

**LIMERICK TOWNSHIP - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, in the Public Meeting Room of the Limerick Township Municipal Building, located at 646 W. Ridge Pike, with Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr., Chairman, presiding. This meeting was advertised in The Mercury on January 5, 2023.

Members Present: Supervisors Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr., Kara Shuler, Linda Irwin, Michael J. McCloskey, III and Patrick M. Morroney.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: John J. Iannozzi, Esq., Township Solicitor; Theodore Dmytryk, P.E.; Daniel K. Kerr, Township Manager; Beth F. DiPrete, Assistant Township Manager; Timothy A. Haas, Director of Administration; Robert Matalavage, Chief of Police.

Call to Order: Mr. Sperring called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sperring announced that the meeting is being recorded and live-streamed. He continued by stating the Board met prior to the meeting for matters regarding legal and personnel and read the following announcements:

Opening Comments/Announcements

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POLICE

- Certificate of Appreciation - Chief Matalavage presented Louise Tulio (affectionately known to the department as “Weezy”) with a Certificate of Appreciation. The Chief thanked Louise for all of her efforts put into fundraising for local charities on behalf of the Police Department and Police Association.
- Commendation to Carley Parker - Chief Matalavage also presented Officer Parker with a Commendation highlighting her fundraising efforts as well as her creativity enhancing the department’s public image.

Together, Officer Parker and Louise promote the Police Department’s Public Relations’ Mission.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 9/5/23

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Ms. Irwin, to approve the Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Board of Supervisors’ meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Mr. Kerr read two emailed comments into the record from Kristen Kehler Lewis and Catherine Harper. Ms. Lewis and Ms. Harper are requesting that the Hood Mansion be saved. They each have family ties and believe it has historical value.

Bills List: #16, 9/2/23 through 9/15/23, \$956,963.13.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Mr. McCloskey, to approve Bills List #14 in the amount of \$655,696.20. Motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS: AUGUST

Treasurer’s Office
 Emergency Services Department
 Code Services Department
 Public Works Department
 Police Department
 Parks & Recreation Department

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Mr. Morroney, to accept the monthly reports for August, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING #1

CU #22 – 08 Piazza Realty Co., Inc. – 3373 Ridge Pike

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21, 2023. There were no comments from the Board or the public. He concluded the Public Hearing and moved back into the Public Meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Mr. McCloskey, to continue the hearing until November 21, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING #2

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Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Ms. Irwin, to continue the hearing until November 21, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Development Projects:

Name/File No.: 544 Limerick Center Road (#21-02)
Location: 544 Limerick Center Road
Review Phase: Preliminary Plan Resolution
Expiration Date: 11/8/2023

Motion was made by Ms. Irwin, and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve the Preliminary Plan Resolution for the 544 Limerick Center Road SLD project (#21-02). Motion passed 4-1, Mr. Morroney opposing.

Name/File No.: Limerick Commerce Center (#23-05)
Location: Possum Hollow Road
Review Phase: Preliminary Plan Resolution
Expiration Date: 10/9/2023

Ed Campbell, the attorney for the developer, was present. Mr. Iannozzi read the resolution's conditions into the record and Mr. Campbell stated his client agrees with all conditions, including the two relating to the Hood Mansion. Mr. Iannozzi offered a further review of the conditions with the first requiring the applicant to comply with all local, state, and federal regulations regarding the potential bodies buried on the sight. Second was to allow the Limerick Historical Society access to site prior to demolition with reasonable terms and conditions so they may take any relevant artifacts for memorialization. No structures may be destroyed or demolished for at least 120 days from the resolution's adoption. Mr. Campbell again reiterated his clients agreement and asked for a contact so he could reach out.

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Ally Sasek (499 Limerick Center Rd) stated that she is the Vice President of the Historical Society. She asked that the main contact be with the Eastern Preservation Society for anything that may be found on the property. She stated the Historical Society could also host anything found.

Tyler Schumacher, President of the Eastern Preservation Society – stressed the importance of the Hood Mansion and asked that a subdivision of the property be considered to remove the mansion.

The resolution will be amended to state the Historical Society or their designee.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler, and seconded by Ms. Irwin, to approve the Preliminary Plan Resolution for the Limerick Commerce Center SLD project (#23-05). Motion passed unanimously.

Name/File No.: Chick-fil-A Remodel (#23-07)
 Location: 70 Buckwalter Road
 Review Phase: Preliminary/Final Plan Discussion
 Expiration Date: 1/5/2024

The applicant's attorney, Julia Haan, and engineer, Chris Riggle, were present to discuss the revisions to the Chic-Fil-A. Revisions include a second drive-through, a building addition and changes to parking. Ms. Shuler asked about the safety of pedestrians with the new lanes. Mr. Riggle stated the drive-through lanes would be well marked and pedestrian access has been changed. Ms. Irwin asked them to review the waivers. A discussion ensued for the waiver regarding the size of the parking spots. The Board was not in favor and requested a revised parking plan to be brought back to the Board for its review at the next meeting.

Extension:

Sanatoga Springs Lot 1 Phase 2 (#22-01): Extended to 12/31/24

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Ms. Irwin to accept the development time review extensions. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – 2023 Budget Amendment

Ms. DiPrete reviewed a budget update memo with all the line item changes in each fund. She stated that this budget amendment is used as year-end projections for the 2024 budget. She presented a summary of changes to the general fund and summarized the effect of these changes on the general fund deficit. The general fund began with a \$2 million deficit to be funded by a transfer from Capital Reserves and General Fund cash. At this point, the cash is not required and the transfer from Capital Reserves has been reduced by about \$600,000. There were no questions from the Board.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. Morroney to approve Resolution 2023-18, adopting the 2023 budget amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

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Approval – Staffing Consultant Appointment

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. Morroney to appoint Roseann McGrath as a consultant for administrative personnel searches at a rate of \$125 per hour not to exceed \$5000. Motion passed unanimously.

Award Bid – 10th Ave. & Main St. Audible Signal

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Ms. Irwin to award the 10th Avenue and Main Street bid for pedestrian signals and audible push button devices to Armour and Sons Electric in the amount of \$36,838.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Ms. Irwin to award the secondary contract for ADA curb ramps to Ply-Mar Construction in the amount of \$9,500. Motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Kerr commended Dawn Householder for the great job on the Girls Scout sleepover in the park that was featured in The Sanatoga Post. There were 109 participants. Donations were received by Diamond Credit Union, Ambler Savings Bank, 1st Colonial Community Bank, and Altera Orthodontics. He also thanked Fire Marshal Shaun Semmeles and Director of Codes, Jim Lucas who were on site to oversee the fire pits. He also thanked the police for their patrols and the private security firm who donated their time. The event was so well received that the Township can expect to do it again next year.
2. Update on the Lewis Road Sidewalk Project – all of our work in the right-of-way was completed to comply with PennDOT's schedule. They were supposed to start milling on Sunday, but that did not happen, and we have not heard from PennDOT.
3. The next Board meeting we will begin the Township's 2024 budget talks. A big concern is the sustainability of the fire and EMS organizations. EMS organizations are struggling here and across the country. The State obligates the municipalities to shoulder the financial needs of these organizations, but no funding is offered. Long-term strategies are needed, or these organizations will not be available when needed by residents. The Township is part of a multi-municipal group to fund the ambulance in our area, which allows costs to be spread across those municipalities. Participating in this group is far less expensive than if we had to operate the ambulance alone. Because of our size, we are close to needing two full-time ambulances and the cost of manpower and equipment will be significant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

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SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by Ms. Irwin and seconded by Mr. Morroney to adjourn the meeting at 7:53P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel K. Kerr
Township Manager

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING**

19 SEPTEMBER 2023, 7:00 P.M. – LIMERICK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT AVAILABLE NUMBER & MTG DATE: ORD. 427 RES. 18 10/3/23
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