

The stated monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Lower Moreland Township was conducted on the above date in the Township Building. The meeting was also streamed via Zoom.

President Sirken called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Kuritz, Hausen, Canale, and Pace; Secretary/Manager Hoffman, Public Works Director Woerner, Police Chief Scirrotto, Fire Marshal Scholly, Finance Assistant Simmons, and four citizens. Commissioner Odhner and one citizen joined via Zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes** All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of the minutes of July 11, 2023. There were no questions or comments and on motion and second by Commissioners Sirken and Kuritz, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes for the month of July 2023.

**Bill List** All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of the August Bill List in the amount of \$1,420,470.74. There were no additional questions or comments and on motion and second by Commissioners Sirken and Pace, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the Bill List for the month of August 2023.

**Administration Report** All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of a memorandum from the Township Manager, dated 7-26-23 and a memorandum from the Assistant Township Manager.

Manager Hoffman reported that the Township's consulting team met with an environmental consultant for the BRC Landfill project last week. Additionally, the steering committee for the Chief of Emergency Services position will coordinate stakeholder feedback to try to reach a consensus on a selected candidate soon. The owner of Dave's Backyard Farms reached out about possibly utilizing a portion of the Township's library property for an orchard. Lastly, he notified the Board he has started preparing for changes within the Code office in preparation for the future retirement of Code Enforcement Officer Schadegg.

**Tax Collector's Report** All Commissioners, the Solicitor, and Engineer received a copy of the Tax Collector's Report for the month ending July 31, 2023. There were no questions or comments.

**Liaison Report** Commissioner Sirken reported that School District meetings will be starting soon, and the civil service commission did not meet in July.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Extension of Review Period – Capponi/2367 Pine Road #23-01** All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of a letter from the applicant's engineer, dated 7-27-23.

Commissioner Kuritz stated that the Township received a letter from Chuck Franz, PE on behalf of the applicant John Capponi. The applicant is granting the Township an extension of review through

October 10, 2023. There were no questions from the Board or public and the extension was accepted as submitted.

**Building Official's Report** All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of the Building Official's Report for the month of July 2023. Commissioner Kuritz reported on the Code/Building department's activities.

**Liaison Report** Commissioner Kuritz reported that there is no July Planning Commission meeting, highlighted upcoming community events and reported on the School District's DEI committee.

#### PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**Liaison Report** Commissioner Hausen had nothing to report.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**Historical Architectural Review Board Appointment** All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of a memorandum from the Township Manager, dated 8-3-23 and a proposed resolution.

Commissioner Pace reported that Fausto Rey submitted a letter of interest to serve as a member of the Historical Architectural Review Board. There were no questions from the Board or public. On motion and second by Commissioners Canale and Pace, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolution:

#### Resolution No. 23-17

A resolution appointing Fausto Rey to the Historical Architectural Review Board commencing August 9, 2023, and ending August 8, 2027.

A complete copy of this resolution is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

**Public Works Department Report** All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of the Public Works Department monthly report.

Public Works Director Woener reported that the old pickleball courts at Lower Moreland Park are almost complete to operate as a tennis court. The basketball court at Elkins Field is almost finished and the pickleball courts at the Public Works facility are being built. Road paving has started and is set to be completed by the start of the school year. Manager Hoffman then provided information on the increasing cost of police vehicles. In consultation with Lieutenant Smith and Fleet Coordinator Martin, the police patrol fleet is going to require two vehicles in 2024. Manager Hoffman advised it was possible to order current model year vehicles prior to the cost increase and recommended the Board proceed now. The cost would still be incurred in the 2024 budget year. Commissioner Hausen asked if

it would be a lease-purchase. Manager Hoffman advised the lease-purchase model is not used for patrol vehicles. Commissioner Pace asked if there was a difference between the 2023 and 2024 models.

**Liaison Report** Commissioner Pace had nothing to report for the HARB.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**Police and Fire Marshal Reports** All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of the police report for the month of July 2023 and the Fire Marshal's report for the month of July 2023.

Chief Scirrotto reported that there has been an increase in burglaries and advised residents to take extra precautions. The LMPD had a great time at Abington Township's Pre-National Night Out and thanked everyone who stopped by to see their display. Manager Hoffman added that they are pursuing replacing the backup K9 vehicle, following damage from a fallen tree branch. It is possible a vehicle can be acquired for close to the repair cost of the old vehicle.

Fire Marshal Scholly reported that HVFC trained at the vacant structures on the Philmont Country Club property prior to them being demolished. Along with Code Enforcement Officer Schadegg and Building Inspector Pilch, he inspected the old Oh Bryon's Pub on Pine Road after nonpermitted interior demolition. He also advised he is hoping to schedule a demonstration for the County's emergency management drone in Lower Moreland after its use in the recent train fire in Whitemarsh Township.

**Liaison Report** Commissioner Canale provided monthly updates for HVAA and the Huntingdon Valley Library.

#### ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

**Zoning Hearing Board Agenda & Decisions** Commissioner Odhner announced the applications to be heard at the July Zoning Hearing Board meeting and the decisions rendered at the July hearing.

**Liaison Report** Commissioner Odhner reported on updates at the Pennypack Trust.

**Adjournment** There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment was in order at 7:34 PM.

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Christopher R. Hoffman, Secretary