



Board of Supervisors Minutes

March 2, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. | Hybrid Meeting Via 801 Burrows Run Road & Zoom

Present: Dr. Richard L. Leff, Chairman; Scudder G. Stevens, Vice Chair; Geoffrey Gamble, Esq., Supervisor; Eden R. Ratliff, Township Manager; Amy Heinrich, Finance & HR Director; Diane Hicks, Planning & Zoning Director; Matt Gordon, Chief of Police; Dave Sander, Solicitor

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Kennett Township Police Department Awards Ceremony

Ratliff announced that the Board of Supervisors amended the agenda earlier today to remove item 7. E., as KACS has rescinded their grant application.

4. Township Investigation and Resolution Update

There were no updates to provide.

5. Executive Session Announcements

There were no Executive Sessions to announce.

6. Meeting Minutes

a. December 28, 2021

www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5202

Motion to adopt the December 28, 2021 Board of Supervisor meeting minutes was made by Stevens. Leff seconded. Motion passed 2-0 with Gamble abstained due to his not being on the Board at that time.

b. January 3, 2022

www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5203

Motion to adopt the January 3, 2022 Board of Supervisor meeting minutes was made by Gamble. Leff seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

7. Business Items

a. Consider March 2, 2022 Bill Voucher

www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5201

Motion to approve the March 2, 2022 Bill Voucher in the amount of \$457,005.49 was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.

b. Consider Development and Advertising of Text Amendment and Design Guideline Ordinance

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Motion to authorize the advertisement of a commercial zoning text amendment and a traditional neighborhood design (TND) standards text amendment as recommended by the Planning Commission was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.

c. Consider Eagle Energy Systems Agreement

Motion to approve the Indemnification, Hold Harmless, And Defend Agreement between Eagle Energy Systems, Ltd. and Kennett Township as prepared by the Township Solicitor and presented to the Board was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion withdrawn by Gamble due to the language that does not allow for adjustments to be made to the agreement.

Ratliff explained how he was asked earlier by the Board if there could be financial security added to this agreement. The other parties already signed the agreement as presented so there would need to be further

conversations with them to make that change. Matthew McKeon of MacElree Harvey, representing Cypress Street Holdings, LLC, spoke on behalf of his clients and Neil Land of Brutscher Foley Milliner/Land, representing Eagle Energy Systems presented on behalf of his client. Ratliff said this would be reconsidered at the next meeting once the financial security element has been developed between counsel and encouraged all parties to work together in the meantime. Joe Noland, CEO of Eagle Energy Systems also spoke on behalf of Eagle.

d. Consider Resolution 2022-7 – TCDI Grant

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5206)

Motion adopt Resolution 2022-7, supporting the multi-municipal request for a Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) as recommended by the Trails and Sidewalks Committee (TSC) was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.

e. Consider Resolution 2022-18 – KACS Grant

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5207)

There was no motion per Ratliff's earlier comment that KACS withdrew their request for this grant application.

f. Consider Request to Form Digital Communication Committee

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5204)

Motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to work with the Township Manager to draft an ordinance for a Kennett Township Digital Communications Committee, which will be reviewed, discussed, and voted on at a future Board of Supervisors meeting was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.

This presentation begins at 1:20:36 in the recording. Stevens addressed a resident email that questioned this committee and how it differs from the one created in 2014 or 2015. He explained that the one task assigned to the committee was completed and nothing else was asked of them so that committee slowly went moribund. Additionally, he has asked the staff to dig out the resolution of the earlier committee so that they could compare that with what is being proposed here.

8. Public Comment

Gamble commented on the current war in Ukraine. Diane McGovern, on behalf of the Historical Commission, is expecting to have something to share with the Board at the April 6th meeting regarding a formal proposal about what it would cost a consultant would charge to stabilize the buildings at Spar Hill.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eden R. Ratliff
Township Secretary