



# TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN

10 Community Park Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

## MINUTES of the Public Meeting of the Township Board of Commissioners

March 7, 2023, 7:00 pm

**\*\* The March 7, 2023, Meeting of the Township Commissioners was held both IN-PERSON at the Township Administration Building AND via ZOOM. Meeting ID: 381 904 7124, Password: 15234**

Commissioner Frisoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked that the group stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call found Commissioners Downey, Fredrick, Frisoli, McCabe and Pellegrino present. Also present were Manager Nina Belcastro, Engineer Glenn Jonnet and Solicitor Thomas McDermott

### Remarks from audience:

Gary Moeller from 701 Highview inquired as to the requirements regarding chickens and chicken coops for residents in the Township. Solicitor stated that residents are allowed to have chickens, so long as they are kept and housed within the terms of the Township Zoning Ordinance.

### Committee Reports:

1. **Administration & Finance – Ms. Frisoli, Chairperson** - Mr. Frisoli reported that she read over everything for the month of February and everything falls into place.
2. **Public Safety – Mr. Downey, Chairperson** – Mr. Downey read the report.
3. **Public Works – Mr. Pellegrino, Chairperson** – Mr. Pellegrino read the report.
4. **Sanitary Sewers & Storm Water Management/MS4– Ms. McCabe, Chairperson** – Ms. McCabe deferred to Mr. Jonnet. Mr. Jonnet reported that a virtual \$1500 meeting will be held tomorrow with BT, PWSA, Dormont and Alcosan regarding the Consent Order. The next 3RWW meeting will take place on Thursday.
5. **Parks & Recreation – Ms. Fredrick, Ms. McCabe & Ms. Frisoli , co-chairs** – Ms. Frisoli reported that we are planning an Easter event and will share details on Facebook in the next few days. Ms. Fredrick reported that the Township received the Whitehall Pool Agreement for the 2023 season. Residents have the option to purchase passes online or at the Whitehall Borough Building.
6. **Lights & Transportation – Mr. Downey Chairperson** – Mr. Downey – Nothing to report.
7. **SHACOG – Ms. Fredrick & Ms. Frisoli, co-Chairs** – Ms. Frisoli reported that the next meeting is on March 16<sup>th</sup>. We received another reduction in salt costs.

8. **Fire Company - Ms. Fredrick, Chairperson** – Ms. Fredrick reported that there was 1 call to Baldwin Township in February. The Sportsman’s bash and the purse bash are both sold out. Chief Reffner demonstrated the Departments new “jaws of life” tool. CSVFD had their quarterly drill at the PRT building. There was a classroom training and also a hands-on training. The other training for the month was CPR certification from MRTSA. SHACOG held two training sessions last month. The first was a peer support group led by an instructor from Mercy Behavioral. The second was a class about the dangers of lithium batteries. Chief Reffner reported that the fire department has applied for multiple grants so far in 2023.

Lastly, Chief Reffner reported that the Wheeling/Lake Erie railroad brought a classroom session to CSVFD and provided a flow guide to the Department. There is nothing being transported that is near the level of the Norfolk Southern carriers being transported through the Township.

9. **MRTSA – Mr. Downey & Mr. Pellegrino, Co-Chairs;** Mr. Pellegrino reported that the executive director position is being analyzed. MRTSA recently terminated a very costly HR contract and is also reviewing the billing company. At this time, MRSTA is still reviewing the pros and cons of the fee based versus the subscription models of revenue.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Engineer’s Report:**

Mr. Jonnet reported that he is finishing a review of a few SWM plans in the Township. All is mostly in order on the 734 Newport Drive plan.

**Solicitor’s Report:**

Solicitor shares a brief update regarding the McNeilly Court property concerns that were brought up by residents of McNeilly Court at the last meeting. Solicitor and engineer have been in communication with the DEP and have expressed that we are happy to facilitate a conversation or serve as a ‘vessel’ of sorts to move forward, but the Township if not in a position to allocate further funds into this matter.

Lastly, solicitor reported that Robinson Pipe is having equipment issues, but will be the Township as soon as these issues are resolved.

**New Business:**

1. Upon Motion by Pellegrino and second by Downey  
Resolved to approve the February 2023 payroll and bill vouchers 25498 through 26056 and ACH payments both inclusive for \$177,694.58.
2. Upon Motion by Downey and second by Pellegrino  
Resolved to approve the Summary Sheet of the February 2023 Secretary’s Reports.
3. Upon Motion by McCabe and second by Fredrick  
Resolved to approve the February 7, 2023, Board Minutes.
4. Motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm

***End of minutes***  
***Nina Belcastro***  
***Secretary/Manager***