



Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Hybrid Meeting Via 801 Burrows Run Road & Zoom

June 15, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Richard L. Leff (via Zoom), 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. Embezzlement Recovery Update

There were no updates to provide.

4. Executive Session Announcements

The Board of Supervisors met on June 2, 2022 to discuss a matter of litigation

5. Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Update – John Haedrich

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5699)

You can watch the presentation and discussion that followed here: <https://jimp.sh/sOG4b8R> beginning at 2:09.

6. Meeting Minutes

a. June 1, 2022

(<https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5685>)

Motion to adopt the June 1, 2022 Board of Supervisor meeting minutes was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.

7. Business Items

a. Consider June 15, 2022 Bill Voucher

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5686)

Motion to approve the June 15, 2022 Bill Voucher in the amount of \$439,269.69 and to approve total transfers in the amount of \$1,929.06 was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.

b. Consider Mushroom Festival Sponsorship

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5687)

Motion to become a Shiitake Sponsor of the 2022 Mushroom Festival for a total donation of \$2,500 as budgeted in the 2022 Kennett Township Budget was made by Leff and seconded by Stevens. Motion passed 3-0.

Gamble explained how he has a problem with the Township supporting things which do not recognize the Township. He said if our name and seal would be part of this, he could support it. Ratliff confirmed the presence of the Township's seal per the Shiitake Sponsorship level.

c. Consider Mondo Media Change Order

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5688)

Motion to ratify the Change Order from Mondo Media Solutions in the amount of \$610.51 was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.

Heinrich explained why this was before the Board, that this is an internal control the Township follows for these types of items.

d. Ratify Authorization to File Appeal from Decision of Office of Open Records

Motion to ratify the authorization given to the Township Solicitor to file an appeal to the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County from a final determination of the Office of Open Records in a Right-to-Know matter was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment: Richard Gaw, Chester County Press asked for specifics of the Right to Know request.

8. Department Head Reports **These were presented in a different order than appeared on the agenda.*

a. Eden Ratliff – Administration

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5689)

d. PJ Groff – Public Works (presented by Eden Ratliff)

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5692)

Discussion of responsibility of dead deer on the roadway was held between the Supervisors and Police Chief.

e. Matt Gordon – Kennett Township Police Department

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5693)

b. Amy Heinrich – Finance & HR

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5690)

c. Diane Hicks – Planning & Zoning

(www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5691)

9. Public Comment

Peter Doehring commented on and asked questions about the Bill Voucher as it related to the Township's Public Relations Consultants. Marie Boyd asked several questions about the Ashford sewer system, which were discussed by Ratliff, Heinrich, and Stevens. Peter Doehring also commented about the ethics complaint he submitted as it related to the Township Public Relations firm.

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eden R. Ratliff
Township Secretary