

**MINUTES  
COLLIER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**August 14, 2019**

**7:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** President Macino called the 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. - Present  
Dawn Williams-Zabicki- Present  
Rick Ruffennach –Present  
George Macino – Present

**STAFF**

Chuck Means, Solicitor - Present  
Kevin Brett, Engineer - Present  
Craig Campbell, Chief of Police - Present  
Robert Caun, Planning Director - Present  
Bob Palmosina, Public Works Director - Present  
Sean Gramz – Bldg./Codes Officer - Present  
Rochelle Barry, Parks Director – Absent  
Jeff Hinds, Finance Director - Present  
Kyle Thauvette, Township Manager – Present  
Valerie Salla, Township Secretary – Present

**C. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Was held prior to the meeting.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. July 10, 2019 – Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Chiurazzi, second by Commissioner Williams-Zabicki to approve the minutes as submitted above. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

**B. July 21, 2019 – Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Chiurazzi, second by Commissioner Williams-Zabicki to approve the minutes as submitted above. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

### III. REPORTS OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES:

- A. Solicitor:** The Solicitor submitted a written report to the Board for the month of July and would be happy to answer any questions the Board might have.

Commissioner Macino asked Solicitor Means to update the Board on some ongoing legal issues.

Solicitor Means stated as far as litigation filed in Court, we filed at the end of July the lawsuit for enforcement of obligations on the Cargnoni Development that this Board has discussed and authorized. It was served on the defendant on August 7<sup>th</sup> and their legal filing in Court will be due 20 days from that time.

Commissioner Macino questioned we have until August 27<sup>th</sup> to hear something?

Solicitor Means stated that is the deadline for the defendant to file.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated to remember that the legal process is slow. He could get an extension and it is what it is. We are moving forward.

Commissioner Macino thanked Solicitor Means.

There were no other questions or comments.

- B. Engineer:** The Engineer submitted a written report to the Board for the month of July and would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Commissioner Macino asked for an update on the Marigold hillside.

Mr. Brett updated the Board that he met with Woodville Associates (Mr. Cargnoni) regarding the Hillside and made comments on their as-builts. They indicated there are four (4) items remaining and will be submitting them shortly and understood what they were. We reviewed our comments from the stormwater and grading letter. We are waiting for those submittals. They have had those comments for a while.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki stated you have had a couple of conversations with the Engineers as well as the owners of the property reclarifying what they owe to Lennon, Smith Souleret Engineers (LSSE) for review and they have committed again to getting those plans to LSSE

Mr. Brett stated yes.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki stated this is back on them to submit that data and for some of that data there is a 24-hour turnaround time for ?????? .

Mr. Brett stated they indicated on the as-builts that we need them tomorrow and hopefully this will be true this time.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki stated if it gets to you by tomorrow, that would be great progress.

Mr. Brett stated yes and then we would review it and get another letter out like last time.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated maybe we can call him. The lawsuit is now behind him and maybe we can call him to push him along.

Mr. Thauvette stated he can do that.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki questioned if there is a list of the ponds that are being inspected as a part of the MS4 requirements.

Mr. Brett stated yes.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki questioned if this is shared before hand of is it a surprise inspection.

Mr. Brett stated there is a map the Township has that shows all the MS4 ponds.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki questioned what about the ones this year that were selected to be inspected.

Mr. Brett stated that out falls get inspected 20% each year. Ponds get inspected every year. The Township does the inspections. He also mentioned the annual MS4 training will be coming up at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

There were no other questions or comments.

- C. Manager:** The Manager submitted a written report to the Board for the month of July and would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Thauvette demonstrated the Smart Board and added the following:

1. The Board offers smart tools, touch screen, zoom in and out on areas, can be used for a display of information and presentations can be given on this Board. There are different options for this board. It can be leased or purchased.
2. **Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.** Beautification plantings off 79 and Noblestown Road.
3. **Glass Recycling Event.** Collier will be holding another glass recycling event on August 24<sup>th</sup> in the old Kmart parking lot. This will be a little more public and more exposed and allows for easy access and exiting from Route 50. This is a good day to hold this event because Bridgeville will be holding a hard to recycle event the same day.

4. **Resolution on the Agenda.** This Resolution is to enter into the Active Allegheny Grant Program with Carnegie. Carnegie is applying for a grant for a feasibility study to expand the Panhandle Trail from Walkers Mill into Carnegie. The study cost \$30,000.00. Since the largest portion is located in Collier and there is a cost of \$2,200.00 associated with the grant and we are partnering with Carnegie Borough. If the grant would be awarded, it would not be until 2020. This is something that could be put into the Budget for next year. The payment of \$2,200.00 for a \$30,000 study is a good deal.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki stated she likes this.

Commissioner Macino stated he thought the smartboard was a good idea and advised Mr. Thauvette to get numbers over to the Board.

There were no other questions or comments.

**D. Building/Codes:** Mr. Gramz submitted a written report to the Board of Commissioners for the month of July and would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki asked for an update on the Valley fill project.

Mr. Gramz stated LSSE provided a review letter with his application that went through and he is asking for an extension. We think he may fulfill the requirements prior to needing the extension. He did a compliance check on the sight and found a few issues and brought it to his attention on the inspection report. If we do not get any satisfaction on the report, then a notice of violation will be issued.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki questioned if the ACCD did an inspection there.

Mr. Gramz stated yes. He walked the sight with the ACCD and they had some concerns with what they were finding. They have brought the engineers up to date. Mr. Grams received the report from the ACCD showing there are some issues that need addressed and Mr. Cargnoni did receive this report also.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki questioned if the report is kept private since the property is private or can it be shared with the public.

Mr. Gramz did not know the answer to that.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki stated the good news is there have been inspections and questioned if there are any concerns would the public be notified.

Mr. Gram stated Mr. Cargnoni has talked with him and he believes Mr. Cargnoni has the momentum going on our side.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki questioned if there is anything else that can be shared to the concerned citizens.

Mr. Thauvette stated he did not know the details of the violations on this project from ACCD at the moment. He assumed it would be a public document and could be requested through a right to know procedures and asked if Solicitor Means would confirm this.

Solicitor Means stated it would be requested from the ACCD.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki thanked Solicitor Means.

Mr. Thauvette stated there was nothing that stuck out like a red flag to be communicated to the general public for health and safety purposes.

There were no other questions or comments.

- E. Finance:** Mr. Hinds submitted a written report to the Board for the month of July and would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Hinds added that Jordan Tax Services has mailed on the property tax bills. Jordan Tax Services will be here next week to take payments on site.

There were no questions or comments.

- F. Parks and Recreation Report:** Ms. Barry was unable to attend the meeting and submitted a written report prior to the meeting to the Board for the month of July.

Mr. Thauvette added the following:

- *Signage at Webb Park.* The signs are to help educate the public on what types of age groups are to be playing on those fields.
- *Concert in the Park.* August 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM. RML Jazz
- *Collierfest.* September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- *Rock the Quarry.* August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> on the Panhandle Trail

Commissioner Chiurazzi questioned how the demo area at Collier Park was looking.

Mr. Thauvette stated the area is good but there are still some areas that need reseeded. The Board will need to think about how they want to make that area better on the 2020 budget. We had talked about multi-purpose fields, but this can be discussed at a later date.

There were no other questions or comments.

**G. Planning/Development/Zoning Report:** Mr. Caun submitted a written report to the Board for the month of July and would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Caun added the following and used the smart board to present them:

- Cluster Mailboxes. The post office no longer allows single mailboxes in front of homes in new developments. The Planning Commission has come up with standards for these boxes.

Commissioner Chiurazzi questioned if this is even for single family homes.

Mr. Caun stated yes.

- PRD (Planned Residential Development) in the PED (Planned Economic District) Zoning District. A Developer wants to build some townhomes in the PED on a 15-acre site off Ridge Road. The Planning Commission is reviewing this and then will need a public meeting.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated the townhomes are a good use for this property.

- Steen Road Partners. Next to Sheetz on the Deklewa Property. Building a Sit-down restaurant which will need a land development and a conditional use. They are two (2) separate applications. The Planning Commission is reviewing these.

Commissioner Chiurazzi questioned what restaurant will be developed.

Mr. Caun stated Napoli Restaurant.

Mr. Terry Bell questioned if Mr. Cargnoni owns property in that area.

Mr. Caun stated that property the townhomes will be built on is not Mr. Cargnoni's property. Mr. and Mrs. Peng own it.

Commissioner Chiurazzi questioned who the developer was.

Mr. Caun stated Dan Ryan Builders.

There were no other questions or comments.

**H. Public Safety – Fire Department Report:** A written report was submitted for the month of July. Chief Dan Wauthier of the Presto VFD was in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have.

Commissioner Chiurazzi questioned when we go to help other communities, do we get paid?

Chief Wauthier stated no. It is mutual aid. All municipalities have an agreement where we help each other out and we do not get paid.

Chief Wauthier asked if the property owner of a tree on Forsythe Road can be contacted to cut a tree that is blocking the intersection. The tree is on private property. They have had a couple of close calls. It is causing a safety hazard.

Commissioner Macino questioned if a tree is hanging over someone else's property which this tree is hanging over a road, do we have the right to cut it.

Mr. Caun stated we have sight distance Ordinances that we can notify the owner of the property to cut the tree back. You must be able to see 50ft either way. We can notify the property owner through code enforcement or the police.

Commissioner Macino advised to notify the property owner tomorrow.

Mr. Thauvette stated we will notify the property owner and give them seven (7) days to remove it and failure to do so, for emergency services, Public Works will cut the branches to make it a clear sight.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated to give the property owner a call, tell them to cut the tree back and if they don't, we can cite them.

Commissioner Durisko stated he saw in the report that Presto VFD was going to do renovations to the fire station and there is going to be a drag queen bingo.

Chief Wauthier state yes. The drag queen bingo will be the first and they are partnering with Bridgeville VFD because they have a very large hall.

Commissioner Durisko questioned if there was an opportunity to have it a Collier site instead of Bridgeville.

Chief Wauthier stated we have printed 250 tickets. It is a show and 10 games of bingo. The actors need the room to perform in between the bingo tables and the Bridgeville hall has the room.

Commissioner Durisko stated he applauded Presto's fund-raising effort and questioned if there was anyway to make it more of a Collier event and have Kirwan and Rennerdale VFD's involved.

Chief Wauthier stated if we truly had a place in Collier to do something like this, even the community center doesn't have one big room. None of us have a big enough hall and really, today no one has the money to build a big enough hall to have fund

raisers and events. All the bingos, weddings, etc. have gone by the wayside. Even cash bashes people need room to move around.

Commissioner Durisko stated Castle Shannon has a big cash coming up in a couple weeks and it is all outside.

Chief Wauthier stated he didn't know that. The problem with outside is the weather. It could be a good outcome or a bad outcome.

Commissioner Durisko stated they rent big tents.

Chief Wauthier stated it is like anything else. Even the fish fries or night at the races, if we get bad weather, we don't get the turn out.

Chief Wauthier stated the renovation they are looking into is the original hall building which is 60 years old and now has some structural issues. Since we do not have bingo anymore that building sits empty 95% of the time. There will be some major expenses to bring the building up to code. They are looking into taring that building down and adding onto the existing building and have been talking with an architect.

There were no other questions or comments.

- I. Public Safety – Police Department Report:** Chief Campbell submitted a written report to the Board for the month of July and would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Chief Campbell added the following:

- The first day of school is on August 20, 2019.
- Officer Elway will be the SRO at the Primary School and Officer Oslick remains the SRO at the Middle/High School.

Commissioner Durisko asked the Chief to explain where the Collier Officers will be located in the Chartiers Valley School District.

Chief Campbell stated nothing has changed. There is a full time Officer in the Primary School. There is a full time Officer covering the High School and Middle School. He understands the School District has hired a Public Safety Coordinator/School Police Officer which is different from a School Resource Officer and will be at the Intermediate School in Scott Township and the Scott Township Police Officer will be there until the Spring of 2020.

Commissioner Durisko questioned if Scott Township will have a Police Officer in the Intermediate School for this school year.



Chief Campbell stated as far as he knows yes but Commissioner Durisko should check with Scott Township. He does not know what their plans are. There has been a recent law change with the respect to the arrest powers of a school police officer compared to a school resource officer. Previously for a school police officer that a school district hires can petition a Judge to give them arrest powers for misdemeanors and felonies. That was taken away with a recent legislation effective August 31<sup>st</sup> but there is some question whether it is for officers hired after August 31<sup>st</sup> or whether it is retroactive. He reads it as it does not mean to grandfather anyone in. It looks like after August 31<sup>st</sup>, school police officers will not be able to make any serious arrests. He doesn't know how this will affect things, but he knows the School Superintendent has plans to hire additional school police officers. He spoke to the Superintendent earlier today about the School Resource Officers agreement and the Superintendent expected the agreement to go before the School Board on August 27<sup>th</sup> and expects a three (3) year agreement in place to continue our School Resource Officers to be in the Primary School and High/Middle School for another three (3) years.

Commissioner Durisko questioned by Superintendent you are referring to.....

Chief Campbell stated Dr. Vanetta, the Superintendent.

Commissioner Macino questioned with a School Resource Officer and a School Police Officer in the same place what does that do?

Chief Campbell stated there was an unfunded mandate that the school has a public safety coordinator that must be a school district employee. It can not be a School Resource Officer. Dr. Vanetta must hire someone for that position which she hired a retired State Police Trooper to fill that position and the position of the School Police Officer. Chief Campbell does not know what Dr. Vanetta and the School Board plans are after this. The Scott Township Police Chief said he will always provide a School Resource Officer and Chief Campbell has said the same thing to Dr. Vanetta.

Commissioner Durisko questioned with the new legislation, what will the powers of a School Police Officer be?

Chief Campbell stated this is a question for the Solicitor to answer.

Commissioner Durisko asked if they will have a direct line to 911.

Chief Campbell stated no. That is a County 911 decision and not our decision.

Commissioner Durisko questioned if they are allowed to carry firearms.

Chief Campbell stated yes. With the legislation, they do not have to be armed but they can be armed.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated State Representative Ortity told him it was retroactive. Ira Weiss, the Solicitor for Pittsburgh Public Schools, said he will not

consider it retroactive. Ortity's Office drafted the letter and Commissioner Chiurazzi is confident it is retroactive.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated he is concerned if a School Police Officer (SPO) comes over to the Middle School, they better know their rights relative to our Police Officers that are there when an incident occurs. This needs to be addressed with the School District.

Chief Campbell stated an SPO makes sense in an area where there is no police department. State Police do not provide School Resource Officers. It is rare that School District have replaced a School Resource Officer with a School Police Officer.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated this could change. It would be cumbersome for an SPO to be surrounded by the SRO's and have no authority. This could cause conflict. We need to talk with the school district.

Commissioner Macino asked Chief Campbell to give a brief overview of how calls come in and how our Officers respond.

Chief Campbell stated all our calls are dispatched through Allegheny County 911. It has been at least 30 years since Collier had its own dispatch. Very few municipalities have their own dispatch. It is very expensive and is cost effective to dispatch through Allegheny County 911. The way it works is, a call comes into 911 call center located in Moon Township. Then 911 dispatches the calls to the municipalities based on the type of call, the call volume as to what is going on, and the location of the call. They dispatch Collier Township Officers. When the Officers get the call, we base it on the availability of the Officers and what they are doing and who is tied up on other calls. If all the Officers are not available, we have excellent agreements with the surrounding communities where we back each other up all the time and don't even have to ask. Collier will always have a minimum of two (2) Officers on all the time.

Commissioner Macino questioned if every call goes through 911.

Chief Campbell stated yes and occasionally people do come into the station for minor things. If they come during the day, Kasey will call 911. Everything must go through 911. We do not want to send Officers to something and no one knows except that Officer because if something goes bad, we don't know where that Officer is. If someone comes to the station after hours, there is a number on the door for Allegheny County 911 to call for an Officer. All the dispatch goes through 911. This is the only way safely to coordinate a response and 911 prioritizes the calls based on the seriousness of the call.

Commissioner Macino thanked Chief Campbell.

There were no other questions or comments.

**J. Public Works Report:** Mr. Palmosina submitted a written report to the Board for the month of July and would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Palmosina added the following:

- Steen Road will be shutting down on August 15, 2019 for stormwater work. We will be installing about 1400 ft of pipe along the hillside where all the water is coming out. We should be done in about two (2) weeks.
- Put in three (3) new catch basins on English Turn.
- Put in two (2) new catch basins on Ridge Road
- New tractor is working
- Webb Park is completed and looks nice.
- Most of the Summer help are gone back to school. They were all great guys that worked hard and learned a lot.

There were no questions or comments.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Williams-Zabicki, seconded by Commissioner Ruffennach to approve all the above reports as submitted. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lisa Loniero** of 114 Delfred Drive approached the Board with the following concerns:

1. **Homes.** 637 Prestley Street has been empty for four (4) years and the grass and trees are all overgrown and asked if something could be done about this. This is a health issue and not sanitary. All the windows have been open since the person died in the house four (4) years ago. Trees are growing over the house. It could be a fire hazard. Something needs to be done.

Mr. Caun stated this property is part of the Allegheny County side yard program and someone has purchased this property and are closing next week and should be cleaned up shortly. The dye test was done yesterday and usually that is a week out from closing.

Ms. Loniero stated “so, we have to wait till someone purchases that property for it to be cleaned up. We had a rat infestation about a month ago on Cabbage Hill.”

Commissioner Macino asked Ms. Loniero to give it a week and if the property is not cleaned up the Township will step in and do something.

Ms. Loniero questioned why it took so long.

Mr. Caun stated the owner died and there was no next of kin. Mr. Gramz tried to notify someone and tried the bank.

Mr. Gramz stated he did follow up on it.

Commissioner Durisko stated this property is part of the vacant property program through Allegheny County and currently being processed.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated the County would have to maintain it till the new owner takes it over. It is not Collier's.

Mr. Palmosina stated this program is a lot process. About eight (8) or nine (9) months.

Ms. Loniero stated even though it is located in Collier Township.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated yes. If you let your grass grow, we will not cut it.

Ms. Loniero stated she would be fined.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated yes you would be fined and we would not cut it.

Ms. Loniero stated this would be another health hazard.

Commissioner Macino stated we will look into it and contact the County.

2. ***Speed Humps.*** Could speed humps be installed in Cabbage Hill because the stop signs are not working. She has come to the Board at least 5 or 6 times and is wondering if this will ever be taken seriously.

Commissioner Macino asked Solicitor Means what the guidelines are on speed bumps or humps.

Solicitor Means stated speed humps or bumps have been disfavored because of the ability to cause accidents or damage vehicles but you do still see them. More recently they have been engineered by different methods.

The Engineer, Kevin Brett stated PennDot has been a criteria for speed humps that are gradual humps, they must be in flat areas and not a lot of grade. They are difficult to plow over and are winter maintenance issues. The Township has a lot of roads that have grade to them, curves and not a lot of straight areas. When they have been put in other communities, they have been removed in about a year because of complaints from parents that have kids on buses, people that own sports cars and lower vehicles. Municipalities get a lot of insurance claims. The Cabbage Hill area will not meet the criteria because the hill is too steep.

Ms. Loniero questioned if one could be put at Prestley and Darlington.

Mr. Brett stated they cannot be put at stop signs. We looked at this a couple years ago and he will find the information and forwarded to the Commissioners. Stop signs were the result.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki asked the Chief to have the Officers patrol that area.

Chief Campbell stated they can step up the patrol in the area. There are enforcement issues with the stop signs that were installed are part of the problem. You cannot put in any traffic control device without a traffic and engineering study. They look at traffic flow and accidents. He will make the Officers aware of stepping up patrol in that area. People always stop when an Officer is there.

Ms. Loniero stated they need to hide.

Chief Campbell stated there is no hiding in Collier. The people see it and the word gets out. The Officers cannot set there 24/7.

Commissioner Macino stated Mr. Brett will find the previous information and forward it to the Board to look at it again.

3. **149 Delfred Drive.** All the windows are open and is vacant. There was police activity there and questioned what is being done about this house. The person living there was asked to leave and now the house is sitting there vacant. What is the problem with this house and why was the person removed from the house?

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated people are allowed to have their windows open.

Commissioner Williams-Zabicki questioned if this is an abandoned property?

Mr. Gramz stated he was contacted by the owner of the property to conduct a health and safety compliance check on his property that has tenants in it. The 149 side was found to be uninhabitable by the property maintenance code. We posted the property being uninhabitable. No occupancy was permitted. We did not remove the person at that time but then with police assistance, the person was removed after an explanation of what Occupancy was. He has done checks on this house to make sure it is not occupied.

Ms. Loniero questioned why it is uninhabitable.

Mr. Gramz stated there were no utilities.

Ms. Loniero questioned if there was anything else that people around it have to be concerned about from a health hazard.

Mr. Gramz stated no, there are no nuclear weapons or bombs or anything like that. There were no utilities or smoke detectors.

Ms. Loniero had one more question to ask.

Commissioner Chiurazzi questioned if it is three (3) minutes or not. “We all have lives to get to at the end of the day.”

Commissioner Macino stated to Ms. Loniero that we have gone over your time.

Ms. Loniero thank Commissioner Macino and the said “what an a\*\*hole.”

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated “yes I am an a\*\*hole.”

**Gerri Pletcher** of 4011 Breckenridge Drive approached the Board about an issue she had with the 911 system on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. On Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, her doorbell rang and because she is a widow, she always makes sure she never opens the door without looking who is there first. She asked the gentleman that was there what he wanted. He told her he was there to get the Air bnb room that she rented out to him. She told him she did not participate in and Air bnb nor did she have the money. He continued to say he needed his Air bnb room. She has never called 911 before but she was scared and called 911. 911 took her through lots of questions and at the point another car was at the end of her driveway backing in and the 911 operator asked if she could see who was in the car and she couldn't but she gave the description of the man at her door and the license plate number on the car. The operator said the police are dispatched. Mrs. Pletcher thanked the 911 operator. The two (2) gentleman got out of the car and would not leave. They were on the phone. She told them she called 911. The timetable for this started about a quarter to four. She was afraid and called her neighbor who was not at home, but the health aide worker was there. She told her not to go outside and the police were coming. The neighbor saw what was going on and still proceeded to come over to my house. Another neighbor came over and they finally got the gentleman to leave. 911 did call her back after they got the gentleman to leave. The 911 dispatcher told her the Officers were dispatched to a life and death call and her call was not a priority and never asked her if she was alright. Minutes after that, an Officer called her and asked if she wanted to file a police report and told him her report is with 911. She did come up to the police department on Monday and talked to Chief Campbell. This was very upsetting to her. She used to feel safe in Collier Township. She learned there were only two (2) police officers on duty over the weekend. In this process she feels she is guilty of not knowing who her street captain is and how 911 works. When she called 911, they did tell her the police was dispatched. She did learn that once the dispatch is taken and the officers are busy with a more prioritized call, another police department would come. Chief Campbell called her today telling her it was not dispatched from 911 as an emergency call. This is frustrating to her. What would you do in her position? What did I do wrong? If this continues or happens again, there will be a tragedy. The two (2) men in her driveway did not appear to be solicitors. The word solicitors was never used. To summarize what happened, she spoke to Air bnb and this was a scam and the gentleman were sent to her address with another name. It was a man's name from either Australia or Russia. She made sure her address is not with an account at Air bnb to be given out.

The Air bnb security told her when they received the call from the man at her house, they looked into the computer and saw her address was not an Air bnb and told him to remove himself from the property immediately and go to a public area so they could continue with the issue.

Commissioner Macino stated he understood the scam part but is the issued that she did not get a response from an Officer when they were dispatched.

Mrs. Pletcher stated yes.

Commissioner Macino questioned if the call went to 911 which is the Allegheny County dispatch.

Chief Campbell stated yes and he spoke to Mrs. Pletcher and he immediately investigated it. His talked with his Officers, 911 dispatch and requested audio tapes of the call to see what was said and how it was conveyed. It appears there was some disconnect with 911. The Collier Police Officers where never dispatched until 28 minutes later after Mrs. Pletcher called 911; until they notified our officers and by then 911 called Mrs. Pletcher back about 3 minutes later and she said the guy already left and did not want the police to respond.

Mrs. Pletcher stated she believes she did not say that. She was shaky and the neighbors were trying to calm her down. She also filed an inquiry with the 911 shift commander and have not heard back. There is an issue here and she thanked the Chief for everything he did and thanked Sgt. Ferrance for calling her. She knows she has to come up with another system if this happens again. She also thanked Commissioner Chiurazzi for telling her he would come down with a club.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated the system failed Mrs. Pletcher and he hates this system. She lives a mile away from the Police Station and did not get a response. If those guys broke into your door and took you out, you are done. This is unacceptable and doesn't know what to do.

Chief Campbell stated he is following up on it. We need to find out what happened in her particular situation and try to make sure it does not happen again. Fortunately, everyone was safe in this situation. He wants to use this as a teaching moment to make sure it does not happen again.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated, the second they are dispatched there should be someone on the why. If our two (2) Officers were on another call, the other communities should have stepped in. They failed as well. The call was made to 911 and it didn't get dispatched and that is terrible.

Chief Campbell stated the other communities did not fail us. They never got the call.

Mrs. Pletcher stated she has spoken to many neighbors and other Collier residents and none of us were aware that our police department only has two (2) police officers patrol each day.

Chief Campbell stated at anytime in the Township we have a minimum of two (2) police officers working. Some days there are more but there is always two (2) and that is 24/7.

Mrs. Pletcher questioned if there is always at least two (2) on the weekends?

Chief Campbell stated yes.

Mrs. Pletcher stated she was surprised on having two (2) Officers with the size of the Township. You can not be any to careful with the way the world is today. This was not me calling because it was a solicitor. She had two (2) men in her driveway that would not leave. What would you do?

Mrs. Pletcher thanked the Board for their time.

**Terry Bell** of 793 Marigold Court questioned if the Engineer, Kevin Brett, received a stormwater proposal for the Marigold Court hillside.

Mr. Bell questioned Mr. Brett regarding if the stormwater proposal for the Marigold Court hillside was submitted by Gateway Engineers and what is Mr. Brett's roll is for this.

Mr. Brett stated they did submit one for the Developer for review and comments were provided. He looks at the plan and review it against Township Ordinances. The proposal must come from a licensed Engineer and must be sealed.

Mr. Bell questioned once the proposal meets all the Ordinances, what happens after that.

Mr. Brett stated they get issued approval from the Township and they can build. The Township will receive a letter stating it was reviewed and they have met all the Township Ordinances. We do not redo the calculations from a licensed engineer in the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bell questioned if the Township looks at it and says yah that is a good idea.

Mr. Brett stated the Township does not have a roll in it. There are Ordinances to follow which are the rules.

Mr. Bell stated no one even looks at it and we are supposed to accept it.



Mr. Brett stated the Ordinances are adopted by the Community and the residents must abide by whenever they do their design. If the Ordinances are met, the Township is obligation by the NPC to issue them an approval.

Mr. Bell questioned the letter that Gateway Engineers sent to the Township on July 15<sup>th</sup> regarding .5 section f. The letter says the proposed berms do not result in an increase of runoff to the rear yards of the residents along Marigold Court. Isn't this supposed to eliminate the runoff?

Mr. Brett stated he has design according to the Ordinance. He stated on the letter that he can build a berm that will not result in an increase of water that will runoff onto the properties.

Mr. Bell stated the problem is, it is running off to the properties. This doesn't make any sense.

Mr. Brett stated he has a set of calculations and if they follow that design, it does not result in a runoff to the properties.

Mr. Bell stated it is an increase.

Mr. Brett stated it is a design and not an as-built. It is a design. It is not there. If it is not there, he can not say what you are absorbing. He is saying, if they follow this design, he is a professional engineer, he is saying the calculations meet the Ordinance and it does not result in an increase of runoff onto the properties. Mr. bell is talking about a result that exist today which is why he has a violation. They are saying they are meeting the Ordinance with what is proposed and not what exists. This is not an existing conditions calculation. It shows an increase to the berm size and shows a calculation to what is proposed. This is in the future. This has not been approved yet because he has not met all the criteria in the Ordinance.

Mr. Bell questioned he thought all the work we have been talking about is to eliminate all the runoff coming from his property on to ours.

Commissioner Macino stated that what Mr. Brett is saying is the piece Mr. Bell is looking at does not even qualify yet.

Mr. Bell stated that once the proposal comes in you (Mr. Macino) said we will review it with the Neville Park Community which you are part of. You guys and Mr. Brett need to come up with a simple presentation, put it on your fancy new board, bring everyone together in Collier Gardens and give a simple explanation of what this proposal actually is saying. This answers a lot of questions a lot of people have and lot of people don't even understand what is going on. I have looked at it and have all kinds of questions and don't think it is going to work.

Commissioner Macino stated the Board will take it under consideration.

**Bob Malcolm** of 142 Maclaine Drive approached the Board about parking on the street overnight. In 2004 the road was taken over by the Township. People are up in arms about a truck being parked on the road. The previous HOA bylaws say no cars can park on the road overnight. His family has six (6) vehicles and need to park on the street overnight. Once the road was turned over to the Township, does the HOA bylaw disappear? He doesn't understand how an HOA can fine someone for a car on the road if there is no sign from the Township there is no parking overnight even though this is in the HOA bylaws but that is when the HOA owned the road.

Solicitor Means could not give an opinion about HOA bylaws. He has not read them and they are between the homeowners and the Association. That is for someone else to decide what the enforcement is between homeowners and the Association.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated our Police are not going to go out and ticket someone just because your bylaws say that. There are ordinances here in Nevillewood that you can not park in your driveway at night or park a trailer in your driveway and you can be fined by the HOA. What is the HOA fine? You have to tell people what they are going to be fined for. Does the HOA get together and establish a fining process?

Solicitor Means stated that no parking over night is an Ordinance set by the board of Commissioners. They have to do a study. We currently have Ordinances for no parking on certain streets. It lists the names of the street, how far it goes, what days and hour and what side of the street it is on.

Commissioner Chiurazzi stated if they want to have no parking the HOA will need to come to a Township meeting and request to have a Parking Ordinance for the street.

Mr. Malcolm thanked the Board.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Consider action to set a public hearing date of Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:30 pm for the proposed Cluster Mailbox amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Williams-Zabicki, seconded by Commissioner Durisko, to set a public hearing for Cluster Mailboxes as stated above. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

2. Consider action to set a public hearing date of Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:30 pm for the application of HMRT/CSIM Collier Owner LLC. The applicant has proposed a Zoning Ordinance text amendment regarding signage in the B3 Zoning District.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Williams-Zabicki, seconded by Commissioner Durisko, to set a public hearing for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment as stated above. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

3. Consider action to set a public hearing date of Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:30 pm for the Conditional Use application of Steen Road Partners, LLC. for the construction of a sit-down Restaurant at 1273 Washington Pike.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Williams-Zabicki, seconded by Commissioner Durisko, to set a public hearing for a Conditional Use application as stated above. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

4. Consider action to adopt Ordinance #707; An Ordinance to amend its non-uniform pension plan agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the Pennsylvania Retire Law.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Durisko, seconded by Commissioner Williams-Zabicki, to adopt Ordinance #707 as stated above. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

5. Consider action on Resolution 081419-01; A Resolution for the Active Allegheny Grant Program.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Williams-Zabicki, seconded by Commissioner Ruffennach, to approve Resolution 081419-01 as stated above. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

6. Consider action to advertise for changing the Collier Township Board of Commissioners remaining 2019 meeting schedule.

The Workshop meeting will be on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday of each month and the Regular meeting will be held on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Monday of each month. The Board of Commissioners can also hold meetings on any Monday of each month as needed.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Chiurazzi, seconded by Commissioner Ruffennach, to advertise changing the meetings as stated above. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

## **VI. ACCOUNT TRANSFERS:**

1. Approval of the transfer of \$47,000.00 from the General Fund Account to the Capital Fund Checking Account.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Chiurazzi, seconded by Commissioner Durisko, to approve the transfer as stated above. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

## **VII. APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND OPERATING ACCOUNT ITEMS:**

1. Invoices paid and checks written from July 11, 2019 to August 13, 2019 in the amount of \$471,059.04.

2. Bills requested for payment for August 14, 2019 in the amount of \$224,251.86.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Chiurazzi, seconded by Commissioner Durisko, to approve the report and authorize payments as stated above. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

**VIII. APPROVAL OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT ITEMS:**

1. Checks written from June 13, 2019 to July 9, 2019 in the amount of \$126.97.

2. Bills requested for payment for July 10, 2019 in the amount of \$4,391.07.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Chiurazzi, seconded by Commissioner Durisko, to approve the report and authorize payments as stated above. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

**IX. ADJOURN:**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Ruffennach, seconded by Commissioner Macino to adjourn the meeting at 8:50p.m. By unanimous vote the motion carried.*

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George E. Macino – President  
Board of Commissioners

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Valerie A. Salla  
Township Secretary