

**South Londonderry Township  
Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes  
Palmyra, PA**

**April 9, 2024**

**Opening Ceremonies and Introduction-** The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM by Vice Chairman Custer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**The following members were present:**

Faith Bucks – Chairwoman  
Jack Custer – Vice Chairman  
William Bova – Member

**The following staff members were present:**

John Eberly – Township Manager  
Bill Reigle – Chief of Police  
Frank Chlebnikow – Engineer  
Patrick Armstrong – Solicitor  
Richie Deibert – Assistant Manager

**Public Attendees per sign in sheet:**

Mark Houser, Dawn Blauch, Sarah Misner, Matt Donahue, Jess Benninger, Michael McKoin, Kurt Kauffman, John Brieve, Andrew Muldon, Jen Bushta, Dennis Hauenstein, Slate Wender, Dayne and Wyatt Braden, Pat Stilley, Dave Angert, Cindy Champion, Matt Drayer, Authur Bond, Curtis Bucks, Lisa Corricelli, Barry Sell, Martin Matarazzi,, Kermit Bell, Pat Krebs, Dan & Kathy Darkes.

Jess Benninger, Lebtown and Pat Krebs recorded the meeting for their personal use.

**Special Orders:** None

**Public Comment:**

Pat Krebs – Discussed consideration of painting lines on the Township’s Tennis Court to include pickle ball. Also, requested no parking signs from the Township be placed at the newly expanded Campbelltown Parking lot for delineation of the adjacent walking trail.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve the March 12, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

The March 27, 2024 Workshop Meeting was cancelled.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve the Bill and Payroll Lists from 05 & 06-2024. Motion carried.

## **Reports:**

Manager's Report- Eberly mentioned the Township was denied their Multi-Modal grant request for the roundabout initiative located at Airport and Forge Roads. The work will begin for the Killinger Creek riparian buffer and stream restoration grant project. Dean Hoover, one of the owners of the Colebrook Crossing in partnership with King Construction donated a new pavilion which has been installed at the Colebrook Park. The Township is working with the Tri-County Conewago Creek Association to hold an educational Earth Day event at the Lawn Community Park on April 21, 2024 from 12-4PM. The CCA annual spring cleanup event is scheduled for April 27 with the rain date of May 4.

Zoning Report- None.

Solicitor's Report – None.

### Other Reports-

Monthly reports were provided for the Police Department, Sewer Authority, Palmyra Library, Historical Commission, Palmyra Parks and Recreational Program, First Aid & Safety Patrol, Campbelltown, and the Lawn Fire Companies.

## **Old Business:**

Chairwoman Bucks announced a Public Hearing scheduled for the April 24, 2024 Joint Authority and Board of Supervisor's Workshop for the final review of the Revised Zoning Ordinance.

Deibert reviewed a slide show of the planned 322 corridor crosswalk initiatives planned throughout 2024. PennDOT is involved with various approvals, but the project addresses many of the priorities noted in the 2021 Rettew Crosswalk Study.

John Brieve presented a Campbelltown Fire Company slide show illustrating their upcoming purchase of a new Fire Engine which is priced \$996,392.95 and requested a \$726,329.95 loan from the Township for their shortfall. Several loan payback options were provided for the Township to consider. Bucks requested this topic be tabled for the Campbelltown Fire Company possibly earmark additional funds to assist in reducing the amount of their loan request. Bucks also requested the Solicitor to begin reviewing necessary agreements which may be needed for the proposed Campbelltown Fire Truck Loan, consistent with what was drawn up for the Lawn Fire Truck Loan.

## **New Business:**

Chairwoman Bucks reported that due to rising costs associated with the Fire Companies Apparatus Vehicles, the Fire Board has recommended the Fire Tax to be increased from

.0245 mills to 1.0 mills and create a new Fire Company Replacement Apparatus Fund for the upcoming 2025 budget year. This would increase the average South Londonderry Township Annual Fire Tax fee paid on a \$200,000 appraised property from \$50 to \$200. The last time the Fire Tax was increased was in December 2013 when it was increased from 0.175 to the current 0.245 millage rate. Eberly presented several Fire Tax rate increase scenarios which have been discussed at the Fire Board meeting. This topic was tabled for additional consideration.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to accept the resignation of Trevor Kase from the Historical Commission to his recent move outside the Township limits. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve 2025 Budget Development Schedule. Motion carried.

Jennifer Bushta, Campbelltown Community Alliance presented a request for a new 12 X 18 Shed be placed at the entrance of the Campbelltown Community Park for their use. Discussion was held and the Board offered for the shed to be placed behind the Township building and requested CCA work with the Iron Valley Soccer Club on their offer to share one of their sheds which already exist in the Campbelltown Community Park. CCA is meeting Wednesday night to further discuss these options.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve the Mt. Gretna Triathlon Event scheduled for May 18, 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve the Blood, Sweat and Tears Run Event scheduled for September 14, 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to table the request of the subordination of the Wetland Reservation Easement to the USDA – National Resources Conservation Service for the Christine Pierce property located at 655 Lawn Road and for further discussion of this topic be reviewed with the owner of the property. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve the Lot Addition Plan Deferral for the 955 & 1015 Trail Road North to Mount Joy Township. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to accept the resignation by Full Time Highway Laborer, Jeff Pawling. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve the advertisement for a Full Time Highway Laborer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve the advertisement for a Part Time Summer Laborer. Motion carried.

**Good and Welfare:** None

**Adjournment** – There being no more business to discuss, a motion by Custer, seconded by Bova to adjourn the meeting at 8:49PM. Motion carried.

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John Eberly, Manager/Secretary