

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 8, 2023

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM, in the Whitemarsh Township Building, 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA.

Supervisors Present: Fran McCusker, Chair; Jacy Toll, Vice-Chair; Vincent Manuele; Laura Boyle Nester and Patrice Turenne (virtually)

Also Present: Richard L. Mellor, Jr., Township Manager; Dave Sander, Township Solicitor; Krista Heinrich, P.E. Township Engineer and Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Toll announced:

On Monday, June 5, 2023, Whitemarsh Township welcomed Andrew Thomas as our new Fire Marshal. Andrew resides in Plymouth Meeting with his wife and son. Welcome Andrew!

The Public Works crew established a rain garden, as many of you saw coming into the complex today on the right-hand side of the entrance drive. This area will capture water from the downspouts from this building and the driveway to soak back into the ground. Planting and seed still must be performed to complete this project. Great job so far to the Public Works Crew!

Aqua will be replacing a water main on Butler Road (between Militia Hill and Campus Drive) starting Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Closures are scheduled for 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for the next three weeks.

On Friday, June 16, 2023 at Cedar Grove Park, our "Movies in the Park" series continues with the Pixar production of "Finding Nemo". All movies begin at dusk.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Father's Day on Sunday, June 18, 2023!

The Board of Supervisors are happy to announce the 4th of July Parade will be held on Tuesday, July 4th at 10am. The Parade begins at the Whitemarsh Township Building on Germantown Pike and goes down Germantown Pike where it ends at Miles Park. The Lions Club of Whitemarsh will be hosting a community picnic immediately following the Parade with music, free hot dogs, and complimentary water while supplies last. Anyone interested in participating in the event should contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 610-828-7276 as soon as possible to register

**Pride Month Proclamation
Juneteenth Proclamation**

America250 Pennsylvania Resolution

On a motion by Supervisor Manuele, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors adopted **Resolution #2023-16** supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States 250th anniversary in 2026.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 11, 2023

On a motion by Supervisor Toll, seconded by Supervisor Manuele (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors adopted the meeting minutes from May 11, 2023.

BOARD PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

CONSIDER ACTION ITEMS

Ordinances

None

Resolutions

1. Amendment to the Employee Non-Uniformed Pension Plan

On a motion by Supervisor Manuele, seconded by Supervisor Toll (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors adopted **Resolution #2023-17** amending the Whitemarsh Township 401(a) Money Purchase Plan to permit a loan policy for hardships.

MOTIONS

1. Bid Award - 2023 Road Program

On a motion by Supervisor Manuele, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors authorize the notice of intent to proceed and bid approval based on the successful review of the 2023 road paving bid to N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. for total base bid amount of \$549,055.40.

2. Ordinance Advertisement - Single Use Plastic Bag Ban

On a motion by Supervisor Toll, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors authorized the advertisement of the Single Use Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance.

3. Hold Harmless Agreement - 1032 Hector Street

On a motion by Supervisor Manuele, seconded by Supervisor Toll (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved a Hold Harmless Agreement for a sign in the ultimate right-of-way at 1032 Hector Street.

4. Real Estate Tax Appeal Order and Settlement - 7251 Beech Road

On a motion by Supervisor Manuele, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors authorized the Order and Settlement Stipulation between 7251 Beech Road v. MONTCO Board of Assessment

Appeals resulting in the increase assessment for 2022-2023 requiring a payment of \$373.40 to the Township for real estate taxes.

5. Real Estate Tax Appeal Order and Settlement - 551 East 10th Avenue

On a motion by Supervisor Toll, seconded by Supervisor Manuele (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors authorized the Order and Settlement Stipulation between 551 East 10th Avenue v. MONTCO Board of Assessment Appeals resulting in the increase assessment for 2023 requiring a payment of \$435.37 to the Township for real estate taxes.

6. Real Estate Tax Appeal Order and Settlement - 500,506,510,512 Pennsylvania Avenue/BMW

On a motion by Supervisor Manuele, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors authorized the Order and Settlement Stipulation between 500, 506, 510, and 512 Pennsylvania Avenue v. MONTCO Board of Assessment Appeals resulting in the increase assessment for 2022-2023 requiring a total payment of \$1,356.56 to the Township for real estate taxes.

4. May 2023 Expenditures and Payroll and Pension Plan Paid Costs

On a motion by Supervisor Toll, seconded by Supervisor Manuele (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved expenditures totaling \$935,920.32; and payroll totaling \$603,742.92; and pension paid costs totaling \$4,111.29 for May 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair McCusker announced the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss litigation and personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Supervisor Nester, seconded by Supervisor Manuele the meeting for June 8, 2023 was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L. Mellor, Jr.
Township Manager