

**MINUTES
COLLIER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING

June 27, 2022

7:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-President Cupples called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL:

BOARD

DawnLee Vaughn – Present
Tim Young –Present
Debra Zymroz – Present
Mary Ann Cupples – Present
Wayne Chiurazzi, Esq. – Absent

STAFF

Kate Diersen, Solicitor - Present
Kevin Brett, Engineer - Present
Craig Campbell, Chief – Present
Robert Caun, Planning Director – Present
Jeff Hinds, Finance Director – Present
Tom Plietz – Bldg/Fire Codes – Present
Bob Palmosina, PW Director – Present
Josh Werner – Parks Director – Present
George Macino, Twp. Manager – Present
Valerie Salla, Twp. Secretary – Present

- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Was held to discuss legal and personnel issues.
D. SWEARING IN OF FIRE POLICEMAN -- Ed Laskowsky

Mr. Robert Kinzler of the Rennerdale VFD swore in Mr. Laskowsky.

The Board congratulated Mr. Laskowsky.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A.** May 9, 2022 – Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting
B. May 23, 2022 – Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Zymroz, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, to approve both dates for the minutes as stated above. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

III. AUDITOR'S REPORT – Kim Turnley, CPA

Mrs. Turnley gave a brief explanation of the Auditor's Report for 2021. There are no findings. The newest report going to be added within the next year to three (3) years is the GASBY 87 which is for leases. All leases will have to be on all the full accrual statements.

Commissioner Cupples asked for leases to be defined.

Mrs. Turnley explained that if a Township purchases a truck or equipment...

Mr. Hinds stated copiers.

Commissioner Cupples questioned if renting facilities are included.

Mrs. Turnley stated it is things the Township is buying.

Commissioner Cupples stated the Township is thinking about leasing vehicles and would this fall into this.

Mr. Hinds stated yes, it would fall into it.

A gentleman from the audience asked if the revenue increase includes COVID money.

Mrs. Turnley stated it includes the COVID money.

The gentleman then asked what the funds look like without the COVID money.

Mrs. Turnley stated you can not tell because you get the COVID money and you spend it all. The money is gear marked for specific things. The revenue side will show you the COVID money but on the expenses, it will be difficult to find where the COVID money was applied to.

The Board thanked Mrs. Turnley.

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES:

- A. Solicitor**
- B. Engineer**
- C. Manager**
- D. Building/Codes**
- E. COG**
- F. Finance**
- G. Parks and Recreation**
- H. Planning/Development/Zoning**
- I. Public Safety – Fire**
- J. Public Safety – Police**
- K. Public Works**
- L. Sewer Department**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cupples, seconded by Commissioner Zymroz, to approve the reports as stated above. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

V. Public Comment/Comment on New Business Items:

3-minute duration to each signed up participant. Please sign in to talk and state subject.

Rich Wagner of 118 Dorrington Road approached the Board stating that Dorrington Road was just resurfaced and there is a speeding problem. Everyone uses this road as a short cut. He has never seen a police officer on it and he has lived here for almost 70 years. They come through maybe once a month or twice a month for a short cut to Starbucks. Mr. Wagner asked what can be done about the speeding problem. He has been telling the Township about this for several years.

Chief Campbell stated this is the first time in eight (8) years that he has heard of a speeding problem on Dorrington Road. Officers are down there quite often and he will have them find somewhere for a car to sit. It is a winding road and there is not a lot of places for a car to sit and put vascar lines.

Mr. Wagner stated they can sit in his driveway. You can sit beside the barn.

Chief Campbell stated the police will sit in his driveway and asked for the address again.

The Board thanked Mr. Wagner for bringing this to their attention.

Mr. Shipton of 2120 English Turn Drive approached the Board stating he is a member of the Parks and Recreation Board and he was at the Community Center on Monday for his kids' programs. We have a beautiful Community Center and the exterior is really bad. Mr. Shipton submitted pictures of the exterior to the Board. This is the image we are putting out to our community. Everyone one here knows that Josh has done an excellent job bringing in programs. Based on the report the Auditor just gave, there is plenty of money for some round up and overtime to get out there and get this problem solved. This is an ongoing issue. Last year it was in September before Collierfest when Public Works is out there pulling weeds and putting down mulch. This has been going on since Rochelle was here and now with Josh. We tell Josh all the time about this and we know Josh is tired of it, so Mr. Shipton came to voice his opinion. We have this beautiful Community Center and why can't we put a beautiful image out there. The Auditor said there is plenty of money so why can't we get some round up and pay for some mulch.

The Board thanked Mr. Shipton.

VI. New Business:

1. Consider action to grant Final Major Land Development approval to the Grist House Brewery at Nike Site with the condition of satisfactorily addressing all items in the Township Engineers LSSE review letter dated June 8, 2022. The Planning Commission has reviewed and recommends approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Zymroz, to approve the Grist House Brewery Final Major Land Development as stated above. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

2. Consider action to adopt Ordinance # 725, an Ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the Collier Township Code of Ordinances to add certain permitted to the B1-A Zoning District.

Commissioner Young stated he is glad this Company is coming to Collier Township. He is very pleased with the work he has seen this company do.

Motion was made by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, to adopt Ordinance #725 as stated above. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

3. Consider action on bond reduction request #2 for Gregg Station Residential. The Township Engineer recommends the Township reduce the grading bond amount from \$117,132.93 to \$99,357.93 and the performance bond amount from \$371,382.80 to \$260,228.80, which is 110% of the remaining improvements and 10% of completed items.

Motion was made by Commissioner Zymroz, seconded by Commissioner Cupples, to approve bond reduction request #2 for Gregg Station Residential as stated above. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

4. Consider action to hire Dana Ann Slizik as the Collier Township Assistant Manager effective July 5, 2022, at an annual salary of \$72,500.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaughn, seconded by Commissioner Cupples, to hire Dana Ann Slizik as stated above. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Young stated he had reservations about adding new personnel to the staff. He has done many interviews for other professions and when we interviewed Mrs. Slizik, she came across as one of the top five (5) people he has ever interviewed and is hoping she proves her worth and he thinks she will, as the same as Tom Plietz and Jeff Hinds did when they got hired. Commissioner Young had reservations with them also. Expanding the staff in Collier Township is always something Commissioner Young takes very seriously.

5. Consider action to hire Jeff Chilleo as a Collier Township Public Works laborer effective June 27, 2022, at the prevailing contracted wage scale.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cupples, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, to hire Jeff Chilleo as stated above. Commissioner Zymroz abstained. By a 3 to 1 vote, the motion passed.

6. Consider action to hire Eric Schrader as a Collier Township Public Works laborer effective July 5, 2022, at the prevailing contracted wage scale.

Motion was made by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cupples, to hire Eric Schrader as stated above. Commissioner Zymroz abstained. By a 3 to 1 vote, the motion passed.

VII. Approval of General Fund Operating Account items:

- Invoices paid, checks written and Bills Requested June 14, 2022 to June 27, 2022, in the amount of \$460,811.39.

Motion was made by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, to approve the General Fund Account items as stated above. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

VIII. Approval of Capital Investment Account Items:

- Invoices Paid, Checks Written and Bills Requested June 14, 2022 to June 27, 2022, in the amount of \$6,344.32.

Motion was made by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, to approve the Capital Fund Account items as stated above. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

IX. Approval of Sewer Account items:

- Invoices paid, checks written and Bills Requested June 14, 2022 to June 27, 2022, in the amount of \$106,282.58.

Motion was made by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, and carried, to approve the Sewer Account items as stated above. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

X. Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Wayne M. Chiurazzi – President
Board of Commissioners

Valerie A. Salla
Township Secretary