

**COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

In attendance:

Council

Mark McCouch
Tom Johnson
Gregory S. Nesbitt
Deborah Tustin
W. William Whiteside

Staff

William T. Walker - Township Manager
Richard Sabol - Finance Director
Mark Hudson - Administration Director
Russ Dunlevy, PE - Engineer
Mary Eberle, Esq. - Solicitor

Mr. McCouch opened the regular Council meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 8:05 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA.

Mr. McCouch asked for questions and comments from the public and none were provided.

The Montgomery County Planning Commission presented its 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Three individuals from the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) were present: Brian O’Leary, Section Chief – County Planning; Crystal Gilchrist, Principal Transportation Planner; and David L. Cohen, member of the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) board. Mr. O’Leary introduced the Montgomery County Planning Commission members, and then identified several organizational goals to include meeting with all 62 municipalities about comprehensive plan implementation and assisting them with their planning work.

Mr. O’Leary provided a slide presentation to accompany two booklets that were distributed: “2015 Implementation, Montco 2040: A Shared Vision” and “2040 Executive Summary, Montco 2040: A Shared Vision.” The first booklet summarized connected communities, sustainable places, and a vibrant economy. The second booklet covered additional planning themes: what is a comprehensive plan, what is in “Montco 2040: A Shared Vision,” plan themes, overall vision, land use, open space and trails, and transportation. Mr. O’Leary gave an overview of these topics and answered Township Council’s questions on how Horsham Township is integrated and impacted by the plan. Mr. Walker stated that the full plan is on the county website.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Township Council concerning the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the following minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided the Treasurer’s Report for August 31, 2015. He reported that the balance in the General Fund as of 31 August 2015 was \$ 6,201,015.60.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to ratify the List of Checks in all funds in the amount of \$612,904.07 and further moved to authorize payment of same. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified bid results for concrete curbing. Per the recommendations of Township staff, Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to award the Concrete Curb bid option #1 to A. Giuliani Co., Inc. as submitted for handicap ramps; and to reject the Concrete Curb bid Option #2 as submitted for concrete curb, sidewalk, and driveway aprons/depressions. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch identified a proposed ordinance amending Zoning Chapter 230, Article XXI, GC-2 General Commercial and Highway District to permit an Easton Road Mixed-Use Commercial Development by conditional use; and amend the Zoning Map to rezone 500 Blair Mill Road, 108 & 110 New Road and parcel 36-00-08779-00-5 on Morris Road to GC-2 General Commercial and Highway District. Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to introduce a proposed Ordinance amending Zoning Chapter 230, Article XXI, GC-2 General Commercial and Highway District to permit an Easton Road Mixed-Use Commercial Development by conditional use; and amend the Zoning Map to rezone 500 Blair Mill Road, 108 & 110 New Road and parcel 36-00-08779-00-5 on Morris Road to GC-2 General Commercial and Highway District.

ROLL CAL VOTE

Mr. Johnson - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt - Aye
Ms. Tustin - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the Resolution as proposed establishing a time and place for a public hearing on amending the Zoning Chapter 230 Article XXI, GC-2 District for Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 7:45 PM.

ROLL CAL VOTE

Mr. Johnson - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt - Aye
Ms. Tustin - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to adopt the Resolution as proposed establishing a time and place for a public hearing on the Horsham-Blair, LLC property, Easton Rd./Blair Mill Rd./New Rd. Conditional Use for Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CAL VOTE

Mr. Johnson - Aye
Mr. Nesbitt - Aye
Ms. Tustin - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

William T. Walker