

THE TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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The September 2020 Work Session of the Tobyhanna Township Board of Supervisors was held on September 8, 2020 at the Tobyhanna Township Government Center Building, via GoToMeeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Present are Supervisors John Kerrick, David Carbone, John Holahan, III, and Lloyd Vought. Solicitor Jonathan J. Reiss, Esquire, Manager Robert Bartal, and Assistant Manager Autumn Canfield are also present. Brendon Carroll is absent.

1. John Kerrick calls the meeting to order at 6:00PM; a quorum is present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.
4. Announcements:
5. Approve July 20, 2020 Regular Business Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2020 Work Session Minutes and the August 17, 2020 Regular Business Meeting Minutes: David Carbone motions to approve the minutes, John Holahan seconds. Lloyd Vought states (verbatim) he would like to better explain something on July 20, 2020 Regular Business Meeting, Page 3, Board of Supervisors Report - Item C. It was either a misprint, which he doubts; he was misunderstood, which is more likely; or he made a mistake, which happens. His concern is people shooting rifles and pistols in the air, across property lines, plus projectiles flying through the trees on his property. He understands we can't change gun laws; we have enough laws on the books as is. He wants current gun laws obeyed and enforced. He's hunted most of his life and an NRA member most of his life, and he's a strong supporter of the second amendment. He wanted to elaborate on that as he had gotten phone calls, that he believes they misunderstood what was said at the meeting. He didn't want anyone to think he was anti-gun. His whole family has hunted all his life. Jonathan Reiss states his comments can be made for this meeting in regards to the July 20, 2020 meeting minutes.

Lloyd Vought states he would also like to make a statement about the August 17, 2020 meeting minutes. His statement is verbatim as follows: "Mr. Kerrick on 17 August during our meeting you permitted Dave Carbone to attack me in several callous outbursts. When I tried to respond you failed to allow me equal time. Mr. Kerrick in the future please allow me the same latitude that you gave Dave Carbone during the 17 August meeting. A question to you Mr. Kerrick, is it acceptable to you if any Tobyhanna Township Supervisor speaks negatively about any politician in this building?" John Kerrick asks what his question has to do with any changes to the minutes. Lloyd Vought states he wants to finish his statement. He continues, "Five people ran for one of the seats I'm sitting in. As a candidate I received the most votes; I was the number one vote getter. I am here to stay. I am here to stay for my whole six-year term. One last thing, in the future if I hear any Tobyhanna Township Supervisor speaking in a slanderous way about Claudette Williams I will bring it to the attention of our civil rights attorney." John Kerrick states Lloyd Vought's statement will be added to the minutes as well. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

6. Solicitor Report:

- a. Public Hearing for Pinecrest Phase 5/6: Jonathan Reiss states the hearing is for a modification to the originally approved residential development plans, changing townhomes to single family dwellings.

John Holahan motions to open the public hearing, David Carbone seconds. Vote: all in favor; public hearing open. Jonathan Reiss explains the conditions of the possible approval. John Holahan asks if Brendon Carrol is present. The Board in attendance replies no.

John Holahan motions to close the public hearing, David Carbone seconds. Vote: all in favor; public hearing closed.

John Holahan motions to approve the modification of the Pinecrest Planned Residential Development Amended Final Plan proposed for Phase 5A with the conditions that the modification is consistent with the efficient development and preservation of the entire planned residential development; does not adversely affect either the enjoyment of land abutting upon or across the street from the planned residential development or the public interest; is not granted solely to confer special benefit upon any person; and the approval is subject to compliance with the August 25, 2020 letter from the Township Engineer Robert McHale, David Carbone seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

- b. Jonathan Reiss states a Zoning Hearing Board Appeal has been filed and he is seeking authorization to represent the township in the appeal regarding a permit issued for a CVEM sign. John Holahan motions to authorize Grim, Biehn, & Thatcher to represent the township in favor of the appeal, Lloyd Vought seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

7. Manager Report:

- a. Update on 2020 Paving Project: Robert Bartal reviews progress on the current paving and line painting project in the township and it is 95% complete. He continues stating the Government Center Building parking lot may need to wait for next year as the concrete pad needs to be replaced. Jeff Roebeck from PennDot should be arriving Friday and giving his approval for payment. He states DPW will be replacing a few signs on Pebble Court and Jimmy Pond Court.
- b. Robert Bartal states Mark Sincavage has resigned from the Planning Commission and recommends doing a resolution for his service and advertise for his vacancy.
- c. Robert Bartal ask the Boards pleasure on participating in the Payroll Tax Deferment. The Board has consensus to not participate.
- d. Robert Bartal states PMRPD is having a short coming of hours and they are looking for townships to pick up an additional 3 hours a week at \$14,548.00 for the remainder of the year. John Holahan motions to add the additional 3 hours, David Carbone seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

8. Finance Report: Autumn Canfield announces the first budget meeting will be September 15, 2020 at 8:30AM. The Board directs the staff to send an email invitation for budget meetings.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. PMRPC: No report.
- b. PMREMS: No report.
- c. Fire Commission: David Carbone states a meeting is coming up.
- d. EDA: John Holahan states he has resigned as the chairman and a request for loan increase will be coming soon.
- e. NIDA: No report.
- f. PMCOG: No report.

10. Old Business: None.

11. New Business:

12. Award 2020 Pavement Markings Bid: Robert Bartal presents the two bids received; Midlantic Marking at \$15,785.60, and Deangelo Contracting Services at \$27,784.00. John Holahan motions to approve the bid from Midlantic Markings for \$15,785.60, David Carbone seconds. Vote all in favor; motion carries.

13. Board of Supervisors Report/Comment:

- a. John Holahan states the executive session after the previous meeting needs to be announced. John Kerrick announces an executive session was held August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:50PM to 7:10PM for personnel.
- b. John Holahan states he is joining the meeting from a library in Vermont and gives well wishes Jonathan Reiss.

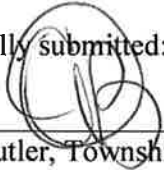
14. Public Questions/Comments: None.

15. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:37PM.

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Minutes recorded by Crystal Butler

Respectfully submitted:



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Crystal Butler, Township Secretary