

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the South Park Township**

Board of Supervisors

November 8, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Walt Sackinsky presiding. Board members Edward Snee and Brian Lucot were present. Also in attendance were Chief Dennis McDonough Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager; Tom Bonidie, Code Enforcement Officer; Aaron Laughlin, Director of Public Works; and Irv Firman, Solicitor.

Two or more members of the Board of Supervisors were together on the following occasions which were executive sessions, informational meetings, or Township-related events:

Monday, October 11, 2021 – After the regular meeting to discuss employee issues.

Thursday, October 21, 2021 – Possibly during the SHACOG Dinner.

Sunday, October 24, 2021 – Township Children’s Halloween Party.

Monday, November 8, 2021 – Prior to the regular meeting to discuss items of litigation.

PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK RECORDS ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS AS PART OF THE MEETING MINUTES PROCESS.

ANYONE SPEAKING THIS EVENING IS REQUESTED NOT TO REPEAT THE SAME POINTS ADDRESSED AT A PRIOR MEETING. RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS REGULATED TO ADHERE TO EXISTING ORDINANCES.

THE AUDIENCE AGENDA WAS PLACED ONLINE FOR RESIDENTS WHO MAY WISH TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT OR ASK A QUESTION WHICH WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD AT THE MEETING THIS EVENING. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS WERE TO BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. TODAY.

Mrs. Fosbaugh stated for the record that no emails or comments were received.

Presentation of Proclamation – EMS Director Nora Helfrich

Mr. Sackinsky read aloud and presented a Proclamation to Nora Helfrich, recognizing her outstanding years of service with Tri-Community South EMS. Since 1980, she has worked as a volunteer, a part-time and full-time employee, and ultimately promoted to the position of Director in 2001. Afterward, pictures were taken.

Presentation of Proclamation – Recreation Board Member Kim Amodeo

Mr. Sackinsky commented that a Proclamation is being given to Kim Amodeo for her 18 years of service on the Recreation Board. Ms. Amodeo was not in attendance.

Call on the People

Shannon Gilman, 1624 Cordwell Drive – Ms. Gilman provided her phone number. She explained that she and her neighbors are present to bring attention to a nuisance property located at 1632 Cordwell Drive, which is currently owned by InVision Human Services. InVision is a disability services and support organization that houses special needs adults who require a 24-hour in-home support caregiver. She and her neighbors feel that they are not doing their part to keep safe both the residents of the home or the residents who reside on the street. Over several years, InVision has had two different clients reside on the property, both of which have become violent and needed to be removed from the house. The first client charged across the street and violently attacked a neighbor who was taking out her garbage. At that time, the caregiver was sleeping inside the home. That client was removed from the home and replaced by another client. This person has recently become quite violent, and the police have been called to the residence several times. It is Ms. Gilman's understanding that the client was dismissed by InVision due to his violent outbursts; however, he refused to leave the property. InVision left him inside the house with no supervision. His medications were placed inside the mailbox each day by an employee of InVision, but no one went in to check on him. Not only did InVision discontinue their responsibility of taking care of the individual, they also transferred their responsibility to the residents of Cordwell Drive. Mrs. Gilman stated that they were fearful of him being alone and his violent outbursts. She mentioned that there are pedestrians and children riding their bicycles on Cordwell Drive, as well as elderly people residing on the street. InVision's negligence puts everyone in danger, including the man residing alone in the house. She has witnessed caregivers sitting outside in their running cars all day, ignoring the person who they are hired to care for. She and her neighbors no longer feel safe in their own homes. She is asking the Township to take the necessary steps to have InVision removed from their neighborhood. **Chief McDonough** stated that as of 4:00 p.m. today, the man is being held in the Allegheny County Jail. **Mr. Firman** commented that he has written a letter to InVision advising their management of the situation. The letter stated that having a violent person residing in the home with no supervision puts InVision under liability. He also contacted the office of

Developmental Programs in Allegheny County, who oversees providers such as InVision. **Mr. Sackinsky** mentioned that the Township has reached out to InVision and asked questions that went unanswered due to HIPA regulations. **Ms. Gilman** explained that the problem is not with the clients who reside in their homes, but the negligence of the company responsible for them. **Mr. Firman** commented that hopefully the Township will get more information after reaching out to the County's representative. He added that he will provide Mrs. Fosbaugh with the County's contact information if the residents want to contact them. Mr. Firman mentioned that he will inform the County representative of Ms. Gilman's testimony. **Ms. Gilman** inquired as to whether InVision is a state or county organization. **Mr. Firman** replied that it appears to be an oversight by the County. **Chief McDonough** commented that the Township has no control what the judge's decision will be, as to the client. He added that the judge has expressed concern for the client and is disappointed in the system. He would like to see better placement. The judge has the authority to release him today or hold him for whatever time it takes to find him proper placement. **Ms. Gilman** commented that it is her understanding that he was placed in the County Jail at another time and walked back to the house on Cordwell Drive. **Chief McDonough** commented that he is in favor of neighborhoods looking out for each other; and asked that when they see activity at that house to call 911. **Ms. Gilman** expressed her appreciation to the Township and Police Department for the help in responding to the situation. **Mr. Sackinsky** commented that the Township Solicitor will continue trying to contact a representative from InVision and look for a response from the County. **Mrs. Fosbaugh** stated that once the solicitor receives more information, the Township will contact Ms. Gilman. **Chief McDonough** commented that if he receives any information, he will forward it to Mrs. Fosbaugh. **Ms. Gilman** stated that they will have one representative from the neighborhood for the Township to contact. Mr. Lucot reiterated Chief McDonough's comment, saying that residents who see suspicious activity should call 911.

Karl Reilly, 1636 Cordwell Drive – Mr. Reilly commented that he lives next door to the InVision house and has three young boys. He has spoken with several of the caregivers who told him that most of their clients are violent and provided examples of other clients that the caregivers spoke to him about. He is fearful that InVision will house other violent clients next door to him. **Mr. Sackinsky** asked that the neighborhood continue to give the Police and the Township notice of any new development.

Stacey Adams, 130 Norrington Drive – Ms. Adams expressed her concern over two residents residing at 136 Norrington Drive. She explained that they have been a nuisance for years. They are drug addicts, and the woman overdosed in her driveway at 6:45 a.m., when she was taking her children to school. The police have been called numerous

times for domestic situations. They are constantly knocking on the neighbors' doors. Currently their water is shut off, and the woman has been asking Ms. Adams to fill up her water jug late in the evening. Because they no longer have phones, they knock on their neighbors' doors to ask to use their cellphones. They are very reckless on the road while walking and riding bikes. There were two separate incidences of fires at their house over the past year. Most of the windows in their home have been broken out. They have an unused vehicle in their driveway with broken windows and flat tires. She mentioned the many children in the neighborhood that witness the various situations that occur. Ms. Adams expressed her appreciation for the response by the Township and Police Department. She believes the couple is currently being held in the County Jail. Ms. Adams inquired as to what else can be done to resolve the situation. **Chief McDonough** stated that the person that owns the house is being held in the County Jail. He was given an ROR Bond the first time by the Night Court Judge. Judge Thatcher put him on \$25,000 straight cash. His girlfriend, Veronica, was warned about disturbing her neighbors. Chief McDonough asked that if she continues knocking on her neighbor's doors that they call 911 immediately. Because he owns the house, the police had to obtain a search warrant to apprehend him. The police are now awaiting a trial date. Chief McDonough encouraged Ms. Adams to call 911 as many times as assistance is needed. **Ms. Adams** inquired as to what can be done about the property being an eyesore. **Mr. Bonidie** explained that they have been cited in the past for garbage and debris on the property. He stated that he will investigate the property tomorrow relative to the unused vehicle and broken windows.

Lawrence Vogel, 121 Maria's Way – Mr. Vogel commented that he is speaking on behalf of 1,400 people. He explained that while he walked door-to-door through the Township, it was brought to his attention multiple times that the residents are not aware of what the Board of Supervisors position entails. He mentioned that ordinarily not many people attend the Board of Supervisors' meeting. Mr. Vogel stated that too many times when issues are brought up, they are not always heard or addressed. **Mr. Sackinsky** replied that Mr. Vogel's statement is erroneous. When people come to the meeting or contact the Township via email or phone with a problem, they are given prompt attention by the Township Manager who notifies the Board. He added that the current Board and previous Boards have never stepped away from an issue. They try to come to the best solution within their legal rights. They are bound by the law on what they can do. There is always an open door policy, whether it is text, email or phone, the Township officials are always available. The Board of Supervisors' names and contact information are published on the website, and all the Supervisors have received numerous calls. **Mr. Snee** added that he has received many calls, which he investigates immediately. He does not believe that what Mr. Vogel stated is true.

Action on Minutes Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the minutes of the Public Informational Meeting regarding MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer system) held on October 11, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Minutes Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on October 11, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Invoices Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the payment of invoices for the month October, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action to Schedule Nuisance Hearing – Samuel R. and Lisa Broudy – 3114 Southern Drive Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of determining if the following property should be declared a public nuisance and subject to the appropriate abatement procedures and/or fines and penalties as outlined in the Code of the Township of South Park:

<u>Owner(s):</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
Samuel R. and Lisa Broudy	3114 Southern Drive	6:30 p.m.
	South Park, PA 15129	
	Lot/Block No. 1008-J-257	

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action Regarding Sale of Township Vehicles Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve forwarding the following vehicles to Perryopolis Auto Auction, as no bids were received at the bid opening held on November 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., and that South Park Township adhered to all bid requirements as outlined in the Second-Class Code:

Vehicles:

- A. 2013 Ford Taurus Sedan Interceptor
VIN 1FAHP2MK4DG201781
- B. 2015 Ford Taurus Sedan Interceptor
VIN 1FAHP2MK2FG148999
- C. 2006 Ford Explorer
VIN 1FMEU72E06UB19367

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

- Action on Resolution No. 11-21** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve Resolution No. 11-21: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY (“RAAC”). All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Resolution No. 12-21** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to ratify Resolution No. 12-21: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS WITH THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SEBOLT/BROWNSVILLE ROAD SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION). All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action to Ratify Hiring – Technical Services Librarian – Derek Nuzum** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to ratify the hiring of Derek Nuzum to fill the position of Technical Services Librarian with the South Park Township Library, retroactive to Monday, November 1, 2021, contingent upon the successful completion of a physical examination conducted by a Township panel physician. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action to Authorize the Preparation and Advertisement of Bids – 2022 Roads Program** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve authorizing the preparation and advertisement of bids for the project identified as the 2022 Roads Program, scheduling the bid opening for Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., with action on said bids anticipated to take place at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled for February 14, 2022. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action to Authorize the Preparation and Advertisement of Bids – 2022 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer Program** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve authorizing the preparation and advertisement of bids for the project identified as the 2022 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer Program, scheduling the bid opening for Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., with action on said bids anticipated to take place at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2022. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Blanket Insurance Policy – Provident Insurance Co. – Broughton Volunteer Fire Department and Library Volunteer Fire Company** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the premium in the amount of \$12,503.00 as submitted by Provident Insurance Co. which provides blanket insurance coverage for the members of Broughton Volunteer Fire Department and Library Volunteer Fire Company. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Proposal –
Engineering Services
for the 2022
Township-Wide
Sanitary Sewer
Rehabilitation
Project – MS
Consultant, Inc.**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the Proposal submitted by MS Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$12,500.00, which provides for professional engineering services related to the project identified as the 2022 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, and authorizing the appropriate Township officials to execute said Proposal. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Agreement
– Engineering
Services Related to
Sanitary and Storm
Sewer Issues – MS
Consultants, Inc.**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the Agreement by and between the Township of South Park and MS Consultants, Inc. which outlines the terms and conditions for the provision of engineering services related to sanitary and storm sewer issues, including but not limited to Community Development Projects, miscellaneous tasks associated with the sanitary and storm sewer systems, and any sewer-related matters, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00; and further authorizing the appropriate Township officials to execute said Agreement. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on
Assessment Change
Reimbursements –
Lawrence P. Arrigo,
Tax Collector**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve Township real estate tax refunds for the calendar years 2016-2021, as a result of successful appeals at the County level, as requested by Tax Collector Lawrence P. Arrigo, in correspondence dated October 27, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Training
Request – Crash
Reconstruction Tire
Examination –
Officer Richard
Griffith**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to authorize the attendance of Officer Richard Griffith to a training session entitled, “Crash Reconstruction Tire Examination,” sponsored by Pennsylvania Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Society (PCARS), which will be held on December 14-16, 2021, in Greensburg, PA, at a total cost to the Township of \$293.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on MS4
Report – October,
2021**

Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that MS4 is an acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.

1. The part-time litter collection employee continued with his duties on Township streets to prevent trash from impacting the function of the stormwater inlets.
2. The Public Works Department rebuilt five inlets in October.
3. The SHACOG flusher truck was used to flush problematic areas for one week being October 18-22, 2021.
4. Fall inspection of storm water outfalls is underway. Water sampling will be completed shortly.

5. The Public Works Director and the Administrative Assistant participated in the MS4 Operations and Maintenance Conference held in Wexford, PA.

6. A grant application was submitted to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County in the amount of \$500,000 to assist with costs associated with the proposed retention ponds in the Broughton area of the Township.

7. The Public Works Department is focusing on clearing inlets of leaves because of the fall season.

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the MS4 Report for October, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Police Chief's Report The Police Chief's report for the month of September, 2021:

Calls for Service	653
Arrests	9
Traffic Citations	17
Warnings Issued	61
Reportable Accidents	4*
Non-Reportable Accidents	9
Fire Calls	8
Emergency Medical Assists to Tri-Community EMS	65
Deer Struck By Vehicle	4

*Includes one (1) fatal Reportable Accident.

The Police Chief's report for the month of October, 2021:

Calls for Service	669
Arrests	5
Traffic Citations	11
Warnings Issued	35
Reportable Accidents	8
Non-Reportable Accidents	7
Fire Calls	6
Emergency Medical Assists to Tri-Community EMS	78
Deer Struck By Vehicle	8

Chief McDonough stated that during Environmental Day, and for the National Prescription Drug Take-Back sponsored by the DEA, the South

Park Township Police Department collected 133 pounds of pharmaceuticals. The DEA will properly dispose of them.

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to accept the Police Chief's report for the month of September and October, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Supervisors'
Comments**

Mr. Lucot – Mr. Lucot thanked everyone for attending and for bringing various issues to the Board's attention. He encouraged residents to attend the meeting or contact the Township officials with any concerns. He expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Fosbaugh, Devon Serena and the Recreation Board for a successful Halloween Party. Mr. Lucot also thanked the Police Department and the Fire Departments for patrolling the streets on Halloween night. He congratulated the Police, school resource officer, and the FBI for tracking down the juvenile within 24 hours who posed a gun threat to South Park Middle School on Snapchat.

Mr. Snee – Mr. Snee thanked everyone for attending and urged residents to contact the police and Township officials with any problems. He thanked Mrs. Fosbaugh, Devon Serena, the Recreation Board, the High School Interact students, and the Library and Broughton Volunteer Fire Departments for helping with the Halloween Party.

Mr. Sackinsky – Mr. Sackinsky congratulated Mr. Snee on being re-elected to his position on the Board. Mr. Snee thanked Mr. Sackinsky for his support.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot to adjourn the meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Time: 7:52 p.m.