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Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023

Town Hall– 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

- Council Members Present: Greg Brewer, Scott Jones, Branden Williams
- Absent: Bryan Burney, Larry Longman
- Employees: Ron Crider, Ryan Crum, Tim Gropp, Mark Witsman
- Clerk-Treasurer: Stephanie Crider
- Town Attorney: Ariel Schoen

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the July 11th meeting minutes as presented. Williams. 3-0

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

- Posted online.

Public Comments for non-agenda items

- Tim McDaniel, resident, had questions regarding solar panels and the position of the panels on the street facing side of the roof. He wanted to know why there is a variance process to get this approved and that the Town should reconsider that process to alleviate staff.
- Mr. Crum explained the Ordinance and the process.
- Mr. Brewer commented on the process and added that this is just an additional step.
- Mr. Jones questioned if there would be a reason why this would be denied.
- Mr. Crum elaborated on more of process.
- Ms. Schoen commented that the placement of the panels would only be if it was financially beneficial to the homeowner.
- Mr. Brewer commented that the standards need to be upheld, Council agreed.

Committee & Staff Reports

- **Finance Committee:** Met with our HR consultant regarding switching from our current time off schedule to PTO.
- **Parks Board:** Did not meet.
- **Redevelopment Commission:** Did not meet.

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- **Vernon Township Fire Committee:** Did not meet. Mr. Brewer commented that the ribbon cutting for the Fire Station is August 18th.
- **Public Works Committee/Commissioner's Report:** Did not meet.
- **Architectural Review Committee:** Beazer Homes had two different product line ups in Colonnade with one being approved and the other was continued. Bridge North had an elevation request for The Preserve at Brookside which was also approved. Fisher Homes had a request for their entire product lineup for Hampton Walk which was continued and there was a custom home submittal for Cardinal Woods which was approved.
- **Plan Commission:** Did not meet.

Consent Agenda

- The consent agenda included the Fiscal Plan Agreement, Public Safety Report, and Colonnade Section 3A plat.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the consent agenda as presented. Williams. 3-0

Old Business

WWTP Truck #10 Replacement

- Mr. Gropp explained the back-and-forth process that had occurred with these quotes. They recommended rescinding the previous quote and accepting the new quote.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to cancel the contract with Tom Wood Ford for the WWTP Truck #10 because they don't have it in stock, and we replace that with the Don Hinds Ford 2023 truck that they do have available. Williams. 3-0

DPW Truck #11

- Motion by Mr. Jones to cancel the contract with Tom Wood Ford for Truck #11 and replace that with the Don Hinds Ford truck that they have in stock, as well. Williams. 3-0
- Mr. Gropp stated that Capital City and Tom Wood did communicate well with the Town but that this is just the nature of purchasing trucks at this time.

New Business

Ordinance Vacating Right-of-Way in McCord Square – First Reading

- Mr. Crum explained the reasoning behind the vacation of the right-of-way for McCord Square and why we are having a first reading.

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- Motion by Mr. Jones to read Ordinance 080823 by title only. Williams. 3-0
- Ordinance 080823 was read by title only by Ms. Schoen.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve Ordinance 080823 on first reading. Williams. 3-0

Ordinance Vacation Partial Utility Easement in McCord Square – First Reading

- Motion by Mr. Jones to read Ordinance 080823A by title only. Williams. 3-0
- Ordinance 080823A was read by title only by Ms. Schoen.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve Ordinance 080823A on first reading. Williams. 3-0

Enclave at Deer Crossing Park Impact Fee Credit Agreement

- Mr. Crum explained the Park Impact Fee Credit Agreement in lieu of constructing the extension trail, connecting neighborhoods.
- Motion by Mr. Williams to approve the Park Impact Fee Credit Agreement. Jones. 3-0

Legal Services RFP Proposal Opening

- Mr. Gropp read proposals into the record. One was received 4 minutes late, by Barnes and Thornburg
 - Bose McKinney & Evans LLP
 - Taft
 - Taylor, Minnette, Schneider and Clutter, P.C.
 - Brand and Morelock Law
 - Barnes and Thornburg LLP
- Mr. Gropp stated that he would send them out for Council review. He recommended that the Council should send comments back directly to him and also recommended having the Finance Committee set up interviews based on feedback.
- Mr. Brewer stated that if there are no objections they will proceed with this process as recommended by Mr. Gropp.

Old School Park RFP Phase 1 Engineering and Project Management

- Mr. Gropp explained the three bids they received, and the recommendation would be the low bid from Veridus.
- Mr. Brewer asked where this would be paid out of, and Mr. Gropp stated that this would be paid out of ARPA Funds.

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- Mr. Williams asked if we needed any discussion and Mr. Brewer stated we had used Veridus in the past as well as A&F Engineering, just not Etica.
- Mr. Brewer stated he would feel comfortable going with Veridus.
- Motion by Mr. Williams to approve the Veridus Group's proposal for phase 1 engineering of Old Town Park not to exceed \$79,150 plus the reimbursable fees to later be reviewed by Council. Jones. 3-0

Park Maintenance Vehicle Quotes & Recommendations

- Mr. Gropp explained that there is a third truck that became available at Don Hinds that could be used by a Park Director in the future as well as DPW.
- Mr. Williams stated that if there is an opportunity to get a truck now, we need to get the truck.
- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the Don Hinds quote for the Park Maintenance vehicle not to exceed \$46,039.25. Williams. 3-0

Assistant Town Manager's Report: Nothing to report.

Town Manager's Report:

- Mr. Gropp stated that the website RFP has been posted.
- There is continued work on the County MOU.
- The 5k and Party in the Park is scheduled for August 19th.
- The Police Station Groundbreaking is getting underway after a few steps to work through and should be scheduled for the end of the month.

Mr. Brewer wanted to thank everyone in the Police Department, Vernon Township Fire Department, and Public Works Department for their hard work and dedication at the Community Night.

Voucher Approval

- Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the vouchers. Williams. 3-0

Adjournment

- Mr. Brewer adjourned the meeting. 7:40 p.m.

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Minutes Approval

These minutes approved this 12th day of September 2023.

Greg Brewer, Council President

Attest: _____
Stephanie Crider, Clerk-Treasurer