

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, SHALER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:01 P.M. by Chairman David Shutter. Following a prayer by Commissioner Boyle and the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman asked the Secretary to call the roll as follows:

PRESENT: Boyle, Cross, Shutter, Wagner, Mizgorski, Fisher Iozzo
ALSO PRESENT: Christopher Lovato, Manager; Judith Kording, Assistant Manager; Harlan Stone, Solicitor; Sean Frank, Chief of Police; Amanda Jennings, Finance Director; Mel Crawford, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Lovato stated that Mr. Cross is joining remotely.

The Vice Chairman announced that an Executive Session was held on June 27, 2023 and this evening at 5:30 p.m. wherein the following topics were discussed: employment and personnel matters, contracts and policies, an update on potential litigation related to zoning, and agency business which if conducted in public would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of confidential information. Mr. Stone said the session was absolutely necessary and was in full compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

Approval of Minutes

The first item of business was the possible approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners held Tuesday, June 13, 2023 and the Special Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners held Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 27, 2023 be approved as received by each Commissioner. The motion was carried.

Planning Commission

The first item of business was the report from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Abel stated the Planning Commission had their regular meeting on Monday, June 19. **Mr. Abel** stated that preliminary and final approval was granted for the site development at 527 Seavey Road for an additional structure to be added on the back of the existing facility to be used for storage only.

Mr. Abel stated that the Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance regarding the definition of family and how it applies to various structures in the Township. **Mr. Abel** stated there was no objection to this.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Wagner**, **Mr. Abel** stated that there will be one garage door on the side, but the structure will not contain any vehicles. **Mr. Abel** stated the structure will have electricity, but that is the only utility.

Engineers Report

The next item of business was the Engineers Report.

Mr. Lovato stated there was no Engineers Report this evening.

Shaler Hampton EMS (SHEMS)

The next item of business was a report from Mr. Eric Schmidt, Director of Shaler Hampton EMS.

Mr. Schmidt reported on the call volume for the month of June.

Mr. Schmidt stated that they spent July 3 in Hampton for their Community Day and July 4 in Shaler.

Mr. Schmidt stated Shaler Hampton EMS sent their 2nd reminder mailing out regarding subscriptions.

Mr. Schmidt thanked Etna for allowing them to use their billboards on 28.

Shaler North Hills Library

The next item of business was a report from Ms. Sharon McRae, Director of Shaler North Hills Library.

Ms. McRae stated that the library has already started planning for the Fall.

Ms. McRae thanked the Board, Judy Kording, Brian Courtney, and Mike Garver for all of the work being done at the library.

Ms. McRae thanked the Shaler Garden Club for the beautiful garden tour on Sunday that raised almost \$4,000.

Ms. McRae stated the Pittsburgh Collage is coming up and will go through August 17.

Ms. McRae stated that there will be an Ice Cream Dessert Theater and Act Up will be performing "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" which was re-written by a local resident.

Ms. McRae stated that the library will begin their capital campaign in September for new bathrooms and the theme will be "Bottoms Up."

Ms. McRae stated the library's stats are up and it has been a great summer.

Mrs. Fisher thanked **Ms. McRae** for coming on July 4th.

New Business

Possible Awarding of the Garbage Contract

The next item of business was the possible awarding of the Garbage Contract.

Mr. Mizgorski moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo, that the Garbage Contract for Option A be awarded to Westmoreland Sanitary Landfill, LLC D.B.A County Hauling for collection beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 with an option for (2) one-year extensions with the following per month pricing:

Year	Regular Rate	Senior Discount
2024	\$30.00 per month	\$25.50 per month
2025	\$31.83 per month	\$27.06 per month
2026	\$33.77 per month	\$28.70 per month

The motion was carried.

Mr. Lovato stated that we recently put this contract out to bid and there was a special meeting in June where representatives from County Hauling were present. **Mr. Lovato** stated there were two options: Option A was bagged service which is similar to what is in place now with the only difference being there is now a 15-bag limit per week and Option B was automated service. **Mr. Lovato** stated three bidders expressed interest, but only one bid was submitted, which was County Hauling who bid on both options. **Mr. Lovato** stated that Option A was actually cheaper than Option B, part of that being the large capital outlay for the trash cans. **Mr. Lovato** stated we are pleased with this outcome given the current economy. **Mr. Lovato** stated some neighboring communities received a higher bid for less service. **Mr. Lovato** stated we are still maintaining the one bulk item per week.

Site Development – Mark McQuaide - 527 Seavey Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15209, Allegheny County Lot & Block No. 166-N-88 – Ward 1

The next item of business was the Site Development – Mark McQuaide - 527 Seavey Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15209, Allegheny County Lot & Block No. 166-N-88 – Ward 1.

Mr. Iozzo moved, seconded by Mr. Mizgorski, that Site Development – Mark McQuaide - 527 Seavey Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15209, Allegheny County Lot & Block No. 166-N-88 – Ward 1 be approved. The motion was carried.

Possible Approval of Crawford Pool Summer Employee

The next item of business was the possible approval of a Crawford Pool Summer Employee.

Mrs. Fisher moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, that the following individual be hired as a summer employee for the Shaler Shack:

First Name	Last Name	Position Applied for
Carson	Wolff	Shack

The motion was carried.

Receipts and Authorizations

The next item of business was the receipts for the month of June 2023.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Wagner, that the receipts for the month of June 2023 be turned over to the proper authorities for deposit. The motion was carried.

The next item of business was the authorizations for the month of June 2023.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Cross, that warrants be drawn for the month of June 2023. The motion was carried.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution No. 17-2023 Approving the Vacant Property Recovery Program for Block and Lot Number 355-L-44 1491 Oak Avenue, Glenshaw, PA 15116

The next item of business was the possible approval of Resolution No. 17-2023 Approving the Vacant Property Recovery Program for Block and Lot Number 355-L-44 1491 Oak Avenue, Glenshaw, PA 15116.

Mr. Wagner moved, seconded by Mr. Mizgorski, that Resolution No. 17-2023 Approving the Vacant Property Recovery Program for Block and Lot Number 355-L-44 1491 Oak Avenue, Glenshaw, PA 15116 be approved. The motion was carried.

Mr. Lovato stated that this allows the purchase of a vacant property in the Township.

Commissioners Comments

Mrs. Fisher thanked everyone that helped make the 4th a wonderful day.

Mr. Shutter thanked **Mrs. Fisher** for her work behind the scenes on the 4th.

Mr. Wagner stated Community Day was a great job by all.

Managers Comments

Mr. Lovato stated this was his first 4th of July in Shaler and his family had a great time. **Mr. Lovato** thanked everyone for their hard work that day.

Mr. Lovato stated we will be listing an engineer position for the Township.

Public Comments:

Mr. Shutter asked if anyone had any comments or questions related to stormwater issues in Shaler Township. There were none.

Catherine Heintzinger, 12 Sollinger Lane

Ms. Heintzinger stated her concerns with a neighbor on Elizabeth Street including multiple vehicles and garbage outside of the house that is attracting rats.

Mr. Vita stated a letter was sent to this homeowner at the end of last week regarding these issues.

Mr. Lovato stated he also spoke with the resident that day and said we will continue to look into these issues.

Kati Maas-Crawford, 806 Glenshaw Avenue

Ms. Maas-Crawford introduced herself and read a statement expressing concern about conflicts of interest between the police and citizens. **Ms. Maas-Crawford** made reference to the relationship she and her husband had with a particular police officer and gave a detailed account of an encounter they had with that officer, which she felt illustrated the need for a conflict-of-

interest policy. **Ms. Maas-Crawford** encouraged the Commissioners to review and strengthen the Township's conflict of interest and bias policies.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Boyle**, **Ms. Maas-Crawford** stated that this encounter occurred in April 2022 and requests have been sent to everyone sitting here.

Mr. Lovato stated that the Township received Right-to-Know Requests and they were appropriately handled. **Mr. Lovato** stated that there was one appeal and it was denied by the Right-to-Know Office. **Mr. Lovato** stated that the other 3 were similar in nature and were not appealed despite clear notice that they could be appealed. **Mr. Lovato** stated they were also appropriately responded to.

There being no further business, **Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:33 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Lovato, Secretary
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