

**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman Boorse with the pledge of allegiance. A quorum of Supervisors was declared.

Scott Boorse - Chairman
J. Daniel Hill - Supervisor

Absent was Vice-Chairman Michael Shiring.

Approval of the July 11th and July 15th minutes was deferred until the September 6th meeting as a quorum from the July 11th meeting was not present to vote on the minutes.

Supervisor Hill moved to approve the bills submitted for payment since July 11th. General Fund bills totaled \$73,246.07. Chairman Boorse seconded the motion and the bills were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Township is hosting another Brandywine Battlefield Re-enactment on September 24th and 25th.

The Township reinvested its \$1 million dollar CD into an \$800,000.;24 mo. CD at the rate of 2.05%. The remaining \$200,000. was put into a liquid money market account.

HARB REPORT

JACOBY/1388 WILMINGTON PIKE/RESTAURANT SIGN

At its meeting on July 19th, HARB recommended that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued to Mary Katherine Jacoby, tenant for 1388 Old Wilmington Pike (prior location for the Inn Keeper's Kitchen), for the replacement of the existing front sign. The sign will be 4'x3'2" in size; material will be ¾" double sided signboard with a ½" pine border; and the colors will be Benjamin Moore Stained Glass; Benjamin Moore Sea Reflections; and Benjamin Moore Snowfall White.

Christine Carter, Architect, was present. She said that the existing lighting for the signage will remain.

Supervisor Hill moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the sign for 1388 Old Wilmington Pike as recommended by HARB. Chairman Boorse seconded the motion and it was approved.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HC) REPORT

1315 CREEK ROAD/RENZI/HR#1

At its meeting on July 26th, the HC recommended approval of the demolition and renovations (drywall, electrical, flooring and painting) for 1315 Creek Road. Jeffrey Renzi was present and explained that the house had been condemned after Hurricane Ida. He purchased the property for

his son to live with another student who are attending West Chester University this fall. He has conferred with consultants who feel that the house can be rehabilitated and does not need to be demolished.

Supervisor Hill moved to approve the recommendation by the HC for the renovations for 1315 Lenape Road. Chairman Boorse seconded the motion which was approved.

VMDT PARTNERSHIP/1260 WILMINGTON PIKE/ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) will be considering an application on August 17th @ 7 PM from VMDT Partnership for the Mercedes-Benz property located at 1260 Wilmington Pike. A dimensional variance is being requested pursuant to Section 122-102B.(6) of the Township Code in order to locate parking within the front yard setback, up to the street right of way, such distance being less than twenty feet allowed.

Present for VMDT Partnership were Richard Orlow, Esq./CPA; Dan Piazza, Principal with VMDT; Pat Stewart with Stewart Associates Landscaping; and Jeffrey Pack with Dever Architects.

Mr. Piazza stated that corporate is requiring updates to the interior and exterior of the building.

Jeffrey Pack presented the plan for Mercedes-Benz and explained the changes to the building to the Board. The intent is to create a pathway for customers to view the cars for sale and then to be able to clearly make their way back to the offices in order to complete a transaction. The color scheme from corporate is black and silver and the existing stone will be removed.

Mr. Orlow said that the variance is to be able to encroach within the front yard setback. A portion of the parking area was already authorized to be located within the front yard setback at the southern parking lot. There will be 39 parking spaces in the front yard which will be for customers only, not for the display of cars for sale.

Pat Stewart explained the new, updated landscaping plan which will screen the sales vehicle inventory.

Chief Nelling asked that the fire zone parking areas in the rear of the building be respected and that no vehicles park in these locations.

Chairman Boorse moved to take a non-position on the application of VMDT Partnership and to defer to the expertise of the Zoning Hearing Board to render a decision after it has heard all the testimony. Supervisor Hill seconded the motion which was approved.

POLICE PERSONNEL

At the recommendation of Chief Nelling, Chairman Boorse moved to increase part-time police officers Justin Prorock and Kevin White from the training rate of \$23./hr. to \$28./hr. effective August 8, 2022. Supervisor Hill seconded the motion which was approved.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING TO APPOINT BBD, LLP TO PERFORM 2022 AUDIT

Chairman Boorse moved to authorize advertising for the consideration of a resolution at the September 6th meeting to appoint the certified public accounting firm of BBD, LLP, to make an examination of all Township accounts for the fiscal year 2022 for a fee of \$5,500. Supervisor Hill seconded the motion which was approved.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING ON SNOW REMOVAL BIDS FOR 2022/2023 SEASON

Chairman Boorse moved to authorize advertising for bids for snow removal for the 2022/2023 season to be opened on September 6th. Supervisor Hill seconded the motion and it was carried.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING ON ACT 167 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

Chairman Boorse moved to authorize advertising for a hearing for September 6th @ 7 PM to consider updates to the Act 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance requirements. The amendment is required in order to comply with the PA Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) MS4 program and update to the State's model stormwater ordinance. The Supervisors held a meeting on July 15th at 12 PM to discuss the required, unfunded mandate requirements. Supervisor Hill seconded the motion and it was carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM. (SCB;JDH)

Respectfully submitted,

Quina Nelling
Secretary/Treasurer

Check Register**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP**

07-Sep-22

From: 12-Jul-22 To: 01-Aug-22

Check No	Check Date	VendorNo	Vendor	Check Amount	Status
Bank Account: 11 TRUMARK GENERAL FUND					
21669	7/14/2022	366	BUCKLEY,BRION,MCGUIRE	\$3,435.00	O
21670	7/14/2022	1002812	KURT & NANCY ADAMS	\$232.58	O
21671	7/14/2022	780	LAND ART	\$3,040.00	O
21672	7/14/2022	171	REILLY & SONS INC.	\$1,208.41	O
21673	7/21/2022	9	BRUCE E MAPES, PHD	\$200.00	O
21674	7/21/2022	775	CONVENIENT CAR CARE C	\$239.70	O
21675	7/21/2022	517	INDEPENDENCE BLUE CRO	\$5,527.22	O
21676	7/21/2022	904	MATTHEW BENDER & CO.,I	\$60.44	O
21677	7/21/2022	507	ROTHWELL DOCUMENT SO	\$182.43	O
21678	7/21/2022	26	SIGNAL SERVICE INC.	\$285.00	O
21679	7/21/2022	1002813	TENTS FOR RENT	\$1,613.25	O
21680	8/1/2022	1002659	ARRO CONSULTING, INC	\$15,973.54	O
21681	8/1/2022	1002659	ARRO CONSULTING, INC	\$22,310.72	O
21682	8/1/2022	1001950	CARA M FITZPATRICK	\$203.00	O
21683	8/1/2022	1002390	CJS TIRE & AUTOMOTIVE	\$2,423.90	O
21684	8/1/2022	661	COMMONWEALTH OF PENN	\$500.00	O
21685	8/1/2022	232	ELYSE/BERBEN INSIGNIA	\$620.70	O
21686	8/1/2022	2	FREEDOM SYSTEMS	\$2,011.25	O
21687	8/1/2022	46	GALLS, LLC	\$71.75	O
21688	8/1/2022	933	GARNET AUTOMOTIVE GRO	\$1,419.84	O
21689	8/1/2022	422	HARRY TILLMAN AUTOMOTI	\$837.45	O
21690	8/1/2022	171	REILLY & SONS INC.	\$1,813.89	O
21691	8/1/2022	26	SIGNAL SERVICE INC.	\$268.50	O
21692	8/1/2022	1001833	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVAN	\$861.77	O
21693	8/1/2022	1002015	STAR PRINTING, INC.	\$2,129.66	O
21694	8/1/2022	1002792	SUNNY GARDEN LANDSCAP	\$1,540.50	O
21695	8/1/2022	1002814	TESLA ENERGY OPERATIO	\$105.00	O
21696	8/1/2022	115	THOMAS R. NELLING	\$291.45	O
21697	8/1/2022	51	TREASURER CHESTER CO	\$828.23	O
21698	8/1/2022	278	UNRUH, TURNER, BURKE &	\$1,969.50	O
Bank Total:				\$72,204.68	
Bank Account: 22 GF - Electronic Payments					
100020	7/25/2022	1002798	TRUMARK FINANCIAL CRED	\$514.66	O
100021	7/25/2022	30	PECO ENERGY (TRAFFIC LI	\$71.98	O
100022	7/25/2022	1001913	VERIZON WIRELESS 722423	\$160.81	O
100023	8/1/2022	80	AQUA PENNSYLVANIA	\$134.05	O
100024	8/1/2022	1001902	COMCAST BUSINESS	\$159.89	O
Bank Total:				\$1,041.39	
Total Of Checks:				\$73,246.07	