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NEWTOWN AREA JOINT ZONING COUNCIL

2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA

Monthly Meeting, April 7, 2022

The Newtown Area Joint Zoning Council met on Thursday April 7, 2022 at Wrightstown Township.

Members present were Chester Pogonowski and Jane Magne (**) representing the Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors; Thomas Cino and Tim Thomas representing the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors; John Mack representing the Newtown Township Board of Supervisors; Kathleen Pisaurio representing the Upper Makefield Planning Commission; Joseph Conroy representing the Wrightstown Planning Commission; Jerry Schenkman representing the law firm of Kilkenny Law, this year's Jointure solicitor; and Lisa Wolff and Jeremy Stoff representing The Bucks County Planning Commission. Members designed by (**) participated by Video Conference.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Pogonowski. He announced that the meeting is being recorded for the purposes of writing the minutes. The audio and video feeds would be destroyed after the minutes are written. There is also a new internet address for those who wish access.

The following actions were taken:

- The minutes from the March 3 meeting were approved (with typographical corrections) by majority vote on motion by Magne and second by Pisaurio.
- The treasurer's report was presented by Mack. The April report had an opening balance of \$19,267.04 as of 4/7/22. There were two (2) cleared checks totaling \$2018.33. There were three (3) payments of \$340 to the BCPC, \$627.66 to Kilkenny Law and \$1807.17 to Grim. Final account balance was \$16,492.21. The report was approved on motion by Cino and second by Magne. A copy of the report is **attached**.

Solicitor's Report:

- Schenkman took the lead in reviewing ordinances.
- JMZO 2020-03 – Riding Academy Revisions. Proposed by Upper Makefield. Representatives UMT and WT had met in the previous month. UMT will be submitting another draft for review.
- JMZO-2022-01 – DAS (Distributed Antenna System) – Ordinance has been circulated to the Planning Commissions for review. The Newtown Planning Commission will continue discussion on the ordinance at its April meeting. The Wrightstown Planning and Upper Makefield Commissions have passed the ordinance to the Supervisors who have recommended approval.
- There was a general discussion on the E30 use proposed by Wawa in Newtown. This was an informational review of the current application including signage. Pogonowski mentioned that he had seen a Zillow advertisement for available properties in Newtown which showed a strip of land offered for sale with a suggested Bill Board use. He will share information off line.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station. This was generally proposed by Newtown. Schenkman will be coordinating with the BCPC to identify other ordinances or regulations which might serve to help draft an ordinance. There was a general discussion on this use. It was mentioned that Newtown has a large gasoline tank used by municipality and emergency services. A row of charging stations might be appropriate at the township building if Newtown moves toward electric vehicles. Pogonowski mentioned that alternative use vehicles (electric, propane, LNG) do not pay road use taxes which reduces our Liquid Fuels disbursements. This includes heavy vehicles like trash trucks on our roads.
- Jointure Agreement – This is being reviewed by Schenkman. There was a general discussion about voting and trying to go in a direction of a unanimous vote for an action to move forward.

It is important that the JZC have a widely accepted agreement if any ordinance has a chance to be accepted by Board of Supervisors at their meetings. The general consensus is to have the JPC participate as part of the JZC.

Planner's Report:

- The drafts of the Comprehensive Plan are ready for review and distribution. The Plan includes 200 pages along with 10 high resolution maps. Because of the size of the ordinance, the BCPC will make electronic documents ready for review.
- Members of the JZC will download the Plan and review. At the May meeting, a decision will be made as to moving forward with a formal review.
- It was suggested that we consider a formal presentation of the Plan at the June 2 meeting. Additionally, to invite all PC, supervisors and professionals to attend.

Other Old Business:

- There is still a need to replace our secretary. Pogonowski will write minutes in the interim.
- All three townships have agreed that the JZC can hire a videographer. A motion by Pogonowski and second by Thomas to hire Dave Dutko at \$250/meeting. The motion was approved. It was also agreed that the Videographer would explore the use of YouTube to simulcast the meetings and store the meetings.

New Business:

- None

Off Line Projects

- Jointure History – Pogonowski is not ready to present.

Privilege of the Floor:

- In light of an earlier discussion of a strip of land available for sale along the By-Pass in Newtown, Cino asked if we should move the Digital Billboard ordinance from the Bin List. Maybe we should consider allowing regular Billboards. Wolff and Schenkman will consult on this use.

Public Comment:

- None

The next meeting will be held Thursday May 5, 2022 at 7:30 PM in Wrightstown Township (in person).

There being no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM on motion of Mack and second by Pisauo.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Pogonowski, Chair

JZC Treasurer's Report

7-Apr-22

Current Bal as of 4/4/22 Staetment

\$19,267.04

ACCOUNT ACTIVITY LAST 30 DAYS

Date	Description	Debit	Credit
03-Mar-22	BCPC: Check 2017	\$ 1,400.00	
03-Mar-22	Kilkenney Law: Check 2018	\$ 618.33	
TOTAL		\$ 2,018.33	\$ -

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Check Number	Payee	Check Date	Amount
2019	BCPC	7-Apr-22	\$ 340.00
2020	Kilkenney Law	7-Apr-22	\$ 627.66
2021	Grim, Biehn & Thatcher	7-Apr-22	\$ 1,807.17
TOTAL			\$ 2,774.83

OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS

Deposit Date	Amount
	\$ -

Updated Balance Going Forward

\$16,492.21

OUTSTANDING (UNPAID) INVOICES

INV#	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
			\$ -
TOTAL			\$ -

Prepared by John Mack