

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting
February 13, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30PMPM with Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members in Attendance: Douglas Pallman, Kevin Carr and Robert Naegele

Board Guests in Attendance: Robert Sheils, III, Solicitor; D. Scot Haan, CEO and Francine Fawcett, Secretary/Treasurer

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Naegele to approve the minutes of the Reorganization and General Meeting of January 3, 2023, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.

Motion by Carr to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 30, 2023, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor.

Announcements: None

Correspondence: Correspondence is available with the Secretary's office during regular business hours for review.

Public Input:

Terry Purcell-Newton Ransom Blvd.: Mrs. Purcell stated that she has eight dedicated volunteers to volunteer at the Rec Center. She stated that they have no personal interest in the building other than to preserve a township asset for future generations.

New Business:

Eric Davis, Ginader & Jones: Mr. Davis reviewed the audit of 2022. Jason Williams asked about giving more time to the South Abington Police to get speeders on the boulevard. He stated that it seemed that the cost is a good deal.

Unfinished Business:

Recreation Center: Mr. Pallman stated that the board discussed a 3-part strategy after the special meeting at the end of last month. We will address the tenant's leases for a minimum of one year and a maximum of two years, the potential sale of the building while allowing for a exploratory committee/advisory board for the center. Discussion ensued with the public in regards to the daycare. Dillon Lukus-Kimberly Circle stated that the board needs to come to decisions for the sake of parents that have children cared for by Daydreamers. It was decided that the Supervisors will meeting with the committee tomorrow at 6PM to tour the building and discuss the concerns Daydreamers have with the facility. Ruth Miller Griggs asked Amber Sheridan if they want a one year or two-year lease. Mrs. Sheridan stated a one year and Kim Tenio stated a two year if they can

get out of the lease in one year should they find another facility. The staff meeting and family appreciation party was approved by the board.

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Newton Recreation Center: Pallman reported that he is working diligently on the Facebook post regarding the meeting on January 30, 2023 at 6PM. Budget is to be published on the website once finalized by Pallman. A new appraisal was done but per the Sunshine Act, cannot be made public until after the sale of the building. Discussion ensued regarding the meeting on January 30 with regards to time limits and allowing only township residents to speak. If time allows, we will let others speak.

NRVFC: 27 calls for the month of January. Chief LaCoe explained that the fire company will be selling the ambulance but still have the QRV.

Tax Collector: No report.

Road Master: Naegele reported on the various work the DPW has been doing. Discussion on the salt shed and roller. Solicitor to check into Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing program. Discussion on the Fairway Drive project with the Scarantino's. Plans will go to the neighbor now for input on the proposed work to fix the water issue.

CEO: Haan reported that he has been addressing calls and complaints.

Planning Commission: No meetings.

Solicitor: No report.

Bills: Motion by Naegele to approve the bills as presented, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.

Public Input: None

Being no further business, **Naegele motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:27PM, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**