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

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A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to table the motion to open the contract with the Police Department relative to wages. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to table the motion to increase wages for Lieutenant/OIC, Sergeant, full-time and part-time officers. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Class A and Class B classifications for the Road Department. The Township has a meeting with Teamsters next week and the job descriptions that we found are vague. Solicitor Jones explained the issue is the Teamster's contract has two categories Class A maintenance worker and Class B maintenance worker and there is no formal job description in the contract. The Township will meet with Teamsters to hash out a job description to incorporate as part of the contract by memorandum of understanding.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Weight limit study has been completed by Taylor Engineering on Hillsville Road and Villa Maria Road. Taylor Engineering is recommending a 10 ton weight limit on both roads. The Township will need to adopt an Ordinance so we need to add to the September meeting agenda to approve advertising the Board's notice of intent to adopt an Ordinance for these weight limits.
- 2. American Rescue Plan Funds Allocation. We have funds remaining in the account and currently Comcast is working on proposals for two (2) broadband expansion projects in the Township. The Municipal Authority has requested additional funds for purchase of grinder pumps previously the Township allocated \$50,000 to the Municipal Authority. The Zoning Ordinance needs updated, this has been brought to our attention before and we can use these funds for this process. The Zoning Ordinance is outdated from 2002 and the Zoning Officer said the approximate cost to upgrade the Zoning Ordinance would be around \$25,000. We've also discussed possibly having the same flooring that is in the Municipal Building put in the park building to update the flooring. These are things the Board needs to discuss and pass a Resolution to allocate funds for projects before the December 31st deadline.

*Public comment and question period:

Rick Suders - Book and Proch repaired water leak at Heritage Hills Park today that's been leaking for approximately 8 years. As of right now there are no noticeable water leaks at the park.

Vern Eppinger - Can Class "B" CDL license driver pull a trailer or do you need to have Class A CDL? The Board advised they understood it had something to do with the weight and whether you'd be crossing state lines.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried. Adjournment time -6:19 p.m.

Megan Allison, Secretary