

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
HELD ON 4/27/2023
SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 VALLEY PARK ROAD,
PHOENIXVILLE, PA 19460

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Call to Order: A workshop meeting of the Schuylkill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:07 PM on Thursday, April 27, 2023 by Robert Cooney, Chairperson.

Supervisors Present:

Robert Cooney, Chairperson
Martha Majewski, Vice-Chairperson
Mark Donovan, Member
Danielle Jouenne, Member

Absent:

Susan Guerette, Member

Others in Attendance:

Laurie Getz, Township Manager
Nick Cinciripino, Township Roadmaster

Announcement of Executive Session(s)

Supervisor Cooney announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss property acquisition and personnel matters.

Topics for Discussion

Discussion on 2023 Road Paving & Stormwater Project

Ms. Getz reviewed the 2023 paving projects cost estimate. Mr. Cinciripino presented to the Board the proposed roads that he would like to pave in 2023. The proposed roads are St. John's Circle, Melvin Road, and Pennypacker Avenue. He explained that he is proposing to do more this year, because last year we reduced the amount of paving due to high prices. We have a buffer in the budget currently because we did not spend any of the money that was expected on snow removal.

There were no questions or concerns from the Board on the proposed paving program. Mr. Cinciripino with work with Ms. Getz to move forward with the program.

Discussion on priorities for future paving program. Some developments are aging out on their paving and will need attention in the near future. Mr. Cinciripino with work with Ms. Getz to develop a priority paving schedule and budget program for future presentation to the Board. Mr.

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Cinciripino explained that prices continue to go up to pave roads, we will need to consider starting to add more money to the paving budget in order to keep up with the roads.

Ms. Getz reviewed the estimated costs for additional road maintenance projects for 2023. First priority is to do shoulder restoration and guardrail replacement on Creek Road. The next priorities are on Quarry Lane and Oakwood Lane to address stormwater runoff issues that cause icy conditions in the winter.

Ms. Getz explained that the Township Engineer accompanied her and Mr. Cinciripino on site visits to review all of the proposed road projects and reviewed the plans for improvements. Two projects were tabled pending further review. There were no issues with the projects that were identified by Mr. Cinciripino and Ms. Getz as priorities.

Ms. Majewski asked that the school district be notified before any work begins. Mr. Cinciripino explained that all paving will occur when school is out. The work on Creek Road may occur when school is still in session because it will depend on when the guiderail becomes available.

Ms. Jouenne asked about traffic control measures, especially on cut through roads. Discussion on methods to slow traffic. Determined to be a police issue and not a Road Department issue.

Discussion on Municipal Complex Feasibility Study

Ms. Getz asked if any of the Board members would object to her informally seeking proposals for their consideration from architects with municipal experience, rather than issuing a formal Request for Proposals. There were no objections.

Discussion on priorities for the study. It should include all departments (Administration, Police, Roads). Non comprehensive list of priorities for the Road Department were discussed as: office for the Roadmaster, storage, additional garage bays to allow for more in-house vehicle and equipment maintenance, covered vehicle/equipment storage to lengthen the life of equipment.

Non-comprehensive list of priorities for the Administration Building were discussed as: Township meeting room (more seating, security, technology), caucus/conference room, safety improvements, address windows/glass, additional office space, update all HVAC equipment, restrooms. Priorities environmentally friendly options and energy efficiency.

Non-comprehensive list of priorities for the Police Department were discussed as: site circulation and security, locker rooms.

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Discussion on cost to renovate versus construction of a new building. Do we want to limit our proposals and designs to just renovations or be open to options depending on pricing? No objections to being open to all options, but the preference is to get the best value and keep costs down.

Public Comment

Megan Connelly – stated that she is not a resident but is in attendance to represent the Schuylkill Meeting House. Commented on the proposed wawa project. Stated that she is opposed to the project.

Additional Business

Supervisor Jouenne shared that the Borough of Phoenixville is working on a plastic bag and Styrofoam ban. Stated that she would like us to consider same if the Borough passes it. Also discussed affordable housing as a potential future workshop agenda item.

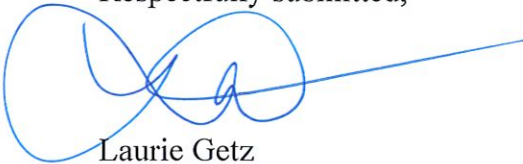
Ms. Getz shared that she is working to schedule a time for the Valley Forge Sewer Authority to attend a business meeting or workshop meeting to update the Board on their current operations and give a general overview of the facility.

Supervisor Majewski asked that we discuss plans for community events at an upcoming meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Getz
Township Manager