

THE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2023

A Regular Business Meeting of the Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on January 11, 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), Solicitor Ronold Karasek, Amy Montgomery of LVL Engineers, and Township Manager Julia Heilakka.

Also present are Ralph Matergia, John Coté, Albert Murray Jr., Russ Scott, John Herman, Carl O'Merle, Tammy Booth, Debra Tallada, Pam Barrett, Doug Schryver, Mitch Bowyer, Mary Jane O'Merle, Wayne Kelly, Jessica Ackerman, Jimmy Mall, Tom Garde, Maria Katz, Vince Della Ferra, Adam Waterbear DePaul, Rebecca August, Debbie Kulick, Tammy Barr, Steve Kemper, Vicky Ozgun, and Courtney Kanzinger.

1. Chair Jacob Pride calls the meeting to order at 6:05PM. A quorum is present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.
3. Announcements
 - a. The Board will consider an additional item for the agenda pursuant to Sunshine Law.
4. Minutes
 - a. Robert Lovenheim motions to table the minutes from the January 3, 2023 reorganization and regular meetings, Brian Barrett seconds. Vote: all in favor; minutes tabled.
5. Public Hearing – Orchard BJK & Scott Petition to Re-Zone Select Parcel from R-1 to ED. The hearing is continued at 6:07PM. [This hearing was transcribed by Donna Kenderdine Recording, LLC.] Robert Lovenheim motions to close the hearing, Jacob Pride seconds. Vote: Robert Lovenheim and Jacob Pride in favor, Brian Barrett does not vote; hearing closed at 8:24PM. Vicky Ozgun expresses concerns for warehouse development in the area.

Robert Lovenheim states that this hearing is about a zoning change, the parcel is important, and quality of life for the township's residents is important. Robert Lovenheim motions to deny the petition, Jacob Pride seconds. Vote: Jacob Pride and Robert Lovenheim in favor, Brian Barrett does not vote [but votes later in the meeting, see item 8.b]; motion carries.

The meeting is paused at 8:34PM and resumes at 8:42PM.

6. Reports
 - a. Solicitor's Report - Ron Karasek thanks the township for reappointing him. The Slater Holdings developer's agreement amendment is already approved and needs signatures.
 - b. Engineer's Report – none.
7. New Business

- a. Consent Agenda
 - i. Ratification of Mileage for Township Employees.

Jacob Pride states the mileage will follow the IRS rate, which is currently at \$.655 per mile. Robert Lovenheim motions to approve the consent agenda, Brian Barrett seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

- b. Discuss: Candidates for Township Appointments. Marianne Cannell submitted a letter of interest to the township. Marianne Cannell introduces herself. She will be retiring soon and wishes to serve the community. The Board discusses already having two Planning Commission members but needing someone for the Zoning Hearing Board.
- c. Consider: Appointments to Township Boards and Commissions. Robert Lovenheim motions to appoint David Strunk and Doug Schryver to the Planning Commission [terms expire January 1, 2027], Marianne Cannell to the Zoning Hearing Board [term expires January 6, 2025], and Carolos Cubas to the Board of Auditors [term expires January 2, 2024], Brian Barrett seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
- d. Discuss: Airstrip Road Declaration of Taking. Attorney Courtney Kanzinger thanks Ron Karasek for his assistance. The parties are working together and documents should be ready soon. Jacob Pride motions to table this item until the January 25th meeting, Robert Lovenheim seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

8. Board of Supervisors' Report


- a. Jacob Pride expresses thanks for the congratulations on his new job, and he looks forward to continuing to serve the township.
- b. Brian Barrett states he was having technical difficulties earlier but voted to deny the zoning change request [see item 5].
- c. Jacob Pride asks the Board to discuss trucks for the roadcrew. Funds are budgeted to purchase two trucks. Robert Lovenheim motions to amend the agenda to add the consideration of trucks, Jacob Pride seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries. Robert Lovenheim motions to approve the proposal, Brian Barrett seconds. Julia Heilakka states the Board received this information late Tuesday and government ordering for 2023 closes on Friday, January 13. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

9. Public Comment – none.

10. Robert Lovenheim motions to adjourn, Brian Barrett seconds; meeting adjourned at 8:59PM.

Minutes recorded by Julia Heilakka

Respectfully submitted:



Julia Heilakka, Assistant Secretary