

Thornbury Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2023

The December meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was held on December 19, 2023, at 6:15 PM in the Thornbury Township Building located at 800 E Street Road, West Chester PA, 19382. A public notice was published in the Daily Local News on January 5, 2023.

The agenda was posted on the Township website and at the Township building on December 15, 2023. Copies of the agenda were available for attendees.

Board members present:

Bob Wiggins
Michael Gallagher
Jim Benoit
Eric Burling
Joe Lisa via telephone

Board members absent:

Staff/Professionals present:

Township Manager Judy Lizza
Township Secretary, Teresa DeStefano
Township Solicitor, Kathy Labrum via telephone

3 guests were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by Jim Benoit. The pledge of allegiance was led by Jim Benoit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Benoit motioned to approve the November 14, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting minutes and the December 5, 2023, Work Session Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Judy Lizza presented the Manager's report; a copy is on file. Judy noted that all commission members, whose terms expire December 31, 2023, would like to be reappointed. There will be one vacancy on the Park and Recreation Commission.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

1. *Resolution 2023-16 Thornbury Township Fire Services Agreement*

Jim Benoit motioned to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement for Fire Services with the West Chest Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2. *Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal Services proposal from the Cohen Law Group*

Jim Benoit motioned to approve the Cohen Law Group to enter into negotiations with Verizon Cable as part of the multi-municipal proposal dated November 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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3. *Park and Recreation submittal of Goose Creek Park 5-year management plan*

Jim Benoit would like to thank the Park and Recreation Committee and specifically Ron Miller for all his hard work for the Township. Jim Benoit moved to accept the proposal as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion carried.

4. Resolution 2023-17 Adoption of the 2024 Budget

Jim Benoit motioned to approve the 2024 Budget in the amount of \$1,931.119.28, there is no real estate tax increase. The motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion carried.

5. Appointment as Police Commissioner for 2024

Mike Gallagher moved to appoint Jim Benoit as the Police Commissioner for 2024. The motion was seconded by Bob Wiggins. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Appointment of Township Manager (Judy Lizza) and Fire Marshal (Dave Smiley) to the West Chester Fire Committee

Jim Benoit moved to appoint Judy Lizza and Dave Smiley to the West Chester Fire Committee. The motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Motion to Extend Road Maintenance contract to Neff Construction for 2024

Jim Benoit moved to approve the extension of the Road Maintenance contract with Neff Construction expiring December 31, 2023. This contract expires December 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Motion to Extend Park Maintenance contract to T. S. Morris for 2024

Jim Benoit moved to approve the extension of the Park Maintenance contract with TS Morris LLC expiring December 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST

Jim Benoit presented the approval of the bill list for December in the amount of \$103,823.49 including:

- WEGO \$54,399.58
- PIRMA \$17,600.00
- Neff Construction \$11,520.00 (2months)

Jim Benoit motioned to approve the bill list for December. The motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dianna Stone, 107 Lydia Lane West Chester, PA 19382 wanted to express his concern for the WEGO contract.

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Nick Benoit, 405 Fox Meadow Lane, PA 19382 wanted to express his concerns about the WEGO contract.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: Jim Benoit made a motion to adjourn. Michael Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Benoit announced that there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting to discuss the WEGO contract.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Lizza
Township Manager