

Minutes of the Lower Chichester Township
Telephonic Commissioners Meeting of June 15, 2020

Attendees Participating

by Telephone: Rocco Gaspari, Jr., President Board of Commissioners
Raymond Baldwin, Commissioner
John Schlachtun, Commissioner
Mark Lamplugh, Commissioner
Christopher Kearney, Commissioner

Joseph P. Possenti, Jr., Township Manager
Raymond Nickson, Code Enforcement, Officer/Bldg.
Inspector
Mike Gaspari, Highway Foreman
Francis J. Catania, Township Solicitor
Joe Rodo, Catania Engineering Associates

Members of Public

Participating by

Telephone: None.

- I. **7:30 PM - Board of Commissioners President Gaspari presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order and then took roll which is set forth above.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – President Gaspari led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Public Comment** – no member of the public was present.
- IV. **Approval of May 20 meeting minutes**

A copy of the May 20 minutes was made available to each Commissioner prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve the May 20 meeting minutes presented by Commissioner Baldwin, Seconded by Commissioner Schlachtun. Motion carried unanimously by all present (5-0).

V. Approval of payment of bills

A copy of the bill list was made available to each Commissioner prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve the payment of the bills as listed by Commissioner Baldwin, Seconded by Commissioner Schlachtun. Motion carried unanimously by all present (5-0).

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Commissioner Baldwin, Seconded by Commissioner Schlachtun. Motion carried unanimously by all present (5-0).

VI. Engineers Report

Joe Rodo from Catania Engineering Associates reported on the following:

1. MHIC Warehouse (Houtman)
 - a. As mentioned last month, we had a conference call on May 12th with the site engineer to satisfy remaining comments.
2. Gaspari Park Storm Sewer
 - a. A topographic survey of the park and Hewes Avenue has been performed.
 - b. Coordination will need to take place to start applying for Pennvest funding.
 - c. The Design process has been started.
3. Gaspari Park Expansion
 - a. Still awaiting a response from DCNR for the grant. The Township is encouraged to respond to the May 6th Jean Lynch DCNR correspondence regarding the "Residents Only" signs if they have not yet done so.
 - b. Will be meeting with Energy Transfer regarding any conflicts with their pipelines on Wednesday.
4. Road Program 2020
 - a. Board of Commissioners should consider 2020 streets for paving.
5. Market and Morton Survey – Bridge Contractor

- a. Survey has been performed. Property corners will be marked out by the end of the week so the Board can meet with the Contractor regarding restoration.

VII. Solicitors Report

Solicitor Catania reported on the following:

1. 32 Ridge Road – Ray Nickson talked to occupants and was very successful in getting them to move out without problems.
2. Negotiations with FOP will be commencing as the contract ends 12/31, Solicitor Catania will send a letter to Mr. Chupein. Solicitor Catania reported on 2 Ordinances regarding police matters which should be considered for adoption at the July meeting.
3. Solicitor Catania will speak with Commissioners in executive session regarding status of MHIC Warehouse.
4. Solicitor Catania reported that PA House & Senate voted to rescind the Governor's actions regarding COVID-19. Instructions from the PA Dept of Health still valid. Solicitor Catania recommends continuing with current plan and review again at July mtg. Solicitor Catania stated that the Township is still governed by its Continuity of Operations Plan.
5. Solicitor Catania reported that Jack Coyle will be reviewing and advising on the cell tower lease.
6. Adelphia Gateway – President Gaspari requested an in person meeting with the Adelphia representatives which Solicitor Catania will arrange.

Solicitor Catania inquired about inspection of empty properties and the Commissioners indicated inspection of empty properties could proceed.

Mr. Nickson spoke about fence issues at Aniline Park. President Gaspari expressed concern about tree removal and no replacement of trees. Solicitor Catania stated that he would call the Delmarva representative.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Possenti spoke about the hiring of Brian Baldwin as a full time employee in the Sanitation Department. Mr. Baldwin would be a full time employee, part of the pension plan, but would remain on his parent's health care program.

Commissioner Baldwin abstained for reasons set forth in the attached Memo.

Motion to approve hiring of Brian Baldwin as a full time employee in the Sanitation Department as presented by Mr. Possenti by Commissioner Schlactun Seconded by Commissioner Kearney. Motion carried unanimously by all voting (4-0).

President Gaspari and Mr. Possenti discussion the condition of 32 Ridge Road.

President Gaspari and Commissioner Lamplugh discussed the fire company and the duty engine.

President Gaspari discussed October safety day, the soccer league's use of the fields, the passing of employee Eddie Colon's father, the sidewalks were done between the Youth Center and Linwood Elementary, the status of streetlights not operating, the issue of parking on Morton near Market Street.

Solicitor Catania stated he would look at the issue of parking on Morton/Market for possible action at the July meeting.

President Gaspari stated that the Township police respect everyone and put their lives on the line all the time. President Gaspari stated that peaceful protests are allowed but the Township would not put up with vandalism and destruction of property.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Baldwin, Seconded by Commissioner Kearney. Motion carried unanimously by all present (5-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.