

THE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2023

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A Regular Business Meeting of the Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on January 3, 2023, at the Smithfield Township Municipal Center at 1155 Red Fox Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301, and via Zoom.

Present are Supervisors Jacob Pride, Robert Lovenheim, and Brian Barrett (via Zoom), and Jon Tresslar of LVL Engineers. Township Manager Julia Heilakka and Solicitor Ronold Karasek are excused.

1. Chair Jacob Pride calls the meeting to order at 6:17PM. A quorum is present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Reorganization Meeting preceding the Regular Business Meeting.
3. Announcements - none.
4. Minutes.
  - a. Jacob Pride motions to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2022 Regular Business Meeting, Robert Lovenheim seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
5. Reports.
  - a. Solicitor's Report - none.
  - b. Engineer's Report - Jon Tresslar informs the Board that construction at Smithfield Gateway for the St. Luke's building is winding down. The developer is requesting the punch list inspection. Jon Tresslar expects a new plan from Smithfield Gateway in the near future. Brian Barrett discusses recent accidents near the proposed traffic signal. Jon Tresslar believes PennDOT has granted St. Luke's permission to open with a stop sign. The Board expresses safety concerns, discusses the PennDOT debate regarding computer software for traffic signals, and the Green Light Go program.
6. New Business:
  - a. Consider: Consent Agenda.
    - i. Consider: Ratify Bond Payment Authorization for 2023.
    - ii. Consider: Authorize Attendance to PSATS for Staff.


The Board discusses the cutoff date for PSATS attendance confirmation. Robert Lovenheim motions to approve the Consent Agenda, Brian Barrett seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
  - b. Discuss: Airstrip Road Declaration of Taking. Jacob Pride expresses he would like to table discussion until Solicitor Karasek is present. Robert Lovenheim motions to table the discussion until January 11<sup>th</sup>, Brian Barrett seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

- c. Consider: Contribution to Pocono Mountains United Way from 2022 Contributions Balance. Jacob Pride discusses the merits of making the contribution. Robert Lovenheim motions to approve the contribution, Jacob Pride seconds. Brian Barrett asks how much the contribution is for, Jacob Pride states the balance of the FY2022 budgeted contributions which is \$1,000.00.
7. Board of Supervisors Report – None.
8. Bills: Total \$78,949.24.
- a. Jacob Pride explains the bills include one payroll and a contribution to the Monroe County Control Center. Robert Lovenheim motions to pay the bills, Brian Barrett seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
9. Public Comments:
- a. Robert Lovenheim lauds the new camera and audio system and asks public attendee Martha Carbone if the system is better on her end. Martha Carbone replies the audio is much better and that a Planning Commission meeting will be the true test for the system.
10. Robert motions to adjourn, Brian Barrett seconds; meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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Minutes recorded by Jacob Pride.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Julia Heilakka, Assistant Secretary