

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

**January 25, 2024
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chairperson, M. Schwartz.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Vice Chairperson, M. Schwartz, Supervisor, C. Cruz; Supervisor, D. Heiney; Supervisor, G. Hunsicker; Township Solicitor, J. Piperato, III; Township Manager, B. Green; and Township Secretary, K. Hall.

Absent were Chairperson, R. Unangst and Township Engineer Representative, J. Milot.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 min. /individual –Agenda Items only)

There was no public comment.

SUPERVISOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on Fire Department Recruitment and Retention Ideas

Fire Chief, Josh Smith and Deputy Chief, Ray Henry represented the East Allen Fire Department. R. Henry brought up the items discussed in the November meeting. R. Henry reviewed the past recruitment efforts that the East Allen Fire Department has done. R. Henry presented the recruitment efforts with public trainings, educational bonuses that include at least a year stay for the full bonus, tax incentives for East Allen and Northampton County, a point system for which all members could purchase goods with points, and per call incentives in the amount of ten to fifteen dollars. G. Hunsicker discussed about age requirements and R. Henry said the incentives were for 18 year olds and up. C. Cruz discussed the idea to have a round table with the larger companies in East Allen to promote the Fire Department and provide incentives for employees to join. C. Cruz asked J. Smith and R. Henry about the average calls that come in. J. Smith estimated the average is about 400 a year. Discussion on a round table with the businesses to incentivize employees to join the fire department ensued. A motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to review the forms presented for the incentives was made by C Cruz. Seconded by D. Heiney. VOTE: C. Cruz, yes; D. Heiney, yes; G. Hunsicker, yes; M. Schwartz, yes. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion on America 250 Destination Playground Grant

B. Green notified the Board that the East Allen Plan went to phase two and briefly described the plan. B. Green informed the Board that there was an expectation of funds from the Township budget to supplement the grants and that other grants could be pursued with the America 250 Destination Playground Grant. Discussion ensued on the amount to match the other grants. A motion to pursue the America 250 Destination Playground Grant with a 25% match was made by B. Green. Seconded by G. Hunsicker. VOTE: C. Cruz, yes; D. Heiney, yes; G. Hunsicker, yes; M. Schwartz, yes. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of Northampton Area Public Library Letter

The Board reviewed the Thank you Letter received from the Northampton Public Library.

2. Request for Extension of Farmhouse Village Major and Minor Subdivision

B. Green described the request for the Farmhouse Village Major and Minor Subdivision with the deadline being May 30, 2024. The Board tabled this item for a later date closer to the deadline.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fran McGouldrick, Shawnee Drive, asked about the meeting date move and the difference between the month Workshop meeting. B. Green described the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn at 8:18 PM was made by D. Heiney. Seconded by G. Hunsicker. VOTE: C. Cruz, yes; D. Hunsicker, yes; M. Schwartz, yes. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.