ATTENDED BY – COUNCIL:

Carla Stilson, Chair
Dustin Best
L. Eric Bernier
D. Richard Francke
Susan Trainor

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Carla Stilson, Chair, called to order the May 1, 2023, Special Meeting of the College Township (CT) Council at 5:01 PM.

BUSINESS: 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Review

Mr. Bloom reviewed the purpose of the CIP and noted that staff is seeking more engagement from Council in the early stages of its development to more accurately capture Council’s priorities and policy direction.

Council’s discussion began with a review of the Township’s Vision-Mission-Values-Goals Statement. It was consensus of Council that the statements remained valid and appropriate, but for the purposes of this effort it may be beneficial to organize/group the Values and Goals. Mr. Bloom and Mr. Brumbaugh concurred and felt this would be helpful in building toward a hierarchy moving from Values to Goals, then onto Objectives and Implementation Steps.

Mr. Bloom then led Council through an exercise to identify a Top 3 list for the CIP, which could move from Short to Long Term implementation and may be both capital and operational in nature. Council offered general consensus around the need to implement the East College Avenue Path and further develop connectivity of the bicycle and pedestrian network. Council also noted the importance of investment in local and regional parks and recreation amenities, with Spring Creek Park and Millbrook Marsh noted. Implementation of a form-based code in the Dale Summit and how the Township will accommodate potential growth coming from this effort was also highlighted. The following items were also highlighted:

- Focusing on attainable housing.
• Emphasizing efforts to become a healthier community.
• Expanding community engagement efforts.
• Leveraging staff and/or consulting services to better align projects with grant funding resources.
• Review of staff capacity and process efficiency.

Staff then asked Council for their thoughts on current Strengths and Opportunities.

The following strengths were offered:

• Advocacy for regional cooperation.
• Parks and Recreation amenities and maintenance.
• Winter maintenance.

The following opportunities were offered:

• Better leveraging of technology for both internal and external use.
• Expansion of community engagement.
• Strategic planning that better aligns values and goals.

Council noted that a matrix showing the alignment of Values with Goals and potential Objectives and Implementation Steps would be beneficial as part of an upcoming review.

A traditional Council CIP review with the department heads is currently scheduled for June 5th, but staff will look to schedule another meeting focused on strategic planning prior to that session if possible. Otherwise, the CIP review and approval schedule may need to be adjusted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Francke moved to adjourn the May 1, 2023, Special College Township Council Meeting.
Chair seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Stilson adjourned the May 1, 2023, Special College Township Council Meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Adam T. Brumbaugh

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Township Secretary/Manager