

**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

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

Scott Boorse	-	Chairman
Michael Shiring	-	Vice-Chairman
J. Daniel Hill	-	Supervisor

Supervisor Hill moved to approve the January 3, 2023 organizational and regular minutes as drafted. Vice-Chairman Shiring seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved. Supervisor Hill participated in the January 3, 2023 meeting via telephone due to illness.

Vice-Chairman Shiring moved to approve the bills submitted since the January 3, 2023 meeting. General Fund bills totaled \$141,692.60. Supervisor Hill seconded the motion and the bills were unanimously approved.

**BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD HERITAGE INTERPRETATION AND
CONNECTIVITY PLAN/VISION PARTNERSHIP PLANNING GRANT**

Mike Forbes, Historical Commission Chairman, was present to discuss the Brandywine Battlefield Heritage Interpretation and Connectivity Plan. Birmingham Township has spearheaded this multi-municipal project that included municipalities in the Brandywine Battlefield National Historic Landmark area. The Plan was prepared by the Brandywine Conservancy and it has been reviewed and approved by the Chester County Planning Commission. In addition to Birmingham Township, East Bradford; Westtown; Thornbury; Pennsbury; Kennett; and Chadds Ford Townships contributed funds to the project. The Plan identifies heritage centers; including thematic and physical connections as well as public interpretive sites. Birmingham Township needs to provide a letter of acceptance of the Plan to the Chester County Planning Commission which will enable the Township to initiate the reimbursement process for the \$29,000. grant. The other participating townships have already provided letters of acceptance and paid their share which for the project which was \$6,143. As Birmingham Township fronted the full cost for the project the \$29,000. reimbursement will be paid to Birmingham and each of the participating municipalities will be reimbursed \$4,143. so the cost to each participating municipality will be \$2,000.

Vice-Chairman Shiring noted that this is a concept plan to enable a way for historical sites in the participating municipalities of the Brandywine Battlefield to interconnect. There are no definitive plans for a heritage interpretation structure to be built. Vice-Chairman Shiring moved to provide a letter of acceptance of the Brandywine Battlefield Heritage Interpretation and Connectivity Plan to the Chester County Planning Commission, noting that the other participating municipalities have provided letters of acceptance and the Chester County Planning

Commission has reviewed and approved the Plan. Supervisor Hill seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Richard Schwartzman, Chadds Ford Live, asked for a summary of the Plan.

APPOINTMENT TO HARB

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission guidelines for HARB members recommends that a Planning Commission Member also sit on HARB. Scott Garrison has previously filled this position. At its organizational meeting on January 10th, the Planning Commission recommended that Dave Shields fill this position. Per the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Supervisor Hill moved to appoint Dave Shields to HARB for a term ending in 2027. Chairman Boorse seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING ON TOWNSHIP BUILDING ADDITION

The Township is planning an expansion to the Township Building by adding a level above the garage for the police department. Vice-Chairman Shiring moved to authorize Arro to prepare the bid document for advertising for the expansion to the Township Building with bids to be opened at the April 3, 2023 meeting. Supervisor Hill seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

AWARD BID FOR 2023 ROAD PROGRAM

Bids for the 2023 Road Program were authorized for advertising at the December 5, 2022 meeting. Five bids were received via the online PennBid site and were opened virtually on February 1st. Roadmaster Chief Nelling said that the Road Program includes the following work: 1) Mill and Overlays on Wes Moore Drive; Sumner Way; General Weedon Drive; Pheasant Run; Country Club Road and Radley Drive. 2) Base Repair work on Old Wilmington Pike. 3) Potholes fixed on Old Wilmington Pike; South New Street Road and Country Club Road. 4) Gutter Repair on Pheasant Run; 5) Curb Replacement on Knolls Road and Homestead Drive. 6) Storm Sewer Work on General Weedon Drive. 7) Clear, Grub, and Grading at Sandy Hollow Heritage Park. 8) Crack Seal on Daniel Davis Lane. The add alternate is mill and overlay on Dorset Drive. Township Engineer Dave Schlott said the lowest bid received was from Innovative Construction Services, Inc. for base bid price of \$355,077.50. The price for the add alternate work for the mill and overlay of Dorset Drive was \$143,373.75 for a total cost of \$498,451.25. The highest bid received from Construction Masters Services, LLC was \$650,044.50. Chief Nelling said that the 2023 budget for roadwork was \$330,000. with \$180,000. from the General Fund and \$150,000. from Liquid Fuels. There was also \$100,000. budgeted for pipe work, which is planned for General Weedon Drive. There was discussion on including or not the add alternate work. The add alternate was initially included to determine the cost to do the entire road. Also, funds may be needed to be used for more pipe work. The Board decided to not do the add alternate mill and overlay on Dorset Drive this year. Chairman Boorse moved to award the base bid for the 2023 Road Program to Innovative Construction Services for \$355,070.50. Vice-Chairman Shiring seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

UPDATE ON STORMWATER PIPING VIDEO PROJECT

A televising and evaluation of storm inlets project was done by the Township in 2022 within the street rights-of-way of the Birmingham Hunt and Knolls of Birmingham Subdivisions. A total of 143 inlets and 11,641 linear feet of storm pipe were inspected. The following repairs are needed in the inlets: 1) Sixty inlets had minor cracking and/or cracking of brickwork (low priority); 2) Four inlets had significant cracking with some brickwork missing (medium priority); 3) Five inlets had significant cracking and/or brickwork missing, as well as deterioration of the concrete tops. The preliminary cost estimate for these repairs is \$950,000. Arro has applied for an H2O Grant through DCED on behalf of the Township which, if awarded, would require a 1/3 match by the Township. The timeline for award of the grant is unknown and work cannot begin before grant funds are received. If the grant is not received, the Township would have to assume the entire cost.

Chairman Boorse said that when these developments were built the stormwater pipes were constructed of either concrete or corrugated metal pipe and the Township specifications were for corrugated metal pipe which has a 25 – 30 year life span. Polyethylene material was not readily available for use at that time. There have also been some storm pipe issues identified in the Radley Run development which will need to be televised.

Vice-Chairman Shiring said that the Township Engineer has created a chart which shows the location of the storm pipe by street and has identified the proposed repair for each location.

Michele Smyth, 421 Homestead Drive, asked for a copy of the storm pipe video project results. She also stated that some of the locations in the Knolls of Birmingham have sink holes which have been filled up with stone. She was wondering if these locations would be addressed prior to receipt of grant funds. Chairman Boorse told her to call Chief Nelling to address any safety issues with sink holes and he will come out and assess the situation. She was reminded that the Township will only address those areas in the rights-of-way. Areas out of the right-of-way will be the responsibility of the Homeowners Association.

Ms. Smyth asked about the distance for the right-of-way which she was told would need to be determined from the recorded subdivision plan according to Vice-Chairman Shiring.

Chief Nelling said that the sink hole on Homestead Drive will be done with the road program. He has been monitoring Crest Drive which has remained stable and would be included in the work with the grant funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joshua Kreger with Fisher Brothers, was present for the Board to take a position on the Zoning Hearing Board application for 1110 Independence Drive. He inadvertently showed up for tonight's meeting but was scheduled for the March 6th Township meeting for a March 15th Zoning Hearing Board hearing. The matter was deferred until the March 6th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM. (SCB;MTS)

Respectfully submitted,

Quina Nelling
Secretary/Treasurer

Check Register**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP**

08-Mar-23

From: 07-Feb-23 To: 06-Mar-23

Check No	Check Date	VendorNo	Vendor	Check Amount	Status
Bank Account: 11 TRUMARK GENERAL FUND					
21978	2/20/2023	372	BRANDYWINE CONSERVAN	\$5,123.75	O
21979	2/20/2023	1002008	BRANDYWINE RED CLAY AL	\$700.00	O
21980	2/20/2023	366	BUCKLEY,BRION,MCGUIRE	\$344.00	O
21981	2/20/2023	775	CONVENIENT CAR CARE C	\$219.70	O
21982	2/20/2023	21	H A THOMSON	\$382.00	O
21983	2/20/2023	422	HARRY TILLMAN AUTOMOTI	\$188.50	O
21984	2/20/2023	1002850	PORTER CONSTRUCTION	\$528.04	O
21985	2/20/2023	171	REILLY & SONS INC.	\$852.48	O
21986	2/20/2023	1002435	TREETOP PRODUCTS INC.	\$1,893.32	O
21987	3/6/2023	811	AGM LLC	\$388.00	O
21988	3/6/2023	1002659	ARRO CONSULTING, INC	\$12,945.74	O
21989	3/6/2023	1002659	ARRO CONSULTING, INC	\$16,866.84	O
21990	3/6/2023	1002849	BUSHRA KOURANI	\$662.26	O
21991	3/6/2023	1002121	CLEVENS K-9 SCOOP	\$133.00	O
21992	3/6/2023	775	CONVENIENT CAR CARE C	\$239.65	O
21993	3/6/2023	1002606	CRYSTAL SPRINGS	\$12.68	O
21994	3/6/2023	1002851	DANIEL & SHERRY TIERNEY	\$2,314.13	O
21995	3/6/2023	1002011	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA INC	\$237.00	O
21996	3/6/2023	1001768	GRAFIX SHOPPE	\$499.67	O
21997	3/6/2023	1002053	MICHAEL J HOCHHAUS	\$250.00	O
21998	3/6/2023	205	PARKWAY DRY CLEANERS,	\$217.59	O
21999	3/6/2023	171	REILLY & SONS INC.	\$794.20	O
22000	3/6/2023	278	UNRUH, TURNER, BURKE &	\$2,786.00	O
Bank Total:				\$48,578.55	
Bank Account: 22 GF - Electronic Payments					
100086	2/20/2023	80	AQUA PENNSYLVANIA	\$2,679.67	O
100087	2/20/2023	29	PECO ENERGY	\$17.33	O
100088	2/20/2023	1002798	TRUMARK FINANCIAL CRED	\$270.62	O
100089	3/6/2023	80	AQUA PENNSYLVANIA	\$59.63	O
100090	3/6/2023	1001902	COMCAST BUSINESS	\$174.89	O
100091	3/6/2023	517	INDEPENDENCE BLUE CRO	\$7,812.56	O
100092	3/6/2023	29	PECO ENERGY	\$713.26	O
100093	3/6/2023	30	PECO ENERGY (TRAFFIC LI	\$74.29	O
100094	3/6/2023	61	VERIZON 753-804-167-0001-	\$365.47	O
100095	3/6/2023	1001913	VERIZON WIRELESS 722423	\$160.31	O
Bank Total:				\$12,328.03	
Total Of Checks:				\$60,906.58	