

**TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA**  
**March 14, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Indiana was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Darrin Krally with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at Indiana Township Town Hall, and recorded on audio cassette.

Supervisors in attendance were Paul Jorgensen, Albert Kaan, Darrin Krally, Michael Schurko, and Daniel L. Taylor. Also in attendance were Engineer Daniel B. Slagle, Manager Daniel L. Anderson, Public Works Superintendent Larry Smith, Solicitor Irving Firman, and Recording Secretary Carolyn Kustra.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2017, PUBLIC HEARING-FOX CHAPEL ESTATES**

Supervisor Taylor said the word "Density" needs to be inserted in the fourth line of the first paragraph on Page 1, to correctly identify the MDR Zoning District.

Mr. Schurko said Mr. Victor actually made a statement about the three-way STOP on Fox Chapel Road near the end of the second paragraph on Page 2. He did not "ask" a question. The sentence should read: Mr. Victor **"said"** if the Developer receives permission for a three-way STOP on Fox Chapel Road...

***Mr. Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to approve the February 14, 2017, Public Hearing Minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.***

**FEBRUARY 14, 2017, REGULAR MEETING**

Mr. Taylor said the word "opening" at the end of the second sentence of the second paragraph under "PARK & RECREATION BOARD" on Page 3, should be "opened". The sentence should read: ...and the building was **"opened"** in 2006.

***Mr. Schurko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the February 14, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CITIZENS' FORUM**

No one asked to be recognized.

**DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

**FOX CHAPEL ESTATES-PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (PRD)**

A written request from the Developer to table action on the proposed Fox Chapel Estates PRD until the April 11, 2017, Public Meeting, was previously received by the Township.

***Mr. Kaan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to table action on the Fox Chapel Estates PRD proposal, until the April 11, 2017, public meeting, as requested by the Developer. Motion carried unanimously.***

**BARTOLACCI GROUP LLC-ZONING MAP CHANGE (request approval to advertise)**

Mr. Slagle said the Planning Commission previously recommended approval of the Request for a Zoning Map Change by the BARTOLACCI GROUP LLC for the parcel they own (known as Lot/Block #524-H-140), which is located at 725 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. The property is currently zoned “MDR - Medium Density Residential”. They requested it be changed to “O/C - Office Flex Commercial” like their adjacent parcel (Lot/Block #524-H-164), which is located at 715-723 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

***Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to authorize advertisement to change the zoning of the Bartolacci Group LLC parcel of property located at 725 Dorseyville Road, currently zoned MDR, to O/C, to match their adjacent parcel, as requested by the property owner (Bartolacci Group LLC). Motion carried unanimously.***

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-MARCH, 2017**

***Mr. Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve payment of the March, 2017, expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Payments were to be made from the following funds:**

|                |              |                               |                     |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| GENERAL:       | \$ 94,207.68 | CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT           | \$ 7,371.00         |
| K-9:           | \$ 0.00      | DEVELOPERS REC.               | 0.00                |
| DARE:          | \$ 0.00      | STATE:                        | \$25,685.10         |
| ROSEDALE RD:   | \$ 0.00      |                               |                     |
| OTTAWA HILLS:  | \$ 759.20    | <u>PAYROLL:</u>               |                     |
| MIDDLE RD NO.1 | \$ 543.95    | <b>PAYROLL ENDING</b> 2/19/17 | \$83,217.42         |
| MIDDLE RD NO.2 | \$ 331.10    | <b>PAYROLL ENDING</b> 3/5/17  | <u>\$74,333.59</u>  |
| FAIRVIEW:      | \$ 502.35    | <b>TOTAL:</b>                 | <b>\$286,951.39</b> |

**FINANCIAL REPORTS-FEBRUARY, 2017**

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of the “Expenditures and Revenues as Compared to Budget” and “Balance Sheets” for February, 2017.

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-FEBRUARY, 2017**

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of the “Accounts Receivable Statement” for February, 2017; copies were placed on file.

Mr. Schurko questioned why Range Resources has not paid all of their invoices to date. Mr. Anderson said this issue was part of the discussion he had at a meeting with Range Resources on March 9, 2017. They will be taken care of. Supervisor Taylor asked when the past due invoices due from Rey Whanger’s estate will be paid. Mr. Anderson said he anticipates the property will change hands before too long; the Township will receive all of the money owed with interest at that time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

## **REPORTS**

### **VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES**

Jeff Jones, Indiana Township Firefighters Association Chief, said he had originally hoped to present a comprehensive proposal to have another insurance company carry the fire Departments' insurance independent of the Township. However, since a couple of questions have been raised by the Township Manager, he wanted to be sure the proposal is comparing "apples to apples". He also thought it would be wise to have a Department member who knows the insurance business and terminology, attend the meeting to present the information and answer any questions. Mr. Anderson said one of his concerns, is that \$1 million in liability coverage (proposed by the independent insurer), may not be adequate. Under the Township's current policy, \$10 million is provided. He also noted that the Township's policy that currently covers the Fire Departments does not expire until October of this year. If major changes were made prior to that time, no liability premiums would be refunded. This would be thousands of dollars. Board Members agreed that since pricing is time sensitive, it would be too early to finalize quotes/pricing at this time, and that this matter could be investigated in preparation for possible movement in this direction closer to October. In the meantime, current equipment values will be presented to the Township's carrier to ensure the information is up to date; Mr. Anderson asked that these up-to-date values also be submitted to the Township, adding the stated amounts in the current policy are the amounts submitted by the Fire Departments. It was also noted that the Rural Ridge Volunteer Fire Department currently carries a "supplemental" policy. Mr. Jones suggested the cost of this could be eliminated if all Departments were covered under the same independent policy which adequately covered all of them to their satisfaction. Mr. Anderson noted the proposal has "Township of Indiana Fire Departments" as "first named insured". He said perhaps this could be the Indiana Township Volunteer Firefighters Association (ITVFA). He said it does have the individual departments as "other named insured". Mr. Anderson said "first" usually have more rights than "other", adding this means they would be on their own as the Township isn't included. Also, the proposed policy provides primary liability for use of personal vehicles but no physical damage coverage. The current policy has excess liability over their primary coverage, and also no physical damage coverage, but does provide deductible reimbursement up to \$2,500 for personal vehicles. No action was taken on this matter.

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Each Board Member was previously presented with copies of the Police Department's written report for February, 2017. A copy was placed on file.

Chief Wilson had previously presented information relative to the purchase of two new Police Cruisers: a 2017 sedan and a 2017 SUV. Each would be outfitted by

IbisTek. He requested permission to order two new vehicles which are expected to be delivered around the beginning of July. He said Day Ford was the low bidder, and the price is actually under the budgeted amount. In addition, information relative to costs associated with equipping the new vehicles (through IbisTek) was also provided.

***Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jorgensen, authorizing the purchase of a 2017 Ford Interceptor from Day Ford at a cost of \$24,392.00, with outfitting costs of approximately \$2,390.00, as well as a 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility (SUV) from Day Ford at a cost of \$27,082.00, with outfitting costs of approximately \$4,885.00. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Each Board Member was previously presented with copies of the Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for February, 2017. A copy was placed on file.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT**

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of the Public Works Department written report for February, 2017. A copy was placed on file.

#### **ENGINEER**

Each Board Member was presented with a copy of the Engineer's written report. A copy was placed on file. Mr. Slagle reviewed his report for the Board.

Mr. Slagle said he and the Manager met with ALCOSAN and Fox Chapel Borough representatives on February 24, 2017, to discuss and resolve the lack of sewer taps and restricted growth in Indiana Township.

#### **SOLICITOR**

Mr. Firman reported that the right-of-way agreement for the Cove Run Road "spur" project is complete.

#### **MANAGER**

Mr. Anderson said the Cove Run Road Spur Right-of-Way Agreement on the DiBucci property will cost the Township \$3,000 to secure.

***Mr. Schurko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the Cove Run Road Spur Right-of-Way Agreement between the Township and the DiBucci's. Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Anderson reported that the Fox Chapel Authority declined the proposal it received from Hampton Shaler Water Authority to manage the Authority upon the current manager's retirement.

## **PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

No report submitted.

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

No report submitted.

## **SUPERVISORS**

### **MR. JORGENSEN**

Mr. Jorgensen had nothing to report.

### **MR. KAAN**

Mr. Kaan asked if the Township has heard from the Turnpike Commission regarding the Walnut Woods residents' concerns relative to the restoration area along Blue Run Road. Mr. Anderson said he has not, adding he will attempt to get them to respond to these concerns.

### **MR. TAYLOR**

Mr. Taylor had nothing to report.

### **MR. KRALLY**

Mr. Krally had nothing to report.

### **MR. SCHURKO**

Mr. Schurko had nothing to report.

***Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to accept the foregoing reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **LOWER VALLEY AMBULANCE-AUDIT DOCUMENTS/FUNDING REQUEST**

Each Board Member had previously received copies of a letter from Lower Valley Ambulance Service requesting financial support to help keep Lower Valley Ambulance available to Township residents. In addition, financial/audit information was included.

Tony Duryea, Lower Valley Operations Manager, said he projected a \$100,000 loss last year. He said the actual number was -\$96,000. A \$60,000 profit was realized in February. Mr. Duryea said there is a need to consolidate services, adding 55-60% of expenses are salaries. Lower Valley serves approximately one-half of the Township (approximately 3% of it's annual business). Collecting unpaid bills for services has always been a problem as well. He said when passengers with insurance coverage for ambulance service get payment from their insurance

company, they do not always pay their invoice promptly, and sometimes not at all. In cases where passengers are covered by Medicaid, the (\$150) amount paid by Medicaid for the service provided, does not even cover actual costs. When asked who determines the amount paid by Medicaid, Mr. Duryea said it is a Federal program. Board Members were left to consider Lower Valley Ambulance's request for financial support.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO HIRE SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR STAFF**

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of a Memo from Community Services Coordinator Holly Sammartino, requesting permission to hire a minimum of 10 counselors for the 2017 summer camp season. If camp registration surpasses 100 children, permission to hire an additional counselor for every 10 additional campers was requested.

***Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to approve hiring at least 10 Summer Camp Counselors, with the ability to hire additional counselors if needed to maintain the 10 camper to 1 counselor ratio. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **POSSIBLE APPROVAL FOR FIRE TAX RESERVE DISBURSEMENT**

Each Board Member had previously received copies of financial information relative to the Indiana Township Volunteer Fire Departments, as well as the amounts each requested from the 2016 Fire Tax Reserve. In addition, the Manager presented Board Members with additional financial information relative to funding the Fire Departments.

***Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schurko, to table action on the Fire Tax Reserve disbursement until the April Public Meeting, to allow adequate time to properly analyze all of the financial information. Motion carried with Mr. Jorgensen casting a negative vote.***

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Daniel L. Anderson  
Manager