

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the South Park Township

Board of Supervisors

August 12, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

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, July 8, 2024 – After the regular meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Monday August 12, 2024 – Prior to the regular meeting to discuss personnel issues.

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., MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024.

Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that she would like to enter into the record an email from Danielle Strimlan with the subject, “43rd Statewide Grand Jury Finds Pennsylvania Failed To Protect Citizens During Fracking Boom – PA Office of Attorney General.”

CALL ON THE PEOPLE

Mark Depretis, 1942 Hartford Dr. - Mr. Depretis provided information and updates regarding the Bethel Park Chamber of Commerce. He commented on the Chamber of Commerce’s non-profit, non-partial mission to support local businesses and home-based businesses. Part of their mission is to make those small businesses aware of legal matters. He also passed out networking information, and advertising cost sheets for their members – compared the cost of self-advertising. They have relocated their office recently as well.

Tim Foster, 1046 Westchester Rd. – Mr. Foster was seeking follow-up from the tabled Ordinance regarding No Parking on Quaker Drive and Westchester Road. Ms. Fosbaugh confirmed that the issue is currently tabled, while the police department is conducting traffic studies. Chief McDonough stated that a traffic study has been submitted and now needs to be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and legal counsel, before further action can occur.

Danielle Strimlan, 620 Carothers Ave., Carnegie, PA – Ms. Strimlan requested that citizens and the Township work together to amend the Oil and Gas ordinance. She quoted from documentation regarding the 43rd Statewide Grand Jury, wherein they made 8 recommendations. The first recommendation was to expand no-drill zones in Pennsylvania from the required 500 feet to 2,500 feet. She asked that the Board of Supervisors add this topic to the next Board of Supervisors meeting agenda and take a vote.

Action on Minutes Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on July 8, 2024, the purpose of which was to receive comment on the zoning amendment request as submitted by David & Jennifer Scandrol for the property located at 3501 Brownsville Road, from the C-4 heavy commercial zoning district to the R-2 medium density single-family residential zoning district. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Minutes Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on July 8, 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Invoices Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the payment of invoices for the month of July, 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Ordinance No. 718 Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve Ordinance No. 718: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING SECTION 107 (“SEWERS”), ARTICLE XIII (“CERTIFICATION AND MUNICIPAL LIEN LETTERS”), SECTION 107.78 (“DEFINITIONS”) TO REMOVE THE DEFINITION OF “TEMPORARY DOCUMENT OF CERTIFICATION” FROM THE LIST OF DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 107.79 (“CERTIFICATION REQUIRED”) AND 107.80 (“DOCUMENT OF CERTIFICATION; APPLICATION FEE”) TO REQUIRE A DOCUMENT OF CERTIFICATION WHEN PROPERTY IS TRANSFERRED; TO PARTIALLY REPEAL AND AMEND SECTION 107.81 (“TEMPORARY DOCUMENT OF CERTIFICATION; SECURITY”) TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO “TEMPORARY DOCUMENTS OF CERTIFICATION” AND CLARIFY THE PROCESS OF POSTING SECURITY WITH THE TOWNSHIP WHEN THE LENGTH OF TIME TO CORRECT AN ILLEGAL STORM OR SURFACE WATER CONNECTION WOULD REQUIRE A LENGTH OF TIME AS TO CREATE A PRACTICAL HARDSHIP FOR THE APPLICANT. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Resolution No. 8-24 Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve Resolution No. 8-24: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, SUBMITTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (DEP) A

REVISION TO SOUTH PARK TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN TO INCLUDE THE PROPOSED IDENTIFIED PROJECT AS THE MAJESTIC WOODS PLAN. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action to Schedule Nuisance Hearing – 3127 Southern Drive – Lot & Block No. 1108-J-212 – David Johnson (Deceased) and Mary Alice Johnson

Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve scheduling a nuisance hearing for Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. to determine if the following property should be declared a Public Nuisance by the Board of Supervisors, and subject to enforcement measures, including the possible demolition of the structure, to protect the health, safety and welfare of Township residents. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action to Release Fire Bond – 1901 Sleepy Hollow Road – James & Geraldine Converse – Lot & Block No. 771-B-40

Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the release of the Fire Bond in the amount of \$25,501.48, posted by State Farm Insurance Co. in accordance with Act 98 requirements, for the property damaged by fire which is located at 1901 Sleepy Hollow Road, the owners being James and Geraldine Converse; as recommended by the Code Enforcement Officer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action to Authorize the Preparation and Advertisement of an Ordinance – Township Code

Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an Ordinance Codification relative to the Code of the Township of South Park, with adoption of said Ordinance anticipated to take place at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors schedule for Monday, October 14, 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Separation of Employment – Officer Brian Rucienski – South Park Police Department

Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to accept the separation of employment by Officer Brian Rucienski from the South Park Township Police Department, with an effective date being Saturday, August 17, 2024, at the close of the business day. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action to Appoint South Park Township Tax Collector – Lawrence P. Arrigo

Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve appointing Lawrence P. Arrigo as Tax Collector with a term to expire the first Monday of the year 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Reimbursement Request – Chief Dennis M. McDonough

Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the request submitted by Chief Dennis McDonough dated July 30, 2024, for the reimbursement of expenses associated with his attendance to the PA Chiefs' of Police Conference in Erie, PA for the period July 20 – July 24, 2024, in the amount of \$1,242.26. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on MS4 Report – July, 2024

Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that following is the MS4 report for July dated August 12, 2024. MS4 is the acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, it is a mandate from the Department of Environmental Protection with regard to increasingly strict issues that the Township has to adhere to, not only here, but across Pennsylvania, to help protect the fresh water supply.

1. The part-time litter collection employee continued on with litter collection activities on Township streets to prevent trash from impacting the function of the stormwater inlets.

2. The Township’s household hazardous waste collection event was held in July and was a great success. The event provided residents with the opportunity to safely dispose of chemicals, paint, pesticides, etc., rather than pouring the material into the sanitary sewer or storm sewer collection system.
3. The Public Works Department rebuilt four inlets in July.
4. The owner of the property adjacent to the clubhouse Restaurant repaired a major storm sewer line that was not functioning on the property. This was negatively impacting the flow of storm water, particularly during periods of heavy rain. The problem was also causing the storm water to back up and damage the pavement on Brownsville Road.
5. A contractor is working on the wall behind the Clubhouse which was collapsing into the stream and causing an obstruction in the water flow. The project should be completed by the end of the month.
6. The Administrative Assistant is now focusing on the annual report that must be submitted to DEP by September 1, 2024.
7. The SHACOG sewer vactor truck and camera was in the Township the week of July 22-26, 2024, to flush problematic areas, and also vacuumed out inlets that were blocked with substantial debris.

Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the MS4 Report for the month of July, 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Police Chief’s Report

The Police Chief’s Report for July, 2024:

Calls for Service	611
Arrests	10
Traffic Citations	7
Warning Citations	42
Reportable Accidents	6
Non-Reportable Accidents	6
Fire Calls	5
Emergency Medical Assists to Tri-Community EMS	78
Deer Struck by Vehicles	2

Motion by Mr. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to accept the Police Chief’s report for the month of July, 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisors’ Comments

Mr. Lucot – No comment.

Mr. Vogel – Mr. Vogel attended the Firemen’s Picnic this past weekend. He had the opportunity to see fire equipment while in Denver, and felt we were lucky to have the good equipment we have, and the skilled people to use it.

Even with school around the corner, it is still summer time, and to be aware of children playing outside.

Mr. Snee – No comment.

Adjournment

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

Time: 7:25 p.m.