

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2023  
UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Scott Sylvainus. The meeting was live streamed for anyone wishing to hear.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present were, Robert Disbrow, Kristin Mullen, Mike Rinker, Brian Sayago, and Scott Sylvainus. Also present were Township Solicitor Gary Asteak, Township Engineer, Sean Dooley, Township Manager, Lisa Klem, Police Chief, William Cope, Road Superintendent, Shawn Shupe, and Treasurer/ Recording Secretary, Deanne Werkheiser.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

George Polak, Bath Pike, distributed notices to the Board of Supervisors.

**APPROVALS**

**Motion** was made by Michael Rinker, seconded by Kristin Mullen to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Scott Sylvainus stated that an executive session was held prior to this meeting and the April 5, 2023, meeting for personnel and real estate discussions.

**Motion** was made by Kristin Mullen, seconded by Robert Disbrow to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 5, 2023. Motion approved. Brian Sayago abstained.

**Motion** was made by Scott Sylvainus, seconded by Kristin Mullen to approve payment of the bills. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion** was made by Kristin Mullen, seconded by Robert Disbrow to approve the March 2023 Financial and Treasurer's Report. Motion approved unanimously.

**SUPERVISORS COMMENTS**

Scott Sylvainus stated that the first item is the Park and Pavilion Policy. Scott asked Lisa Klem to speak on this. Lisa stated the Board had copies of the policy the Board asked her to draft that is consistent with our ordinances and practices and policies in place currently. Gary Asteak stated the Township has authority to put policies in place for Township owned lands and parks. The policy is consistent with what we have been doing. This policy codifies the information into one guideline.

**Motion** was made by Michael Rinker, seconded by Robert Disbrow to approve the Park and Pavilion Policy No. 23-01. Motion approved unanimously.

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Scott Sylvainus stated that an application was received from Nazareth Together for an event at Tuskes Park. Non-Township events are not allowed at the park. The application will not be approved since it does not meet the criteria. We do not allow non-Township events. Gary Asteak stated youth sports programs, Township events, and private parties are allowed in the policy and by past practices. This facility is not for use for public events. Vendors, sale of alcohol, etc., that have been proposed are not consistent with what is allowed.

Marci Levine, Evening Sun Road, asked if the Township would like to sponsor a public event celebrating a pride event. Multiple members of the audience engaged in a loud verbal exchange. Robert Disbrow stated that the audience should address the Board. Marci stated her request again. Scott Sylvainus replied that plans for events need to go before the Rec. Board and before the Board for approval. Events will be looked at on a case-by-case basis. Marci replied she would like to see more inclusion of marginalized people.

April Gabriel- Ferretti, Bath Pike, thanked the Board for allowing her to speak. She stated she is the host for the event that is being discussed. She stated there is a lot of confusion about this event. She read aloud her response letter to the denial letter she received. She questioned the Ordinance regarding the parks. She referenced the Touch a Truck event. She stated that the Bible mentions love 714 times. Love thy neighbor. Scott Sylvainus asked that she please stay on topic. Multiple members of the audience engaged in a loud verbal exchange with inappropriate language. Scott Sylvainus called the meeting to order. He reiterated the Township does not allow non-sponsored events. This has nothing to do with what it is regarding, beliefs, etc. April brought up the new ordinance not being part of the application. Lisa Klem stated the Ordinance was adopted in 2003. Scott again stated the Ordinance does not allow for events not sponsored by the Township.

Beverly Hernandez, Palmer Township, commends the Board on their decision. Does not want to see a precedent set. Scott reiterated this has nothing to do with the type of event.

Chris Ferretti, Bath Pike, stated he wanted to clarify that the event will not take place because of the policy and ordinance. He could not find the ordinance on the website. Scott responded that is why we are doing the policy, to clear up confusion. Chris replied that since the event has been denied there is no point in continuing to discuss it.

Vanessa Spinozzi, Main Street, stated she has friends who are gay and transexual. She feels this is a disservice to the LGBTQ community. Multiple members of the audience engaged in a loud verbal exchange with inappropriate language. Scott Sylvainus stated we will be moving on.

## **TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

Sean Dooley stated that the Board had copies of his April 14, 2023, letter with the two options for the Stormwater ordinance. He recommends Option one.

Michael Rinker addressed the audience, who were being boisterous, we have other business to discuss. Please hold your conversations outside.

**Motion** was made by Robert Disbrow, seconded by Kristin Mullen to approve KCE to draft the stormwater Ordinance, option one, not to exceed \$11,000.00. Motion approved unanimously.

Sean stated the Board had copies of his report. There is nothing specific to point out at this time.

### **TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

Gary Asteak stated he had nothing at this time.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Lisa Klem stated that she is seeking approval for Angela Strohl to attend BCO classes in June. John Soloe's BCO expires in March of 2024. We want to be prepared for when John takes his retirement. We are not letting him go yet.

**Motion** was made by Kristin Mullen, seconded by Scott Sylvainus to approve Angela Strohl to attend BCO classes June 12-15, 2023, plus expenses. Motion approved unanimously.

Lisa Klem stated that she met with Carroll Engineering to start on the bid specs for the building addition. Lisa stated we received two Statewide LSA grants. One for \$300,000.00 for Township Building addition and one for \$296,924.00 for Public Works vehicles. We were very fortunate to receive both. It was a very competitive grant program.

### **APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

March 2023 Reports submitted from Fire, Police, Public Works, and Zoning.

**Motion** was made by Michael Rinker, seconded by Robert Disbrow to approve the March 2023 Fire, Police, Public Works, and Zoning Reports. Motion approved unanimously.

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

Appointment of Planning Commission member to fill remainder of term expiring December 31, 2024. Scott Sylvainus stated that three letters of interest were received. Applicants are Robert Williams, Jean Morgano, and Brian Sayago. Brian spoke about his reasons for applying for the Planning Commission. He would like the Boards support.

**Motion** was made by Robert Disbrow, seconded by Kristin Mullen to appoint Robert Williams to the Planning Commission to fill the remainder to the term to expire December 31, 2024. Motion approved 3-2. Brian Sayago and Scott Sylvainus opposed.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Shawn Shupe stated that the Yard Waste Facility opens April 29, 2023. Curb side pick up starts next week. Information is posted on the website. Scott Sylvainus commends the Public Works Department on the Farmview Basin work.

### **MS4**

Sean Dooley stated that a workshop was held prior to this meeting. He has nothing else to add.

## **RECREATION**

Kristin Mullen stated they met last night. They picked the new Puss -N- Boots movie for the June 16, 2023, Movie in the Park event. June 17, 2023 will be painting in the park fund raiser. More information to follow. They are looking for sponsors for the events.

## **EAC**

Nathan Pritchard stated he had no business to bring to the Board at this time. He did install signage at Newport Park for the pollinator garden.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief William Cope stated that he had one item. He is seeking approval to purchase a new 2023 Ford F-150. This will replace the Dodge Charger. This was budgeted for. The amount does not include outfitting.

**Motion** was made by Michael Rinker, seconded by Scott Sylvainus to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford f-150 in the amount of \$46,358.00 from Koch 33 Ford. Motion approved unanimously.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Michael Rinker stated he had nothing at this time.

### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Michael Rinker stated he had nothing at this time.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Rich Laurito stated he had nothing at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by Robert Disbrow, seconded by Kristin Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanne Werkheiser,  
Recording Secretary