

Caln Township Board of Commissioners
253 Municipal Drive Thorndale, PA 19372
January 28, 2021 Minutes
7:34 PM

Attendance – Paul Mullin-President, Jane Kennedy-Vice President, Joshua Young-Commissioner, Lorraine Tindaro-Commissioner, Mark Evans-Commissioner, Kristen Denne-Township Manager/Secretary, Bryan Kulakowsky-Township Engineer, Kristin Camp-Township Solicitor (Absent), and Denise Miller-Assistant Township Secretary.

Commissioner Mullin called the Virtual Zoom meeting to order at 7:34 PM. He then called for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Mullin noted an Executive Session held at 6:30 PM prior to tonight's meeting, regarding legal matters.

Commissioner Mullin noted that he was notified by Historic Commission Chair and Historical Society Member, Dawn Coughlan that Historical Society Member, Lois Demchak passed away on January 26, 2021. He read a note from Ms. Coughlan.

"It is with heavy heart that I share with you all that Lois passed away Tuesday evening. I know you join me in remembering her as an inspiration to all of us. Our unofficial official Historian of Caln Township. Please lift up her family as they navigate through this difficult time".

Commissioner Mullin noted that he has not had the privilege to meet Mrs. Demchak however, he has heard of all her great accomplishments benefitting the Old Caln Historical Society and Caln Historical Commission.

Commissioner Mullin noted that the book "Spanning the Centuries: The History of Caln Township in the American Landscape", Mrs. Demchak along with the many other talented people that helped create the book of Caln's History with the pictures and stories of our past. He noted that her life and her work will live on in Caln Township's History.

Commissioner Mullin called for anyone who would like to share a story or comment about Mrs. Lois Demchak.

Commissioner Tindaro noted that Lois was a great person who was there for anyone. She also noted that she recorded one of the audio visual tapes that the Historical Commission would like to have. She also noted that she will miss her very much.

Commissioner Young noted that he has known Lois for seventeen years. She was a force of nature, a brilliant woman, and a hard worker. She also knew everything about Caln Township's History.

Ms. Denne noted that you were officially a Caln Resident when you received a nod from Lois as well as Joan. Those ladies take so much pride in Caln and in Caln's History, and have given so much of their time and energy to preserving the history of Caln. Ms. Denne also noted that we are a better Township for having someone like Lois.

Commissioner Evans noted that Ms. Coughlan set up a meeting with some of the Members of the Historical Commission and Historical Society for March. Due to COVID-19, it was cancelled so he never met Lois. She lives on in people like Ms. Coughlan who was so close to her.

Commissioner Evans Township Update

I'd like to ask for a moment of silence to honor, and remember those 27 Caln residents who have lost their lives to COVID-19 ("COVID").

Welcome everyone, thank you for joining us. Our meetings are "Neutral Ground", a place to hear and be heard.

I'll repeat something I said last week: We so enjoyed serving you in 2020, and are excited for all the opportunity that lies ahead.

As we continue to work toward making Caln Township a better and happier place for all, a few updates:

- We received a complaint from St. Joseph's School regarding dogs from Lloyd Park entering their recess areas. On one such incident, small children were scared, and the recess volunteer was threatened by the dog's owner. None of this is cool. It is clearly posted at the park that dogs must remain on leash at all times. It's necessary for those who use the dog park to conform with this policy, period.
- Our local businesses have been struggling to survive through this pandemic, please support them any way you can by ordering takeout, safely dining in, or simply leaving a larger tip than you normally would.
- We're trying to schedule our first "Coffee with the Commissioners" virtual Town Hall of 2021 for late February or early March. We'll let you know as soon as we have a date.
- The Caln Township Historical Commission has new leadership! At our meeting on Jan 20, 2021, Dawn Coughlan was unanimously elected Chair. If leadership is exemplified through action, she will be a great leader.
- Spackman Farm Barn Roof – as Bryan Kulakowsky reported last week, we had to revise the specifications in our contract to accommodate a necessary change in materials. We expect to have it back soon, hope it's not sitting in a postal bin along with those things we ordered for the holidays. Weather permitting, work should begin shortly thereafter.
- One of our biggest priorities this year is to complete the township rezoning, with an eye towards creating a real "Vision" and solid identity for Caln. Feel free to offer your suggestions via email.
- People frequently say to me "Man, you need help". And it's true, we all need help! The 19th Century theologian D.L. Moody once said "I'd rather get 10 [people] to do the work, than to do the work of 10 [people]". In other words, trying to do everything by oneself is a futile exhibition of ego and control, and the solution to that is "the more the merrier". Please, we need more volunteers to join our Commissions. If you've been thinking about it, and are unsure of the time commitment involved, just ask. There's no better way to feel good about your township than by being a part of the solution.
- There have been nationwide issues with COVID vaccine distribution, currently Chester County is in stage 1A, which includes health care workers, nursing homes, and individuals with significant co-morbidities. We will keep you posted as more of the population becomes eligible. Can't wait for mine!
- Speaking of COVID, I'm seeing more people out there not wearing masks in public places. I saw 4 today. The brazenness of this disregard for the health of others is beyond disturbing. This is not a game, this is not a political statement, this is life and death. If you won't wear a mask, then you are sending a strong

message – and that message is: you don't care about your neighbor. Here's my message back – don't say you believe in the "Golden Rule" if you're not willing to follow it.

- Between December 10, 2020 and February 14, 2021 Caln nearly doubled our total number of cases, and watched another 9 of our neighbors lose their lives to Covid-19. With the holidays behind us, and that unnecessary surge and subsequent loss of life finally slowing down, our numbers are still concerning - up 11% since two weeks ago. On January 13, 2021 we had 728 cases, we now have 808. We also lost another one of our neighbors to COVID, our death toll now stands at 27.
- Since January 13, 2021 Chester County has added over 1,741 new positives, the only good news is that the County "only" suffered 8 deaths. Caln continues to have the sixth highest number of cases in the entire county, and the sixth highest number of deaths.
- We need to do better – for each other. And we can do better. Yes, there's now a vaccine, but the latest forecast estimates it will be late summer before we reach "herd immunity" through vaccination. Late summer before life can return to some semblance of normal.

Citizens to Be Heard

Commissioner Mullin called for public comment. There were none.

Township Solicitor – Ms. Camp

N/A

Township Engineer – Mr. Kulakowsky

PSA Authorizing ARRO Consulting, Inc. to Compile and Submit the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Status Report – For Board consideration, Mr. Kulakowsky offered Professional Services Agreement ("PSA") number 1220-PC03 to authorize ARRO to compile and submit the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("PADEP") Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Status Report, in the amount of \$55,000, which is the same amount as it was in 2020.

Commissioner Mullin asked Mr. Kulakowsky to explain "Specific Services Excluded" 1. Providing updates or responses to reviewing agencies comments. Mr. Kulakowsky noted that it means that when they provide the report and if PADEP or another agency weighs in to change something, they will address it as a separate scope of work.

Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to approve PSA 1220-PC03, to compile and submit the PADEP Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Status Report. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Commissioner Mullin called for public comment. There were none. Vote passed 5-0.

PSA Authorizing ARRO Consulting, Inc. to Update Caln Township's Pollution Reduction Plan and Submit the Revised PRP to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection – For Board consideration, Mr. Kulakowsky offered a PSA 0121-PC01 to authorize ARRO to update the Caln Township's Pollution Reduction Plan and submit the revised Pollution Reduction Plan ("PRP") to the PADEP, in the amount of \$14,500. Mr. Kulakowsky note that this is the plan that was originally submitted on September 11, 2017 and revised and resubmitted in 2018 as part of the Township's permit cycle, which runs from September 2017 to September 2022. The new permit will be applied for in 2022 for the next permit cycle. The initial PRP plan in 2017 contained a Best Management Practices ("BMP"), which was more commonly known as "Tony's Rain Garden" in the Caln Park West. In 2018, this rain garden was removed and the PRP was refiled doing a stream restoration project on private property. Mr. Kulakowsky noted that this was discussed with Ms. Denne, Mr. Fragale, and his office and they felt that this stream restoration project, while it has merit because of the

credits that you would get, the seven to nine different property owner easements makes it a very expensive project to do a stream restoration. It would also be a bi-annual maintenance cost to the Township. This plan is for ARRO to evaluate and re-insert and use a BMP within Caln Park West. They have discussed potentially using a bio-swale, which is easily maintained and mowed once a year.

Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion authorizing ARRO to update Caln Township's PRP and submit the revised PRP to the PADEP, in the amount of \$14,500. Commissioner Mullin called for Board and public comments. There were none. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Evans. Vote passed 5-0.

PSA Authorizing ARRO Consulting, Inc. to Provide Consulting Engineering Services for the 2021 Road Program Consisting of the Work Necessary to Survey the Fourteen Roads Identified and Prepare the Cost Estimates for Each Road – For Board consideration, Mr. Kulakowsky offered PSA 0121-PT01 to authorize ARRO to provide consulting engineering services for Part 1 of the 2021 Road Program consisting of the work necessary to survey the fourteen roads identified and prepare the cost estimates for each road, in the amount of \$18,084.

Mr. Kulakowsky shared the map that was done as part of the 2018 Cedarville Engineering Capital Permits Plan. ARRO used the map as a basis for the roads so they have an idea of the roads, quadrants, and conditions of the roadways. ARRO met with Ms. Denne and Mr. Fragale earlier this month and identified fourteen roads to be looked at, and to give the Board price quantity estimates for what they think they are going to cost for the potential bid package and putting it out to bid. Mr. Kulakowsky reviewed the roads discussed.

- Loomis Avenue
- Fulton Avenue
- Norton Avenue
- Atkins Avenue
- Broad Street
- Ambrose Avenue
- Seltzer Avenue
- Whissel Avenue
- Watson Avenue
- Hartley Avenue
- Barley Sheaf Road (Lincoln Avenue to G.O. Carlson Blvd)
- James Buchanan Drive
- West Embreeville (Hazelwood Avenue to Embreeville Road)
- East Summit Avenue

Mr. Kulakowsky noted that they will price these roads individually, prepare the map and cost estimates to present them to the Township for consideration with budget concerns to determine which roads they want included in the project.

Mr. Kulakowsky noted that they will not be paving Wayne Avenue because it was just repaved by a water project, and Miller Avenue because it was repaved in 2019.

Commissioner Young asked Mr. Kulakowsky to discuss 17th Avenue and Reed Street being a separate project. Mr. Kulakowsky noted that he met with Ms. Denne regarding moving forward with the design. He also noted that with the two grants the project has to be split, and they worked that out. They are planning on doing the paving in the 2022 Road Program. Commissioner Young asked when the two quadrants are complete will

there be any “red” areas left on the map shown. Mr. Kulakowsky noted that the only one left is Fisherville Road, which is on the other side of the bridge, which is closed.

Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion authorizing ARRO Consulting to provide consulting engineering services for Phase 1 of the 2021 Road Program consisting of the work necessary to survey the fourteen roads identified and prepare the cost estimates for each road, in the amount of \$18,084. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Evans. Commissioner Mullin called for Board and Resident comments.

Tony DiSario of 251 Loomis Avenue asked if the roads will be black topped or will they be stone and chip. Mr. Kulakowsky noted that it will be Asphalt.

Commissioner Young complemented Ms. Denne because one of her goals she had when she came to the Township, was the “Capital Improvement Plan”. The Township came up with a plan, and the Township stuck to it.

Commissioner Mullin noted that he lives in the neighborhood where the roads will be paved however, he had no input in the roads that are being considered. Ms. Denne testified that Mr. Mullin had no input in the roads considered.

Commissioner Mullin called for a vote. Vote passed.

Planning Commission Update – Mr. Kulakowsky noted that they discussed the project at 1541 Fisherville Road. This project is a subdivision for the Diane Hamel Trust (“Trust”). He also noted that the portion in Caln Township is the “access” portion to the parcels.

Mr. Kulakowsky shared the screen of the project to show the acreage and the plan of the parcels. He also noted that the plan is to combine all the parcels, and then split it into three parcels.

Mr. Kulakowsky noted that the Trust could sell the parcel on Fisherville Road to the Brandywine Hospital or Freedom Village, and annex it and use it for their purposes. They received review letters from Caln, East Brandywine, and West Brandywine. Mr. Kulakowsky also noted that there is no development proposed in any of the Townships.

Mr. Kulakowsky noted that the plans will be structured in a way that if they come through to do any development on either lot, they have to comply with the regulations in Caln Township at that time in order to provide access to the property.

Mr. Kulakowsky noted that there may not be a February meeting because they currently do not have any applications before the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Mullin noted that Caln will get all the traffic impacts with the access being in Caln Township. Mr. Kulakowsky noted that they are deed restricted to single family homes, and the most it could ever be is two single family homes.

Mr. Kulakowsky noted that West Brandywine Township is bringing up the issue that the parcel is “land locked” and the records show that it is not however, when you do a survey and provide a title plan, it is “land locked”.

Township Manager – Ms. Denne

Emergency Declaration Extension – For Board consideration, Ms. Denne offered an Emergency Declaration Extension for an additional thirty (30) days.

Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to extend the Emergency Declaration. Moved by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 5-0.

New Finance Director – Ms. Denne noted Lisa Swan has been hired as the new Township Finance Director, and will start on February 1, 2021. Ms. Swan has eleven plus years in Municipality work, and comes from Delaware County.

Ms. Denne recognized the finance office for their work in the absence of a Township Finance Director. Ms. Denne also recognized Jennifer Schwed who has done a great job with the extra work she has taken on in the absence of a Township Finance Director.

Commissioner Mullin noted that Ms. Schwed has been a huge help. He noted that he has asked her for information multiple times and she has always come through. If she did not know it, she found out.

Ms. Denne recognized Ray Stackhouse for graduating from the Pennsylvania Municipal Government Academy. Mr. Stackhouse has multiple positions within the Township.

Commissioner and Tax Collector Compensation – Ms. Denne noted that this position is up for election this year to start a term in 2022 so the compensation has to be established before the ballots are certified. Ms. Denne asked the Board if they would like to change the compensation, and if so it would have to be done before the end of February. There would also have to be a changed to the ordinance, with two reads of that ordinance.

Commissioner Mullin noted that the compensation is currently \$1,200, and proposed \$500 because there is no work involved except that the Tax Collector is required to take a class.

After Board discussion, consensus was to lower the compensation from \$1,200 to \$500. Ms. Denne noted that she will present an ordinance at the February 11, 2021 meeting.

Tax Collector Appointment – Ms. Denne noted that upon the retirement of Barry Beech from the Tax Collector position, the Township needs to appoint someone for his remaining term, ending December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Mullin noted that Mr. William Schew has shown interest in the position. He is also on the Township Planning Commission and the Township Municipal Authority.

For Board consideration, Ms. Denne offered Resolution 2021-04 to appoint William Schew to serve the remainder of the Tax Collector term ending December 31, 2021, due to a vacancy of office.

Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 appointing William Schew to serve the remainder of the Tax Collector term, ending December 31, 2021. Moved by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 5-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions for Consideration

Resolution 2021-03 A Resolution Designating the 2021 Response Territories for Emergency Service in Caln Township – For Board consideration, Ms. Denne offered a resolution designating the 2021 response territories for emergency service in Caln Township.

Commissioner Mullin noted that as the resolution reads, the Township is split between Washington Hose Fire Company ("Washington Hose") of Coatesville, and Minquas Fire Company ("Minquas") from Downingtown. He also noted that he would like to get more information on how Washington Hose's move closer into the Township will affect this.

Commissioner Young noted that Washington Hose moved one ambulance, and created a station in the Giant Shopping Center.

Commissioner Young noted that Minquas has a paramedic on their ambulance, and as far as he knows, Washington Hose does not have a paramedic on their ambulance, which would then require a paramedic to also join the call if you were in cardiac arrest or a similar situation.

Commissioner Young clarified that Minquas responds with a paramedic and Washington Hose responds and a paramedic responds separately.

Commissioner Mullin would like more information on the services they provide, and the division of the ambulance companies.

Ms. Denne noted that the services continue "as is", and the Board could pass this resolution and change it at the next meeting if they wanted to. Ms. Denne also noted the Board can also table passing this resolution until they receive more information.

Commissioner Young noted that this discussion could have several separate meetings. He also noted that his other concern is that residents have already paid \$150-\$160 for the "no charge" ambulance service based on the Township previous resolutions, and if they go to an Automated Vehicle Locator ("AVL") system, he is not sure they will get that "no charge" service. He also noted that the Board should have a special meeting if they want to discuss moving to a AVL system, and invite both ambulance services and explain why or why not to move to that system.

Commissioner Young noted that Tower Health will not honor a membership with a Fire Company.

After Board discussion, consensus was to table the approval of this resolution. Consensus was also to schedule a "special meeting" for a future date at the February 11, 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to table the approval of this resolution. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Commissioner Young voted nae. Vote passed 4-1.

Minutes to Approve/Acknowledge

January 14, 2021 Board of Commissioners Minutes – Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to approve the January 14, 2021 Board of Commissioners Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 5-0.

Acknowledgement of the December 15, 2020 Approved Planning Commission minutes – Commissioner Evans noted that he made a comment regarding the potential development rezoning, which was not in the minutes. He noted that he liked the idea in general however, the Township is in the middle of a complete Township Zoning Update, and he thinks it is inappropriate for anyone to be considering changes until this process is completed. Ms. Denne noted that the minutes cannot be amended once they are approved. Ms. Miller noted that she will put his comments in the Board's minutes.

Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion acknowledging the December 15, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Commissioner Evan abstained from the motion. Vote passed 4-0.

Directors Reports – 2020 Annual Reports

Police Chief Elias – Chief Elias noted a few highlights from their department's 2020 annual report, which was previously provided to the Board.

- Full year crime down 35%
- Part 1 crime, being the most serious crime down 46%
- Part 2 crime down 26%
- Traffic accidents down 31%
- Business checks - 5,000 to almost 25,000
- Bank checks – 1,800 to 3,600
- Park checks – 3,700 to 6,661

Chief Elias noted that in 2020 they budgeted the replacement of two vehicles and did not replace them. He is asking for the purchase of two vehicles in 2021.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if any old vehicles would be traded in. Chief Elias noted that they like to recycle vehicles as much as possible however, one of the vehicles is ten years old and approaching 100,000 miles, and the other is a patrol vehicle, which is close to 100,000 and they are starting to experience a lot of maintenance issues.

Chief Elias noted that one of their vehicles will be decommissioned and go to the Township on the Admin. side to replace the old silver Ford Escape.

Motion Authorizing the Purchase of a 2021 Ford Explorer XLT 4WD for a Total Price of \$36,799.45 – **Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to authorize the purchase of a 2021 Ford Explorer XLT 4WD for a total price of \$36,799.45. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Young.**

Mark DeYoung of 20 Beaver Run Road thanked Chief Elias for tripling his business to the banks. He asked the Chief to describe Part 1 and Part 2 crimes. Chief Elias noted that Part 1 includes more serious crimes such as robbery, assault, burglary, and theft. Part 2 crimes are fraud, vandalism, DUI, or drugs. Chief Elias also noted that there are hundreds more different type of crimes.

Vote passed 5-0.

Motion Authorizing the Purchase of a 2021 Dodge Charger Police AWD for a Total Price of \$41,635.75 – **Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to authorize the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Charger Police AWD for a total price of \$41,635.75. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Young. Vote passed 5-0.**

Vince Rose of 135 Turnberry Drive asked if the Chief has seen any of the posts on social media regarding females being followed to their cars, stalking or following them around the stores and to their cars. There are also pictures of straps closing car door handles. Chief Elias noted that there was one incident, that he knows of, in the parking lot of the Giant Food Store where someone's car door handles were zipped tied. They are waiting for store video so they can try to determine who is responsible. He has not heard of any stalking in any of the township stores.

Chief Elias noted to call "911" if anyone witnesses these types of incidents.

Mr. Rose asked if the police monitor social media. Chief Elias noted that they do. They also are partners with the Delaware Valley Intelligence Center and the PA State Police Criminal Intelligence Center who actively monitor social media. He also noted that the U.S Department of Homeland Security put out a public safety bulletin regarding the ongoing civil arrests as a result of the recent presidential election.

Deputy Chief Don Taylor – Deputy Chief Taylor noted a few highlights from their department's annual 2020 report, which was previously provided to the Board.

- \$25,000 grant awarded and will be used to pay bills due to the loss of business, due to COVID-19
- The 2021 fund drive has been mailed
- Lieutenant Amber Lubker completed her Fire Officer one class and received her certification
- Phase 1B has started for the fire and law enforcement personnel. Approximately twenty Fire Fighters signed up, and are currently awaiting their vaccine.

Commissioner Young noted that due to the loss of revenue of the club room and banquet hall being closed the Fire Department has started a Facebook page called "Thorndale Fire Company Raffles for Responders". Currently the raffle is a 70 inch TV for a \$15.00 chance. Prior raffles were yeti coolers and gift cards that were purchased from local restaurants.

Commissioner Evans asked if there is a link on the Fire page. Commissioner Young noted that you could probably find it at the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company and Club Room page.

Director of Building & Life Safety Mr. Stackhouse – Mr. Stackhouse noted a few highlights from his department's 2020 annual report, which was previously provided to the Board.

Mr. Stackhouse noted that 2020 was the first full year using the Edmunds system for permit tracking, which integrates with the rest of the Township system. One of the downsides in 2021 is that it is a little difficult to compare permit numbers and some of the enforcement activities with last year because of the software change.

Mr. Stackhouse noted that he is in the process of submitting the second half of the COVID expenses. He noted that expenses after September 2020 are now considered regular "business expenses".

Commissioner Mullin asked how the Township ended the year with commercial vacancies. Mr. Stackhouse noted that they ended the year with less vacancies. Mr. Stackhouse also noted that they will have to look at this with the Zoning Task Force.

Commissioner Mullin noted that the Giant and Acme parking lots have been full however, Wedgewood Shopping Center has not. Mr. Stackhouse noted that Wedgewood Shopping Center has always struggled with their businesses, possibly because of the low traffic volume.

Commissioner Mullin noted that maybe some sports related shops can go in by the Sports Arena. Mr. Stackhouse noted that the owner of the Sports Arena is buying multiple properties in Caln Township.

Commissioner Mullin noted that the new car wash, Sudsy Sam's is now open. Mr. Stackhouse noted that they have a conditional U&O because they cannot pave until the weather gets warm.

Commissioner Mullin noted that the School House lighting needs to be redirected. Mr. Fragale noted that he is getting another price to put in electric.

Director of Public Works Mr. Fragale – Mr. Fragale noted a few highlights from his department's 2020 annual report, which was previously provided to the Board.

Commissioner Mullin asked for a status on their equipment. Mr. Fragale noted that they were going to purchase a Skid Steer and Leaf-Vac Truck in 2020 through the Leaf Program Grant however, due to COVID, that grant is not available. They will apply in 2021 if it is available.

Ingleside Golf Manager Mr. Ward – Mr. Ward noted a few highlights from his department's 2020 annual report, which was previously provided to the Board.

- Year ended at \$805,000 in total revenue – Increase of \$307,000 from 2019 – 62%
- Twenty three new members since November 1, 2020

Commissioner Evans asked if Mr. Ward can add “2021 projected expenses” on his total expense graph. Mr. Ward noted that moving forward he will add that to his report.

Commissioner Mullin asked about the pavilion. Mr. Ward noted that he will see how the “outings” come back. They have been discussing different options.

Commissioner Evans asked if a temporary covering was ever discussed for the driving range at the tees. Mr. Ward noted that they discussed this at their Tuesday meeting, and they are currently getting a price. Mr. Ward also noted something almost like a pole barn, and maybe a heater at some point.

Vince Rose of 135 Turnberry Drive commented about the trash in the creeks along G.O. Carlson. He suggested a “volunteer day” to clean the creeks. Commissioner Young noted that “pre-COVID” Ms. Swan was working on this type of event. Mr. Fragale noted that they already have plans to clean the creeks in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Rose also noted the poor condition of the G.O. Carlson sidewalks. Commissioner Young noted that the Township is applying for a grant to replace the whole section and create a new ten foot wide trail that would be part of the Chester County Trail System.

Commissioner Mullin asked if there are unsafe sections that need assessed now. Commissioner Young noted that the worse sections are from across James Buchanan Drive to Turnberry Drive. Commissioner Young also noted that across from Turnberry Drive there is a huge area that has sunk down by the drainage in the street. Mr. Fragale noted that he will look at the area tomorrow. Mr. Fragale also noted that “Concern Kids” out of Coatesville would do the sealing every year however, due to COVID they were not able to do that this year.

Minutes to Approve

General Checks 46029-46075 and General Manual Checks 176-179 – **Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to approve general checks 46029-46075 and general manual checks 176-179. Moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 5-0.**

Additional Business

Commissioner Mullin called for additional business. There was none.

Public Comments

Mark DeYoung of 20 Beaver Run Road asked if the sign ordinance can be relaxed in order to get more businesses in. Commissioner Young that you can apply for a temporary thirty day sign permit.

Dot Sweeney a parent of children at Saint Joe's School and lives at 98 Aspen Drive of Downingtown. Ms. Sweeney noted that the unleashed dogs from the Lloyd Dog Park are coming over to the recess area, and scaring the kids. She noted that she understands that there is a flood area however, suggested putting a fence all around the park because this is an unsafe situation for the kids, physically and medically. She also noted that with the dogs coming over to the recess area they then have the owners coming over to look for their dogs, which then means they have "strangers" on their property.

Commissioner Mullin noted that the park is posted that the dogs have to be leashed. He noted that Ms. Sweeney's concern with "strangers" now on their property is a concern and something for the police department.

Commissioner Evans noted that during COVID the Township closed the dog park and when he went to the park he saw that the lock on the gate was broken into, and when that was fixed and police were patrolling people came in through the Downingtown side. Commissioner Evans also noted that the property they have to go through to get to the school is posted "private property", and encouraged them to call the authorities.

Commissioner Evans asked Ms. Denne if the Township can look into implementing fines for this situation. Ms. Denne noted that the problem is that the area that these people are in is private property, and the property owner would have to call and state that they are trespassing.

Commissioner Mullin and Commissioner Evans noted that this warrants more discussion.

Jennifer Fischer on behalf of the home and school association agreed with Ms. Sweeney, and noted that they also have to clean up the feces from the dogs where the children play. Ms. Fischer also noted that they will start calling the police when this happens.

Vince Rose of 135 Turnberry Drive thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, and the Public Works Department for their efforts during COVID. He also commented on the School House, Santa Duty, and Sudsy Sam's car wash. He also cautioned the Board to hold the Golf Committee accountable the same way you would a business. Commissioner Evans noted that half of the golf course was paid off last year. Commissioner Evans also noted that the Board challenged them to get the rest of the debt paid off.

Mark DeYoung of 20 Beaver Run Road noted that the Golf Committee has been meeting regularly, and Mr. Ward is aware of the need for improvement.

Adjournment

Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to adjourn the January 28, 2021 meeting at 9:53 PM. Moved by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Denise Miller
Assistant Township Secretary