

TOWNSHIP OF STROUD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, April 4, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Stroud Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairwoman & Secretary, Christine A. Wilkins at 7:00 P.M. and was conducted for an in-person meeting of the Board. Also attending were Vice Chairwoman & Ass't Secretary, Jennifer Shukaitis; Supervisor/Ass't Treasurer Edward C. Cramer; Township Manager, Daryl A. Eppley; Township Engineer, Matt Evans, of Reilly Associates; Township Solicitor, Todd Weitzmann; and Recording Secretary, Janice Willey. Mrs. Wilkins began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: (Non-Agenda Items) Pat Henley wanted to let the Supervisors know he has a friend that likes to walk on Wallace Street near the pond. She is recovering from an injury and has always felt safe and this area was best for her exercising. Lately however, she has opted not to walk here because of all of the homeless people gathering around Albertson Park. The Board told Mr. Henley the nearby church's overnight shelter program has now been closed and the homeless people hanging around the park should be gone now. Also, Kenneth Hatt, Brittney Coleman, Cindy VanGilbert and Abby Jones attended the meeting to discuss an open mic event that has been happening on township owned property, CSA (Josie Porter Farm). He said he was informed that this event is on hold and would have to get permission from the Board of Supervisors to continue the event. Mr. Hatt stated they were approached by the Heidi Secord and Gary Bloss to start this event four years ago during Covid. The township was never notified or involved in any decision making at all. Mrs. Wilkins stated as per the property lease none of these activities are allowed. Mr. Cramer said something like this would need a land development plan at the very least. This is township owned property not intended to be a concert venue and this was never the intent to make it anything other than a farm. Mr. Hatt said this is a not-for-profit/community event and is willing to make changes and submit any plans needed to continue. Ms. Coleman stated it is a special venue for the community and is willing to work with township to have it continue. Mrs. Wilkins read directly from the lease and noted all of the lease violations. Ms. Shukaitis noted there is nothing wrong with your intentions, unfortunately this is not what the farm use is about.

Approve Public Hearing Minutes: March 21, 2023, 6:30 PM (Ordinance No. 2 – 2023). Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **Approve Public Hearing Minutes: March 21, 2023, 6:30 PM (Ordinance No. 2 – 2023).** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Approve Public Hearing Minutes: March 21, 2023, 6:45 PM (Cable Franchise Agreement). Mr. Cramer made a motion to **Approve Public Hearing Minutes: March 21, 2023, 6:45 PM (Cable Franchise Agreement).** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2023. Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **Approve Regular Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2023.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Approve Payment of Bills: General Fund: \$76,902.82. Mr. Cramer made a motion to **Approve Payment of Bills: General Fund: \$76,902.82.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Approve Payment of Bills: Golf Course Fund: \$6,614.02). Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **Approve Payment of Bills: Golf Course Fund: \$6,614.02).** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: None From Prior Meeting Agendas

New Business:

- 1. Approve Signing Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Contract With Commonwealth Financing Authority For Stormwater Improvements To Brushy Mountain Road/Route 447 Intersection.** Mr. Cramer made a motion to **Approve Signing Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Contract With Commonwealth Financing Authority For Stormwater Improvements To Brushy Mountain Road/Route 447 Intersection.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

2. **Adopt Resolution No. 2023-37 Regarding Consultant Selection Process For Croasdale Road Bridge Replacement Project.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **Adopt Resolution No. 2023-37 Regarding Consultant Selection Process For Croasdale Road Bridge Replacement Project.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
3. **Approve Real Estate Tax Exemption For John C. Evans, 315 White Stone Corner Apt. 101, Recommended For Approval By PA State Veterans' Commission.** Mr. Cramer made a motion to **Approve Real Estate Tax Exemption For John C. Evans, 315 White Stone Corner Apt. 101, Recommended For Approval By PA State Veterans' Commission.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
4. **Approve Payment of \$1,146.00 To Miller's Paint and Wallpaper For Purchase of Two Municipal Office Window Shades - Budget Line Item #409.750.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **Approve Payment of \$1,146.00 To Miller's Paint and Wallpaper For Purchase of Two Municipal Office Window Shades - Budget Line Item #409.750.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
5. **Approve \$1,000 Donation To Kettle Creek Environmental Fund - Budget Line Item #460.008.** Mr. Cramer made a motion to **Approve \$1,000 Donation To Kettle Creek Environmental Fund - Budget Line Item #460.008.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
6. **Approve Relinquishing Property Assessments For Tax Parcels #17.3.1.66-1, #17.110271 and #17.3.1.66-3 Pertaining To Joinder Plan and Deed For Eagle Valley Self Storage Land Development In Smithfield Township.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **Approve Relinquishing Property Assessments For Tax Parcels #17.3.1.66-1, #17.110271 and #17.3.1.66-3 Pertaining To Joinder Plan and Deed For Eagle Valley Self Storage Land Development In Smithfield Township.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
7. **Discuss Requests By Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC):** Mr. Eppley said he had a discussion with the EAC regarding both matters last Monday night at their meeting.
 - 1) **Consider Excluding Specimen Trees From Timber Harvest Project.** Mr. Eppley stated older specimen trees were of interest and he was in contact with Josh Regan regarding this. Mr. Regan said in the future he will take this into consideration.
 - 2) **Provide Guidance On Future Activities of EAC.** The board was open to this and Mr. Cramer said this could be very helpful to the township. Maybe playground equipment, dog parks and activities with Stroud Region Open Space. Mr. Eppley said their discussion included making a contribution as a committee for the township and there are always environmental issues but what are the big picture issues you'd like them to take on in the future.

Executive Session: Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **go into executive session at 8:01 P.M. to discuss litigation, real property, personnel and security matters.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0. Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **return to regular session at 8:32 P.M.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0. Mrs. Wilkins said that the Board discussed personnel and litigation matters in executive session and she asked if there were any motions. There were none.

There being no further business, Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Janice Willey
 Administrative and Recording Secretary