

**MINUTES
COLLIER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING**

June 27, 2018

7:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Macino called the workshop meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL:

BOARD

Wilson Durisko – Present
Wayne Chiurazzi, Esq. - Absent
Dawn Williams-Zabicki – Present
Rick Ruffennach – Present
George Macino – Present

STAFF

Chuck Means, Solicitor - Absent
Kevin Brett, Engineer - Absent
Craig Campbell, Police Chief – Absent
Robert Caun, Planning Director – Present
Jeff Hinds, Finance Director – Absent
Bob Palmosina, PW Director – Absent
Rochelle Barry, Parks Director – Absent
Kyle Thauvette, Twp. Manager - Absent
Valerie Salla, Twp. Secretary – Absent

- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** No meeting was held.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

There were no public comments.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider action on Resolution 062718-01; a Resolution approving a revision to the “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” to include Gregg Station Plan of Lots.

Mr. Caun explained that with every new development, the Township has to pass a Resolution to amend our sewage facilities plan. This sends the planning module which allocates the number of EDU’s (sewer taps) for a certain development. This is reviewed by Alcosan, Collier Township Municipal Authority and the Township. This information then goes to DEP who approves the entire plan which then allows the developer to start applying for individual sewer taps for each lot.

The Township's plan changes every time a new housing plan comes in. New Plans have to be added to the sewage facilities plan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams-Zabicki, second by Commissioner Ruffennach, to approve Resolution 062718-01 as stated above. By unanimous vote the motion passed.

- B. Consider action to approve the payment of \$30,000 to the Kirwan Heights VFD representing the second installment for their 2018 Volunteer Fire Department contribution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ruffennach, second by Commissioner Durisko, to approve payment to Kirwan Heights VFD as stated above. By unanimous vote the motion passed.

IV. DISCUSSION:

- A. Administrative Committee/Public Affairs:** Commissioner Ruffennach reported the following:

1. *Fresh Thyme Market.* Is open and they have to realize they are in Collier Township and not in Bridgeville. We have been working with them to recognize Collier in their store location.
2. *Meadow Path.* Work is being done and coming along nicely.
3. *Panhandle Trail.* Has secured all the funds for resurfacing the trail through grant money, donations and working with PNC. They are hoping to get this done by the Fall.
4. *Webb Park.* We are working on ideas for replacing dug outs and fencing both with getting contractors and using the Public Works Department.
5. *Manager's Coffee Hour.* The next one is in July.

- B. COG Committee:** There was no report.

- C. Finance Committee:** Commissioner Macino reported the following:

1. *Audit.* There is no update.
2. *Banking.* We are switching from PNC Bank to Brentwood Bank. The Township will be gaining about \$35,000 in interest bearing accounts with the switch and we can do something positive with the money.

- D. Parks and Recreation:** Commissioner Ruffennach reported the meeting was cancelled last night due to not having a quorum.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki stated her husband is interested in the Parks and Recreation Board and wants to find out if there is any conflict of interests with him being on the Board. There is nothing in the books so she will check with the Parks and Recreation Board to see if they have any concerns.

Commissioner Macino stated we did check with Solicitor Means to see if there is any conflict of interests.

E. Planning and Zoning: Commissioner Williams-Zabicki informed the Board on the following:

1. *Planning Commission.* They are working on revisions to the SALDO (Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance) to physically mandate the number of entrances in a plan based on the number of units.
2. *Great Southern Shopping Center Expansion.*

Mr. Caun explained there are some spaces being reallocated in the center known as the Kmart and Giant Eagle area. The wine and spirits store is relocating to where Burton's Pet used to be next to Giant Eagle. The back half of the building will house the offices of the USGS (US Geological Services Offices). Anything additions over 500 sq. ft. has to come before the Planning Commission and then the Commissioners. The Planning Commission saw this last Thursday. The Township Engineer reviewed the application and plan. Everything is fine and the Planning Commission recommends approval. This will be at the Regular meeting. These moves are taking place because Planet Fitness is moving into the space that had the wine and spirits and the Chinese buffet space.

Commissioner Macino questioned if we have a date yet for the Sheetz hearing.

Mr. Caun stated we have not and not that he knows of. The Judge will set a date for a conference to bring in Sheetz, the Zoning Hearing Board Attorney and the Township Solicitor, Chuck Means. They will see if there is some type of settlement that can happen before it goes to trial. If there is a settlement, it will have to go to the Zoning Hearing Board for approval and then finally to the Board of Commissioners to approve. If the Zoning Hearing Board does not accept it, it will go to trial. The Board of Commissioners will not act on this until everything is settled. The Judge will most likely push for some type of settlement.

F. Public Safety Committee: Commissioner Macino reported the following:

1. *Police Contract.* This expires at the end of 2018 and is now in negotiations. Mr. Thauvette is representing the Township in the negotiations.
2. *SRO's.* Our two (2) school resource officers are back working full time for the Township.

We also have one of the Officers back working from Workers Compensation.

3. *Chief Campbell.* Will be out for the next couple of weeks working on a program with the FBI. This is a training program. One of the Sergeants will always be available.
4. *Rennerdale VFD.* We will be discussing a proposal from Rennerdale VFD to purchase another truck. They want to sell a truck and buy a smaller truck. Rennerdale VFD feels it is a more sufficient truck and is asking the Township to consider this and will have more details at our July meeting regarding a way they can pay for this. They would like the Township to apply for the loan and they would pay the Township. This would save the fire department money on interests.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki stated it is something to take a look at and look at the assets we have now. She would like to get a base line of expected need and to do a ballistic study before we make an approval.

G. Public Works Committee: Commissioner Durisko the following:

1. Help was given to Bridgeville for flood clean up.

Commissioner Macino stated he received a call from the President of Bridgeville Council thanking the Township for sending some of our Public Works to help them clean up.

2. Summer help has begun with cutting grass.
3. Meadow Path work is being done.

H. Township Manager / Township Business: There was no report.

Commissioner Durisko stated we need to work together as a Board to get a road paving program together. When driving through the Township you can see how bad some of the roads are. We put money in the budget for it and then keep taking it out for other things. Roads are the heart and soul of the Township. They increase your property value, saves the life of your car and saves the plow trucks. He is in favor of making this the top priority.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki agreed this should be top priority.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki informed the Board that on July 4, 2018, the Rennerdale UP Church is holding a first responder appreciation pancake breakfast from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Commissioner Durisko stated the board needs to discuss what the area will be used for once the buildings are down at Collier Park. He asked Ms. Barry to look back at the study for Collier Park and the top two (2) things were a community center and a pool.

Commissioner Macino stated with all the studies that were down, a pool was mentioned. The Board looked at this and the issue with a pool was maintaining it.

Commissioner Durisko stated he would like to see what it would cost for a pool.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki stated she would like to see the numbers on how many of the residents are using the public access of the Community Center.

Mr. Frank Noble from the audience stated that Board should turn over the land to one of the developers and let them put in a pond and use that.

V1. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Commissioner Durisko; seconded by Commissioner Ruffennach; to adjourn the work shop meeting at 7:40 p.m. By unanimous vote of the Board the motion passed.

George E. Macino – President
Board of Commissioners

Valerie A. Salla
Township Secretary