

COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2012

In attendance:

Council

Mark McCouch
Andrew Santacroce
Deborah Tustin
W. William Whiteside, III

Staff

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

Absent: Gregory S. Nesbitt

President McCouch opened the regular Council meeting at 8:05 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President McCouch asked for questions or comments from the public and there were none.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Santacroce, and seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the following minutes as presented: Council Agenda Meeting 13 June 2012, Council Meeting 13 June 2012, and Council Meeting 25 June 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided the Treasurer's Report for June, 2012. He stated that the balance in the General Fund as of 30 June 2012 was \$3,082,883.21.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in the amount of \$304,977.23. Motion passed unanimously.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning a second List of Checks. It was moved by Mrs. Tustin, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the Check Lists in the General Fund for Verizon Wireless in the amount of \$435.70 and further move to authorize payment of same. Motion passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Santacroce abstaining. Mr. Walker explained that the reason for the two bill lists was to avoid a conflict of interest, a member of Township Council being employed by Verizon.

Mr. Walker introduced the land development application of Dresser Rand, 203 Precision Drive. Mr. Santacroce moved, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the Resolution as proposed granting preliminary/final approval to the Dresser Rand, 203 Precision Drive, land development application.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch – Aye
Mr. Santacroce - Aye

Ms. Tustin - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker introduced the land development application of Village Mall, 200 Blair Mill Road, and stated that the applicant would like to table the evening's action and be placed on the August 8 meeting agenda. Mr. Whiteside moved, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to table action on the land development application of Village Mall, and having it placed on the August 8 meeting agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified two recent resignations on the Park & Recreation Board, and the search for candidates to be appointed to the vacant positions. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to appoint Kathleen Dick and James Greenhalgh to the Park & Recreation Board with terms expiring December 31, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker reviewed a letter dated 9 July 2012 from the Montgomery County Planning Commission. The letter reported the Commission's review and of the Township's proposal to amend its Zoning Ordinance for off-premises outdoor advertising signs. A discussion followed about seven comments identified in the letter: coordination with neighboring municipalities, County Line Road, special exception criteria, setbacks, illumination, annual recertification, and mobile off-site premises signs.

Mr. Whiteside moved, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to introduce the Ordinance as amended, amending the regulations regarding off premises outdoor advertising signs.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch – Aye
Mr. Santacroce - Aye

Ms. Tustin - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Santacroce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the Resolution as proposed affixing Monday, August, 27, 2012 at 7:00PM as the time and place for a public hearing for the ordinance amending the regulations regarding off-premises outdoor advertising signs.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch – Aye
Mr. Santacroce - Aye

Ms. Tustin - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

The Solicitor explained a resolution that identifies Township Council support of the HLRA. President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning a Resolution

appointing the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority as the single point of contact for all matters related to the implementation of all Federal property. Ms. Tustin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to pass the resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch – Aye
Mr. Santacroce - Aye

Ms. Tustin - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

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

William T. Walker