

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting
Monday, February 1, 2021
7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

The Board of Supervisors held its first regular meeting of the month on Monday, February 1, 2021, via Zoom in a webinar format. In attendance were:

Board:	Laura Dininni, Chair	Staff:	Dave Pribulka, Township Manager
	Lisa Strickland, Vice Chair		Dave Modricker, Director of Public Works
	Steve Miller		Jenna Wargo, Director, Planning and Zoning
	Prasenjit Mitra		Chris Albright, Chief of Police
	Patty Stephens		Centrice Martin, Assistant to the Township Manager
			Ron Seybert, Township Engineer

Others in attendance included: Rhonda Demchak, Recording Secretary; Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Resident; Mr. Fred Growl, Ferguson Township Resident; Ron Strouse, Ferguson Township Resident; Ms. Charima Young, PSU; Mr. Mark Kunkle, Ferguson Township Resident; Ms. Nancy Krouse, HOA Representative of Westway Gardens; Mr. Aaron Miller, Patton Township Resident; Mr. Peter Buck, Past Supervisor; Mr. Bill Peters, Ferguson Township Resident; Ms. Shannon Holiday, Ferguson Township Resident; Mr. Jeremie Thompson, Ferguson Township Resident; Mr. Steve Balkey, Ferguson Township Resident; Mr. William Kenyon, President, HOA, The Landings; Mr. John Stepp, PennTerra Engineering; Mr. Darin Barker; Ms. Higgins

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dininni called the Monday, February 1, 2021, regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Pribulka noted that the Board of Supervisors meeting had been advertised in accordance to the PA Sunshine Act as a virtual meeting via Zoom in a webinar format. There was also an audio conference bridge that was accessible by dialing the Ferguson Township's main line at 814-238-4651 and then dialing extension 3799. Persons attending the webinar as members of the public and wanted to participate were asked to enter their name, municipality, and topic by utilizing the Q&A bubble at the bottom of the screen. Mr. Pribulka noted that attendees will not be permitted to speak unless addressed by the Chair. Mr. Pribulka will share more information on how attendees can interact with the Board at the appropriate time of the meeting. C-NET is recording as well. Mr. Pribulka took Roll Call and there was a quorum.

II. CITIZENS INPUT

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Regular meeting Minutes of January 18, 2021. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

a) COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response Report

Mr. Pribulka noted that local or regional updates can be found on the Centre Region Ready [Facebook page](#) or the [COG website page](#). Also, information can be found on the [Township website](#) and [State College Borough website](#).

The Municipal Building has reopened with limited hours. The lobbying is open between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The police lobby remains open for walk-ins Monday-Friday during normal hours of operation, but residents are encouraged to meet virtually. Staff is working both remotely and in the office. The public is encouraged to make appointments virtually.

The distribution of the COVID-19 Vaccine [Phase 1A](#) continues. Several pharmacies and health care facilities have joined Mount Nittany Medical Center to serve as local [distribution sites](#).

There have been 10,479 confirmed cases county-wide and 57,049 negative cases in the State College area as of January 30, 2021. There have been 193 deaths due to the virus in Centre County. There have been 736,236 reported cases in Pennsylvania and an additional 109,842 probable cases. There have been 21,678 deaths.

Mr. Pribulka thanked the residences and business owners in Ferguson Township for their patience and understanding as the Township recovers.

b) Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority (CRPRA)

Mr. Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Representative for Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority, presented the report. COVID-19 continues to be a challenge for programming. Programs are being planned for spring and summer with some COVID-19 mitigation at this time. There is no plan to cancel programs. Pools are preparing to be open on schedule to the public. The pool at the high school has not been utilized for CRPRA programs but trying to hold a few training events two weeks prior to the public pools being opened. Esports, which is a gaming platform, might be a future program. There were 30 homes registered for the holiday light contest and it was a huge success. Planning spring programs and summer camps at the Millbrook Marsh because they are mostly outdoor activities. Staff is coming back from furloughs to the Senior Center at the Nittany Mall.

Ms. Stephens asked Mr. Keough if proof of a vaccination card will be required at the Senior Center. Mr. Keough stated that it has not been resolved and will continue to inquire about such card.

Mr. Dininni thanked Mr. Keough for the Watershed-Friendly Property Certification.

On a different matter, Mr. Keough expressed disappointment with the county roll-out to sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine, because registration was extremely difficult to access. Mr. Keough stated that he could not access and asked Mr. Pribulka to relay his frustrations to the other boards and committees that he attends. Mr. Mitra agreed with Mr. Keough that the system is difficult.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC HEARING – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE ORDINANCE

Mr. Pribulka reviewed the logistical aspects for attendees to participate in the hearing. The hearing included a series of resolutions. The study started in 2016 and included multiple meetings, reports,

educational sessions, etc. Mr. Pribulka thanked the Stormwater Advisory Committee, Dave Modricker, Ron Seybert, Kevin Bloom, Jaymes Progar, Summer Krape, Eric Endresen, and many others that spent countless hours on this project. Also, Mr. Pribulka thanked the consultants at Wood and most importantly the residents of Ferguson Township.

Mr. Pribulka noted that consideration of the fee is not reflective of the Township's mismanagement of taxpayer's money or reckless spending. Staff and the Board have heard legitimate concerns that helped frame the ordinance, and also there were theories and accusations that were made regarding wasteful spending. Mr. Pribulka stated that the data does not support the allegations because the budget is open to the public and is transparent. Mr. Pribulka stated to the Board that considering adding the fee is a difficult decision for any elected official. There were no recommendations made to the Board by Mr. Pribulka, staff, or the consultant.

Public Hearing

Mr. Fred Growl, Ferguson Township Resident, noted that it was difficult to sign up to speak against the ordinance and generally connecting to the meeting.

Ms. Charima Young, PSU, thanked everyone for their hard work and the Board's willingness to have public comment. The University provided comments via a presentation last week to the Township explaining their position. Ms. Young stated that as a MS4 Permit Holder the University feels they should be exempt for the following reasons:

1. Penn State holds an MS4 permit that is equivalent to the Township's MS4 permit and has worked cooperatively as an equal on MS4 permit requirements since 2004.
2. Penn State already operates a mature stormwater program similar to the program that the Township envisions. The University also owns a larger storm system than the Township, that Ferguson Township and PennDOT drain into, which the University alone is responsible for maintaining.
3. Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plan (CBPRP) loads for University property located in the Township are parsed out from Ferguson Township CBPRP loads and remain a University MS4 permit requirement. No other property owner in the Township has this obligation
4. Penn State is impacted significantly more by Township and private runoff than Penn State property impacts Ferguson Township (at a 5:1 ratio).

Mr. John, Ferguson Township Resident, expressed concerns that the fee structure and projection costs are missing details.

Mr. Rick Tezzlaff, Member of the HOA for Aaron Village, noted that the credits don't take in consideration that Aaron Village takes on stormwater from public properties because they have a basin. Mr. Tezzlaff stated he is against the ordinance. Mr. Modricker noted that there was a preexisting drainageway at Aaron Village and the basin was built adjacent to the drainageway. Mr. Modricker noted that there is some funding set aside for areas like Aaron Village that take in public and private water.

Mr. Modricker stated that there is back up information for all of the estimates in the model.

Mr. Mark Kunkle, Ferguson Township Resident, spoke about the financial implications of the fee and the impact it will have on residential owners.

Ms. Nancy Krouse, HOA Representative of Westway Gardens, noted that most of the residents are retired with fixed incomes. Ms. Krouse stated that Westway Gardens I and Westway Gardens II are combined and share the same tax identification number and they do not know what their fee

will be. Ms. Krouse requested clarification with the combined properties. Mr. Pribulka encouraged Ms. Krouse to contact Dave Modricker, Ron Seybert, or anyone in the Public Works Department.

Mr. Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Resident, expressed concerns with the meeting structure because it is not consistent. Mr. Keough stated that there was not adequate discussion and should look at other alternatives. Mr. Keough expressed concerns with overhead to manage the credit program.

Mr. Aaron Miller, Patton Township Resident, but soon to be a resident of Ferguson Township, stated that he is in favor of the fee.

Mr. Peter Buck noted that he was a Supervisor when the ordinance was first considered and noted that the process was transparent. Mr. Buck requested that the Board not look into other alternatives and supports the fee. Mr. Buck currently does not live in Ferguson Township.

Mr. Bill Peters, Ferguson Township Resident, noted that the community wasn't aware of the fee until recently and felt the Township wasn't transparent.

Board Discussion

Mr. Miller read a written statement with regards to the entire ordinance and noted that he will be voting in support of the fee. Mr. Miller explained his reasons for supporting the ordinance. Mr. Miller feels that a tax increase is a simple process compared to the fee that was calculated. Mr. Miller stated that he doesn't agree with some of the decisions the Board has made and going forward will be speaking on behalf of himself. In the event the fee is not enacted, Mr. Miller asked the Board to schedule a Public Hearing to enact the fee through a tax increase. Mr. Miller expressed frustration with some people in the community that feels the Township is hiding money and frivolous spending, because it is simply untrue.

Mr. Mitra stated that he is opposed of the fee in its current form and believes that a stormwater fee is a better option than an income or property tax increase. Mr. Mitra noted that he would like to see a Financial Advisory Committee created to look into the fee more closely.

Ms. Stephens stated that she believes the stormwater fee is a better option than an income or property tax. Ms. Stephens noted that she likes the hardship fee.

Ms. Strickland shared her thoughts and suggestions with a written statement. Ms. Strickland is troubled with the deliberation of the ordinance through an emergency declaration. Ms. Strickland suggested moving forward with accessing the pipes and the major stormwater project as planned and use the assessment to have as groundwork for the stormwater project in 2022. This would enable to have another year to access and to be funded by the General Fund. Ms. Strickland noted that it would move forward without a fee or a tax increase for the next two years. Ms. Strickland encouraged each Board member to reflect on what the priorities should be as we emerge from the pandemic before the vote in two weeks.

Ms. Dininni prepared a written statement and read part of it. Ms. Dininni addressed concerns that she received from community members stating they have not been heard. Ms. Dininni stated that if she chooses to vote in favor of the ordinance it is not a reflection of not hearing community members who are in opposition, but rather it is a disagreement with the conclusion.

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **continue** the public hearing on February 16, 2021. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

a. Public Hearing – Credit Policy Manual Resolution

Mr. Pribulka introduced the resolution and noted that provided with the agenda is a copy of a resolution advertised for public hearing establishing a credit policy manual to supplement the stormwater management utility fee. If enacted, the credit policy would provide a mechanism for property owners in the Township to invoke certain credits for which they may be eligible to offset their obligations under the stormwater management utility fee. Mr. Modricker noted that Table 1 focuses on the description of the credits.

Public Hearing

Ms. Shannon Holiday, Ferguson Township Resident, stated that she has not received a pay raise in two years as a result of COVID-19 and asked about the impact for those that are renters like herself. Mr. Pribulka stated that the fee would be assessed to the property owner. Ms. Holiday expressed concerns with a hike in her rent due to the fee. Ms. Holiday asked if the fee will be permanent. Mr. Pribulka noted that the fee will be accessed every year to determine because it is a fluid fee.

Mr. Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Resident, asked Mr. Modricker what the column means for ALL within Table 1. Mr. Modricker explained that the credit pertains to all non-residential property. Mr. Keough asked where the farms would be on the table. Mr. Modricker noted that there is an agricultural exemption, but it is not written in the credit manual. Mr. Keough asked if the ALL category includes an opportunity for agricultural properties to be eligible for credits. Mr. Modricker stated that it would.

Ms. Nancy Krouse, asked a question regarding the HOA and if the individual unit owner would apply for each credit or would the credit go against the HOA. Mr. Modricker stated that they want to address HOA's in a flexible manner.

Ms. Higgins asked about the credits and the overall affect on the stormwater fee program relating to the budget. Mr. Pribulka noted that the credits and exemptions would be transferred from the General Fund to supplement any loss revenue.

Mr. Bill Keough, asked if a person has to apply for a credit or an exemption annually. Mr. Pribulka stated yes, they need to apply each year. Mr. Keough inquired about notifications to reapply for credits and exemptions. Mr. Pribulka stated that the Township will be proactive with annual reminders.

Mr. Fred Growl stated that the Township is burdening the general population with all of the accumulative efforts.

Board Discussion

Mr. Miller commented on questions regarding the General Fund that was brought up at tonight's meeting. Mr. Miller noted that he believes that the items moved from the General Fund into the Stormwater Fund will more than offset the exemptions and credits. Mr. Miller asked for clarification with the agricultural exemptions/credits. Mr. Pribulka will rework the language for better clarity.

Ms. Strickland received questions regarding credits for existing versus new construction. Mr. Modricker noted that the distinction is that whatever and wherever the stormwater feature was built, that they comply with the ordinance at that time. Newer basins will be eligible for more credits.

Ms. Strickland asked for clarification under Section 7 – Exemptions with the language and should similar language be included under the credits. Mr. Pribulka will add clarifying language to the ordinance and the resolution.

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **continue** the public hearing on February 16, 2021. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Public Hearing – Agricultural Properties Partial Exemption Resolution

Mr. Pribulka introduced the resolution and noted that the policy is to provide a partial exemption to certain agricultural properties from the Ferguson Township Stormwater Management Utility Fee. The draft resolution limits the maximum fee assessed to Agricultural Properties to twice the median value of the assessment charged to all properties in the Township. For the purposes of the proposed ordinance, this would limit that exposure to two (2) Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) for properties that meet the definition of Agricultural Use under Pennsylvania’s “Clean and Green” statute. It is notable that residential dwelling units situated on Agricultural Properties would be assessed one additional ERU per each residential dwelling unit and would not be restricted by the limit set by this policy.

Public Hearing - No Comments were made.

Board Discussion - No Comments were made.

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **continue** the public hearing on February 16, 2021. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Public Hearing – Economic Hardship Exemption Resolution

Mr. Pribulka introduced the resolution and noted that provided with the agenda is a copy of a resolution advertised for public hearing establishing a policy to provide an economic hardship exemption from the Ferguson Township Stormwater Management Utility Fee to qualified property owners. The draft policy provides a full exemption to individuals and families earning less than or equal to two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty line annually, and a fifty percent (50%) exemption to individuals and families earning between two hundred percent (200%) and two hundred and fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty line annually.

Public Hearing

Mr. Jeremie Thompson, Ferguson Township Resident, felt it leaves out residents that rent because a property manager could impose a rent increase or a new fee. Mr. Thompson inquired about credits received by a property manager and the insurability that the savings is passed to the tenant. Also, Mr. Thompson stated that low income, minorities, and fix income residents will be most impacted by the fee. Mr. Pribulka noted that there is no mechanism in place to track if a property manager is passing the savings.

Mr. Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Resident, asked what 200% represents. Mr. Pribulka noted that it depends on family size and the federal poverty levels are set by the Department of Health and Human Services. For a family of four, 200% is \$52,400, at 250% for a family of four is \$65,500, 200% for a family of two would be \$34,480, and 250% for a family of two would be \$43,100. Mr. Keough expressed concerns for retirees and Ferguson Township has a large poll of retirees on fixed incomes. Mr. Pribulka noted that resolution is presented to include adjusted gross income and would include income that is not necessarily earned income.

Mr. Steve Balkey, Ferguson Township Resident, asked if the current income tax of the Township does or doesn't include the unearned income on a 1040. Mr. Pribulka stated that it doesn't include.

Board Discussion

Mr. Steve Miller commented that the resolution is not intended as an exemption for retirees but rather an exemption for a certain income level. Ms. Dininni concurred with Mr. Miller.

Mr. Art Reid asked in the chat box if the Township is using the fee to avoid saying tax. Mr. Pribulka noted it is an exemption and not as a basis for a fee.

Ms. Dininni responded to Mr. Thompson's comments and shares her concerns with low income earners. Ms. Dininni stated that Ferguson Township has the lowest property tax in the region and hopes that landlords are passing down any savings to their tenants.

Mr. Mitra also shares his concern with low income earners and noted rent is dependent on the market.

Ms. Strickland thanked Mr. Thompson and Ms. Holiday for their comments and suspects they will more than likely have an increase in rent.

Mr. Mitra moved that the Board of Supervisors **continue** the public hearing on February 16, 2021. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Public Hearing – Non-Profit Organization Exemption Resolution

Mr. Pribulka noted that this is a relatively new policy. The resolution is provided with the agenda and there is a copy of a resolution advertised for public hearing establishing a policy to provide a hardship exemption from the Ferguson Township Stormwater Management Utility Fee to certain eligible non-profit organizations. The policy requires applicants to demonstrate that the annual fee imposed to a property owned by the applicant organization to equal or exceed one percent (1%) of the organization's annual revenue. This can be demonstrated by the provision of the most current audited annual financial statements of the applicant organization. Mr. Pribulka stated that there needs to be more time spent on the resolution before it can be adopted because there are a few outstanding questions that need to be explored.

Public Hearing

Mr. Darin Barker thanked the Board for the exemptions and asked where the 1% came from. Mr. Pribulka noted that when preparing the draft, he reviewed a number of Hardship Policies related to non-profits mainly in Maryland. Mr. Pribulka noted that the 1% is a range that can provide relief for small non-profits, but not for big non-profits. Mr. Barker proposed to revisit the 1% to the Board.

Mr. Ron Strouse thank the Board for considering an exemption for non-profits. Mr. Strouse suggested adding language regarding 501(c)(13) for non-profit cemeteries to the exemption.

Mr. Bill Keough expressed concerns with daycare centers because they are suffering due to the pandemic.

Mr. William Kenyon, President, HOA, The Landings, noted that the development is almost entirely a retention basin and asked how it will be assessed. Mr. Modricker stated that the impervious area would be assessed.

Ms. Nancy Strouse, Representative, Pine Hall Lutheran Church, thanked the Board for considering an exemption for non-profits because the church is small with mostly an elderly population. Ms. Strouse noted that churches are excluded from filing 990's with the IRS.

Board Discussion

Mr. Miller commented that more work needs to be done on the resolution and pointed out that the non-profit exemption is different than the agricultural exemption. The agricultural exemption was based on the fact the property doesn't create stormwater the same way other properties do. Mr. Miller noted that the non-profit exemption is based on hardships and is not intended for every non-profit and suggested having a sliding scale beyond the 1%.

Mr. Mitra is in favor of small non-profit's for hardship exemption.

Ms. Strickland stated that she doesn't want to table the exemption indefinitely and asked if it could be included on an agenda in March. Mr. Miller suggested closing the Public Hearing, have continued discussion, and then advertise another Public Hearing. Mr. Pribulka concurred with Mr. Miller.

Ms. Dininni asked Board members for their specific suggestions so that Mr. Pribulka can do research.

Ms. Strickland suggested double checking the language around documentation that non-profits need to provide; a sliding scale; and making sure that all non-profits are inclusive.

Ms. Dininni suggested a \$1 million cap.

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **close** the public hearing. Mr. Mitra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Public Hearing – Fund Balance Limit Resolution

Mr. Pribulka introduced the resolution and noted that provided with the agenda is a copy of a resolution advertised for public hearing establishing a maximum fund balance permitted to accrue in Fund 20, Stormwater of the Township's Annual Operating Budget. The resolution limits fund balance to no more than thirty percent (30%) of budgeted expenditures in a fiscal year. Should the fund balance be projected to exceed the maximum allowable percentage of budgeted expenditures, the Board of Supervisors may reduce the rate per Equivalent Residential Unit by an amount that would offset the additional fund balance, or authorize one-time expenditure(s) to reduce the fund balance to a permitted level. Mr. Pribulka noted that it will be unlikely that the fund balance will accrue to the degree listed.

Public Hearing - No Comments were made.

Board Discussion - No Comments were made.

Mr. Mitra moved that the Board of Supervisors **continue** the public hearing on February 16, 2021. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. THE COTTAGES POST-FINAL PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT

Ms. Wargo presented the amendment that was provided in the agenda. State College Apartments, LLC has submitted a request for amendments to their approved Final PRD Plan to include

modifications to the landscaping plan. Trees were relocated from the top of the retaining wall to the bottom of the retaining wall adjacent to Swale 16 and behind Units 43 & 44. An updated Stormwater calculation and maintenance plan were requested by staff. Township Staff and consultants have reviewed the requested modifications and is recommending approval pending outstanding grading comments from Scott Brown, NTM Engineering.

Per §27-407, Planned Residential Development, 8. Post Final, the procedure to amend a Final PRD Plan after it has been approved is to request approval from the Board of Supervisors. Provided with the agenda is Sheet 14 highlighting the requested modifications. Ms. Wargo reviewed photos that were taken.

Ms. Dininni asked if the Board is obligated to pass the amendment. Ms. Wargo noted that if it isn't passed, the landscaper would have to remove the trees and replant them on top of the wall that was reviewed in the photos.

Mr. John Stepp, PennTerra Engineering, noted that the trees will fair better at the bottom of the retaining wall. Mr. Stepp stated that the landscaping company planted the trees without their knowledge and that is why they applied for an amendment.

Ms. Strickland moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the post-final amendment to The Cottages at State College Planned Residential Development subject to compliance with all outstanding staff comments. Mr. Mitra seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1. Please note that Mr. Miller was not in attendance for the discussion.

3. CONTINUED DISCUSSION – WHITEHALL ROAD REGIONAL PARK

Mr. Miller noted that COG Finance Committee held a special meeting and has recommended increasing the loan amount to cover Phase I, including restrooms, by extending the payback period of the loan.

Ms. Dininni stated that she expected refinancing of the extra funds to cover the restrooms.

Mr. Miller told the COG Finance Committee that he didn't believe that Ferguson Township would vote to approve. Mr. Miller noted that he can recommend to either refinance the amount that is outstanding at a lower rate or refinance at a rate that brings in the \$300,000 that keeps the payments the same. Mr. Miller stated he would not accept an extra \$1 million in principle.

Ms. Strickland reiterated that the master plan should be revisited and stated that she would not approve to continue investing money into the project.

Ms. Stephens concurred with Ms. Dininni and Ms. Strickland.

Mr. Mitra stated that he would be in favor of refinancing to lower the payment and asked what would the \$300,000 get the Township in return. Ms. Dininni noted that the base bid is underfunded by \$700,000 to \$800,000 and that the \$300,000 would be going toward the underfunding.

Mr. Bill Keough asked what it would mean if the master plan were to be redone. Also, Mr. Keough noted that there has been a lot of money raised in grants and would lose if the master plan were revised. Ms. Dininni noted that revisiting the master plan may not start from scratch, but rather having a discussion at General Forum to find out what the municipalities are willing to commit to and then modify the existing plan to match the needs.

4. CONTINUED DISCUSSION – RECREATIONAL FIRE/OPEN BURN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Chief Albright noted that provided with the agenda is the draft language. Chief Albright stated that Counsel needs to review the fireworks section and will add comments that the Board may have.

Chief Albright noted that the amendment might be added to the COG's Building, Safety, and Property Maintenance Code that might be updated.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Donation Request – FT Senior Citizens Group
- b. Juniata Watershed Management Plan Update
- c. Treasurer's Report – November 2020 for acceptance
- d. Treasurer's Report – December 2020 for acceptance
- e. Voucher Report – December 2020
- f. Contract 2020-C4, Pay App #7, Suburban Park Permits: \$17,130.44

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Consent Agenda. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee – Ms. Dininni reported that everything was discussed at the General Forum
- b. Climate Action & Adaptation TAG – The report is included in the agenda. Ms. Dininni noted that this group is focused on outreach and not focused on steps that the COG can make to become more climate friendly. Mr. Pribulka will relay Ms. Dininni's comment to COG.
- c. Finance Committee – The report is included in the agenda.

2. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Spring Creek Watershed Commission - The report is included in the agenda.

3. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Manager's Report – Mr. Pribulka noted that the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Board held its Reorganizational Meeting on January 21st. Matthew Heller was reelected Chairman and Paul Tomkiel was reelected as Vice Chairman. A subcommittee of the Board met on January 28th to review action steps in the plan and begin to categorize and prioritize them for implementation. Mr. Pribulka noted that the meeting was very productive. The Schlow Centre Region Library Executive Director initial interviews have concluded.
- b. Public Works Director – Mr. Modricker noted that a comprehensive list of projects is included in the packet.
- c. Planning and Zoning Director – Ms. Wargo noted that the report is included in the agenda and the subdivision was withdrawn. Staff was given noticed to relitigate the Harner site due to arsenic being found in the soil.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Strickland received communications regarding a cap that might be imposed by Comcast. Also, Ms. Strickland has had many complaints regarding the online signup for the COVID-19 vaccine.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Stephens motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Pribulka, Township Manager
For the Board of Supervisors

Date approved by the Board: 02-16-2021