

COUNCIL MEETING

August 8, 2012

In attendance:

Council

Mark McCouch
Gregory S. Nesbitt
Deborah Tustin

Staff

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

Absent: W. William Whiteside, III
Andrew Santacroce

President McCouch opened with a public hearing at 7:45 PM to amend the Police Pension Ordinance. President McCouch explained that the ordinance was a result of a recent binding arbitration decision establishing a Deferred Retirement Option Plan. The public was asked to provide comments. There were no public comments and the public hearing concluded at 7:48 PM.

President McCouch opened the regular Council meeting at 8:00 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 Township Council concerning the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, and seconded by Ms. Tustin, to approve the following minutes as presented: Council Agenda Meeting 11 July 2012, Council Meeting 11 July 2012, and Council Meeting 23 July 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided the Treasurer's Report for July, 2012. He stated that the balance in the General Fund as of 31 July 2012 was \$2,783,292.32.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in the amount of \$449,726.11. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to table the land development application of Village Mall, 200 Blair Mill Road, 10-03-D. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker explained the Roadway Sufficiency Analysis Report, and stated that the Horsham Township Traffic Impact Fee Advisory Committee recommended its approval. President McCouch expressed Township Council's appreciation of the document. Ms. Tustin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the Resolution as proposed approving the Roadway Sufficiency Analysis Report submitted to the Horsham Township Advisory Committee.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Ms. Tustin - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker explained the history and current status of a structure located at Cedar Hill Park. Joe and Jessie Holland identified their interest in rehabilitating the building, and President McCouch expressed his hope that the project would be successful.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to authorize the execution of the License Agreement between Horsham Township and Joe and Jessie Holland for the Township owned Anderson House. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to introduce the Ordinance as proposed establishing a residential lease agreement for the Township owned Anderson House and further moved to authorize advertisement of same.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Ms. Tustin - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

President McCouch introduced the Police Pension Plan ordinance, and stated that it was the result of a recent binding arbitration decision implementing a Deferred Retirement Option Plan. The public was asked to provide comments and there were none. Ms. Tustin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the Ordinance as proposed amending the Township of Horsham Police Pension Plan Agreement dated May 24, 1974, (effective January 1, 1973, as amended by Horsham Township Resolutions numbered 79-12, 84-10, 91-5 and 2008-11) to restate the terms of the plan and to include provisions for a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) as required by an Act 111 Interest Arbitration award dated May 24, 2012.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Ms. Tustin - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified the history of the Airport Crash and Overlay District (ACNOD). The zoning district was created to keep residents safe and to help keep the base open. However, since the base closed, Mr. Walker stated that the zoning district is no longer needed. Ms. Tustin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to introduce the Ordinance as proposed amending the Zoning Ordinance to eliminate Article XXXI, the Airport Crash and Overlay District (ACNOD), and amending the subdivision and land development ordinance to remove restrictions imposed due to the existence of the NASJRB and further moved to authorize advertisement of same.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Ms. Tustin - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Tustin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the Resolution as proposed affixing Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:45 PM as the time and place for a public hearing for the ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to eliminate the Airport Crash and Noise Overlay District (ACNOD) and amend the subdivision and land development ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Ms. Tustin - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

William T. Walker