

TOWNSHIP OF STROUD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES

Regular MEETING, September 6, 2022 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 7:01 P.M. and was conducted for an in-person meeting of the Board. Also attending were Vice Chairwoman & Ass't. Secretary, Jennifer Shukaitis; Township Manager, Daryl A. Eppley; Township Solicitor, Todd Weitzmann; and Township Clerk, Sharon Grover. Supervisor Ed Cramer was absent. A quorum was present to conduct business. Mrs. Wilkins began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: (Non-Agenda Items) There were no public comments.

Approve Public Hearing Minutes: August 16, 2022 (Palumbo's Liquor License Transfer). Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **Table the Public Hearing Minutes: August 16, 2022 (Palumbo's Liquor License Transfer).** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes: August 16, 2022. Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **Table the Regular Meeting Minutes: August 16, 2022.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.

Approve Payment of Bills: General Fund: \$109,561.71. Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Payment of Bills: General Fund: \$109,561.71.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.

Approve Payment of Bills: Golf Course Fund: \$4,838.64. Mrs. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Payment of Bills: Golf Course Fund: \$4,838.64.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.

Old Business:

1. **ETK Ventures Minor Subdivision, 1856 W. Main Street – Revised Plan Referred Back to Twp. Planning Commission; Action Deadline: 11/01/2022.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **table ETK Ventures Minor Subdivision, 1856 W. Main Street – Revised Plan at applicant's request.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.
2. **Eagle Valley Self Storage Land Development Plan – Planning Commission Recommendation –Action Deadline: 9/06/22; Written tabling request received requesting tabling and extending action deadline to 10/18/22.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **table Eagle Valley Self Storage Land Development Plan – Written tabling request received; action deadline extended until 10/18/2022.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.

New Business:

1. **Approve Real Estate Tax Exemption for Thomas Pengilly, 1105 Ehler Street Lot # 113, Recommended by PA State Veteran's Commission.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Real Estate Tax Exemption for Thomas Pengilly, 1105 Ehler Street Lot # 113, Recommended by PA State Veteran's Commission.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.
2. **Approve Purchase of 130 Trees from Octoraro Native Plant Nursery, Inc. For A Price of \$4,636.50, Plus Freight, For Creekview Mitigation Project at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve as Coordinated by Reilly Associates – Budget Line Item # 454.790.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Purchase of 130 Trees from Octoraro Native Plant Nursery, Inc. For A Price of \$4,636.50, Plus Freight, For Creekview Mitigation Project at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve as Coordinated by Reilly Associates – Budget Line Item # 454.790.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.
3. **Approve Final Security Release in the Amount of \$5000.00 for Pocono Health System/DEPG Phase III as recommended by Township Engineer.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **table Until September 20, 2022 Final**

Security Release in the Amount of \$5000.00 for Pocono Health System/DEPG Phase III as recommended by Township Engineer. Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.

4. **Approve Paving 140+ /- Feet of Unpaved Conwell Street by Township Road Crew at Estimated Cost of \$2000.00- Budget Line Item #409.600.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Paving 140+ /- Feet of Unpaved Conwell Street by Township Road Crew at Estimated Cost of \$2000.00- Budget Line Item #409.600.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.
5. **Approve Payment of \$1,045.00 To ARGS Technology, LLC For Three Invoices (\$380, \$380, & \$285) For 11 Hours of IT Services - Budget Line Item #409.740.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Payment of \$1,045.00 To ARGS Technology, LLC For Three Invoices (\$380, \$380, & \$285) For 11 Hours of IT Services - Budget Line Item #409.740.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.
6. **Approve Payment of \$58,629.32. to Midlantic Marking, Inc. for Traffic Line Painting Under COG Contract- Budget Line Item # 438.454.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Payment of \$58,629.32. to Midlantic Marking, Inc. for Traffic Line Painting Under COG Contract- Budget Line Item # 438.454.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.
7. **Approve Purchase of Western Snowplow & Carbide Edge for New Ford Utility Truck for a Price of \$7,665.00- Budget Line Item # 430.741.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Purchase of Western Snowplow & Carbide Edge for New Ford Utility Truck for a Price of \$7,665.00- Budget Line Item # 430.741.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
8. **Approve payment of \$7,600.00 to JDM Consultants, LLC for Grant Writing Services Related to DCED and PennDOT Multimodal Grant Applications- Budget Line Item # 414.317.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve payment of \$7,600.00 to JDM Consultants, LLC for Grant Writing Services Related to DCED and PennDOT Multimodal Grant Applications- Budget Line Item # 414.317.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.
9. **Approve Payment of \$5,000.00 from Creekview Maintenance Fund to American Turf Installers LLC after Completion of Turf and Infill Work Approved by East Stroudsburg University and Stroudsburg Little League.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Payment of \$5,000.00 from Creekview Maintenance Fund to American Turf Installers LLC after Completion of Turf and Infill Work Approved by East Stroudsburg University and Stroudsburg Little League.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried 2-0.
Mr. Eppley said the Creekview Maintenance Fund is up to about \$17,000.00, and funded by fees collected for usage of the facilities to put towards maintenance.
10. **Approve Payment of \$43,956.19 Contribution Approved (\$108,132.00) February 16, 2021 Towards Protection of 76+/- Acre Fremont Property to Become Part of Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge – Payable from Open Space Earned Income Tax Fund.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Payment of \$43,956.19 Contribution Approved (\$108,132.00) February 16, 2021 Towards Protection of 76+/- Acre Fremont Property to Become Part of Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge – Payable from Open Space Earned Income Tax Fund.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried 2-0.
11. **Authorize Advertising for Sale 2009 GMC 2500 HD Truck As-Is on Municibid.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **authorize Advertising for Sale 2009 GMC 2500 HD Truck As-Is on Municibid.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried 2-0.
12. **Approve Re-Opening of Hickory Valley Park on Weekends and Holidays and Re-Opening of Yetter Park After 12PM on Weekends and Holidays.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Re-Opening of Hickory Valley Park on Weekends and Holidays and Re-Opening of Yetter Park After 12PM on Weekends and Holidays.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried 2-0.
Mr. Eppley asked the Board for the authority to close any park where there is a risk to public safety if certain instances would occur. There was a discussion about having a workshop to discuss ways to handle the operation of the parks next summer. Mr. Eppley said the parks will be patrolled over the next few weekends by Chris Marek.
13. **Discuss Status of Mervine Road Bridge Replacement Project and Take Action if in Order.**

Mr. Eppley said he met with contractor representative and their Attorney on August 8, 2022 and are waiting to find out from the President of Pioneer Construction what direction they want to take. Mr. Eppley said the contractor has not yet installed their portion of silt fencing. Further discussion involving potential litigation will occur in executive session.

Executive Session: Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **go into executive session at 7:17 P.M. to discuss litigation, real property, personnel and security matters.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0. Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **return to regular session at 7:38 P.M.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0. Mrs. Wilkins asked if there were any motions. Ms. Shukaitis made a motion **for the Township Manager to offer employment to Raymond Bartek at \$18.00 per hour starting the week of September 19, 2022.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.

There being no further business, Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M.** Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Grover
Township Clerk