



**West Pottsgrove Township
980 Grosstown Road
Stowe, PA 19464**

**Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 1, 2023
7:00pm**

The regular monthly Board Meeting for the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Board President; Steve Miller.

ROLL CALL

Board members present were Commissioners; Miller, Palladino, Valentine, Green, and Shawell, Also present was Township Manager; Debi Roesener, Township Secretary; Courtney Harris, Township Solicitor; Jamie Ottaviano, Police Chief; Joseph Sokolofski, and Fire Chief; Frank Hand.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Green to approve the minutes from the BOC meeting on February 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shawell. All were in favor of approving the meeting minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Green to approve the Financial Report, Commissioner Valentine seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the Financial Report.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Shawell to approve the payment of all bills as presented. All were in favor of paying the bills as presented.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Paladino – Public Works & Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Report as follows:

CODE CALL	10	PERMITS ISSUED	10
CODE INSPECTION	10	HEARINGS	0
USE & OCCUPANCY	5	COMPLAINTS RESOLVED	3
RENTAL INSPECTIONS	11 UNITS	RENTAL PERMITS	11
RENTAL REGISTRATIONS	70	NOTICE OF VIOLATION	2
CODE NOTICES	4	PROPERTIES POSTED	1
PERMIT INSPECTIONS	15	CITATIONS	23
SITE INSPECTIONS	0	COMPLETED PERMITS	8

U&O Fees: \$750.00 Rental Registration Fees: \$10,725.00 - Building Permit Fees: \$2,587.00 - Construction Costs: \$50,050.00

Mr. Valentine – Recreation, Town Watch & Regional Recreation

Mr. Valentine stated there would be no summer playground this year at West Pottsgrove School, they are doing construction at the school and cannot have children there. They will have to attend other Township summer playground for the season.

Mr. Green – Emergency Management, Recycling, & Finance

Mr. Green reported that we had 15.62 tons of recyclables for the month of February.

Mr. Shawell – Regional Planning, Zoning, & Planning Commission

Mr. Shawell had nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Police, Civil Service & Fire

Fire

Fire Chief Frank Hand provided a summary of February fire services. There was a total of 5 calls, which included 1 fire, 2 rescue & emergency medical services, 1 good intent call, and 1 false alarm & false call.

Police

Chief Joe Sokolofski of the West Pottsgrove Police Department reported 275 calls for the month of February. There was also a significant incident in the Township on February 6th there was an attempted homicide on Old Reading Pike. On 2/7 a felony arrest warrant was issued for the assailant and a search warrant on 635 Old Reading Pike with the assistance of Montgomery County Swat. The US Marshalls assisted WPTPD in locating the assailant, on 2/14 he was involved in a police pursuit in Chester County and crashed his vehicle. The assailant had a heart attack and did not survive from injuries sustained during the crash.

TOTAL ARRESTS – ADULT/ JUVENILES	4/0
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	26
TRAFFIC WRITTEN WARNINGS	44
UPLAND SQUARE CALLS	75
CODE ENFORCEMENTS	2
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	3
UPLAND SQUARE MINUTES	1400

Chief Sokolofski also asked for permission to attend the 2023 Eastern PA FBI re-trainer in Gettysburg, PA, along with a two night hotel stay. Commissioner Palladino made a motion to approve the training, seconded by Commissioner Green. All were in favor of Chief Joe Sokolofski attending the FBI re-trainer conference.

MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Roesener provided several updates on all areas of the Township, including public works, codes, administration, capital projects, land development, and zoning hearing.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Jamie Ottaviano provided a report to the Board dated 2/27/2023, outlining the tasks performed for the Township. He stated if the Board members had any questions they would need to be discussed in executive session due to the confidential privilege information.

OLD BUISNESS

None

NEW BUISNESS

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Richard Hornberger – 1629 W High St. – Asked about disposing of yard waste. Public Works is currently collecting it as needed. By spring and summer there will be a more long term plan in place.

Reiterated on his comment from a prior meeting, stating that many vehicles are making left hand turns out of Turkey Hill when there is a no left turn sign present. He also stated there is excessive speeds on High St. and requested more police presence.

He also requested a side walk between Grosstown and Jay St. the Board stated that was PennDot but we could request it.

Bonnie Moletress - 208 Lemon St.- Bonnie still has WM recycling container, the board advised her to place it upside down on trash day and Mascaro would take it for recycling. She also stated that vehicles are going much faster than 15mph through the school zone and requested that more be done in the area while the yellow flashing lights are on.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Roesener stated the Liquid Fuels turn back monies have been received. The bridge inspection in October reported no deficiencies and no inspection is required this year.

The Little League is looking for representatives from the Township and the Police Department to attend their opening day ceremony on April 22, 2023 at 9am which will be located at the school on West Moyer Road.

We also received the recycling grant in the amount of \$15,358.14.

Zoning Hearing Board is scheduled for March 9, 2023 and the Workshop meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2023, and there is no planning commission meeting this month.

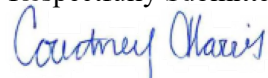
Mr. Miller stated that if there are any issues with Mascaro to please reach out to the Township, rather than calling them yourself. We have regular interaction with department leads and can assist to resolve the issues quickly.

ADJOURNMENT

President Miller asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Valentine. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners Meeting of West Pottsgrove Township has concluded at 7:27 P.M. On March 1, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,



Courtney Harris
Township Secretary