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*Middle Paxton Township*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2018

**Call to Order**

The February 20, 2018 workshop meeting of the Middle Paxton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:03 PM by Supervisor and Chairman Jeffery Smith in the Township meeting room. Also present were Supervisor and Vice-Chairman Mike Sudia; Supervisor and Treasurer Wilbur Evans; Supervisor and Assistant Secretary James Fisher; and Township Manager, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer Julie Ann Seeds. Supervisor Larry Cooney was absent and unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments**

Chairman Smith invited comments from those in attendance who were not listed on the meeting agenda. No comments were presented.

**Agenda Items**

2018 – 2019 Healthcare Plan Renewal Options

Via memorandum dated February 15, Supervisor Cooney reported he and Manager Seeds met with *Trilogy Group Benefits* to review proposed options for the March 1 renewal of the Township’s healthcare plan. A health plan report prepared by Trilogy Group Benefits listed pricing for two *Capital Blue Cross PPO HRA* plans, two *Capital Blue Cross Silver PPO* plans, *Highmark Premier Balance PPO* plan and *Geisinger Gold PPO* plan. Other options such as municipal consortiums were also explored, but those options did not appear feasible due to the limited number of employees covered under the plan.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to renew the Township’s healthcare coverage under the *Capital Blue Cross PPO HRA 3500/0/35 – 700 Rx 0* plan for the 2018 – 2019 plan year was seconded by Supervisor Evans. *Motion passed unanimously.*

### Hagy Park Playing Field Usage Fees

Manager Seeds presented a compilation of tournament and traveling team field usage fees charged by neighboring municipalities for use of their municipal parks.

Motion by Supervisor Evans to adopt Resolution 2018-03 establishing a Tournament Registration Fee of \$150 and Tournament Field Usage Fee of \$150 per field per day and an Organized Sports Registration Fee of \$150 per season for scheduled use of Hagy Park playing fields was seconded by Supervisor Sudia. *Motion passed unanimously.*

### Township Brush and Leaf Collection Site

Manager Seeds reported having been notified by the *Dig My Earth* operator, Jil Strang (owner of *Robinson's Excavating & Mulch LLC*), that the proposed contract terms to accept brush trimmings and tree pruning residential waste from Township residents during 2018 would have to be significantly modified to permit use of the site's brush grinder jointly owned by Susquehanna and Lower Paxton Townships.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to nullify the Board's January 2 action to enter into an annual agreement with *Robinson's Excavating & Mulch LLC* to permit Township residents having purchased a brush site permit to deliver brush trimmings and tree pruning residential waste to the *Dig My Earth* site and subsequently close the Township brush collection site was seconded by Supervisor Evans. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Discussion ensued regarding the most cost-efficient manner in which the Township could handle and process residential brush trimmings and tree pruning waste. Manager Seeds suggested the cost for contracting with a hauler to clear the Township's brush collection site could be significantly reduced if the Township were able to load the hauler's trucks versus the contracted hauler having to deliver a loader to the brush site before transferring the brush waste to its trucks.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to purchase a JCB heavy-duty 84" brush grapple accessory for the Township's new JCB wheel loader from Stephenson Equipment Inc. for the quoted price of \$9,500 under the *Costars* contract was seconded by Supervisor Evans. *Motion passed unanimously.*

## **Executive Session**

Not required.

## **Information Items/Letters Received**

Manager Seeds presented items of general interest, as well as recent correspondence received by the Township. Items of specific note included:

- February 13 PA DEP correspondence to S&M Fuel Mart LLC (721A Allegheny Street) advising of certain corrective actions required to be undertaken due to a violation of Section 1310 of the Pennsylvania Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act.
- Listing of additional action items noted from a February 14 walk-through of the Fishing Creek Community Building undertaken in conjunction with planned building improvements.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM upon a motion by Chairman Smith, seconded by Supervisor Sudia. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNATURE ON FILE

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James H. Fisher, Assistant Secretary