

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting of September 27, 2023. The hybrid meeting took place in person at the Public Safety Facility Community Room at 4 Fairgrounds Road; and, via remote participation using Zoom Webinar. Members of the Commission present were Dr. Malcolm MacNab, Thomas Dixon, Matt Fee, Dawn Holdgate and Brooke Mohr.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair MacNab called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The County Commission Meeting is Being Audio/Video Recorded.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WARRANTS

Ms. Holdgate moved approval of items IV. 1 - 2; seconded by Mr. Fee; all in favor, so voted.

1. Approval of Minutes of June 28, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

2. Approval of Payroll and Treasury Warrants for July, August and September 2023.

VI. OFFICIAL BUSINESS/CITIZEN REQUESTS

1. Planning Board: Request for County to Acquire Clay Street for Future Pedestrian and/or Vehicular Connection to Area Roads as Outlined in Condition 5 of Clay Street Subdivision Approval. Planning Director Leslie Snell introduced the item and reviewed Planning Board action on this matter in 2016. She explained the materials in the Board's packet. She said that opening Clay Street, physically, is not being requested at this point as several other actions would have to take place in order for that to happen. Attorney Vicki Marsh from Town Counsel's office further explained the request. Mr. Fee noted that the Commission received several letters on this, expressing concern. Mr. Fee questioned other conditions of the Planning Board's approval of the subdivision. Ms. Snell responded and reviewed the status of the other conditions. Chair MacNab opened the matter to public comment. Arthur Gasbarro said that he believes it would be unusual for Clay Street to become a public road, given its configuration. He spoke on other concerns he has with the requested action and possible future impacts on the Skyline Drive neighborhood. He suggested that the Commission take no action until there is a complete proposal for the area. Campbell Sutton questioned easement takings for an adjacent water main extension project. Operations Administrator Erika Mooney explained. Mr. Fee asked about the specifics of an acquisition, whether easement or a fee simple transaction and the impact of either on how many lots the property could be subdivided into. Ms. Marsh explained. Mr. Fee asked about acquiring the way via easement instead of fee simple title. Ms. Marsh deferred to Ms. Snell. Ms. Snell explained that the property owner initially requested fee simple title but that the Planning Board most likely would not object to acquisition via easement instead. Ms. Snell explained the development potential of the property and said there is very little difference with ground cover, whether Clay Street is acquired by easement or fee simple title. Some discussion followed as to the transaction options and associated impacts on the developability of the property. Mr. Gasbarro said

that the Planning Board discussion in July related to an easement. He spoke on other options for access in and out of the adjacent Richmond housing development.

Ms. Holdgate moved to authorize Ms. Marsh to research a bicycle and pedestrian easement instead of what is in the Planning Board condition; seconded by Mr. Fee. All in favor, so voted.

VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS/COMMENTS

There were no reports or comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fee moved adjournment at 5:54 PM; seconded by Ms. Holdgate; all in favor, so voted.

Approved the 29th day of November 2023.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 – 5:30 PM
PSF COMMUNITY ROOM, 4 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
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List of documents used at the meeting:

- V. 1. Draft minutes of 6/28/2023
- VI. 1. AIS re: Clay St Acquisition; Letter from Planning Board; Sketch Plan; Photos; Clay St Definitive Subdivision Approval; Sheehy email 9/25/2023; Mooney letter 9/26/2023; site plan showing Clay Street connection to Richmond/Harvey Rd; Clay Street Plan No. 2017-80