

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING
February 10, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Present were Supervisors Donald Lerew, John Shambaugh, Naomi Decker, and Gary Brown. Also present was Secretary Nancy Zentmeyer. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 150 Century Lane, Dillsburg, York County, PA.

KITTY CAMPBELL, GUNN-MOWERY – HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Kitty Campbell and Pam Cooper from Gunn-Mowery were present to represent the health insurance proposals. Ms. Campbell noted that insurance carriers are getting away from HMO's and the Township will need to move to another plan by 2010. Ms. Campbell presented 3 quotes from health insurance companies: HealthAmerica (current coverage), Geisinger Health Plan, and Aetna. It was noted that Geisinger has a decent network but does not participate with Hershey Medical Center. Aetna previously did not have a lot of participating doctors but that has improved. Geisinger has more of a savings and the co-pay amounts were discussed. Other items that were discussed were the deductibles, pre-existing conditions, and explanation of benefits. HealthAmerica gives a 2% discount to municipalities but not with HMO's. It was questioned whether the employees would still contribute since the rate is lower than what the Township currently has with HealthAmerica.

Motion: Supervisor Brown made a motion to pursue the Geisinger PPO \$250 No Referral. **Seconded** by Supervisor Decker. The motion carried.

Motion: Supervisor Brown amended his motion to include covering the deductible for each employee. **Seconded** by Vice Chairman Shambaugh. The motion carried.

Motion: Supervisor Brown amended the motion to accept the PPO \$250 if the rate is equal to or less. **Seconded** by Vice Chairman Shambaugh. The motion carried. It was noted that dental and vision is not included in these rates.

At the regular meeting of the Supervisors held last night it was discussed whether or not the Township should reduce the amount of the Underinsured/Uninsured Motorists policy from \$500,000.00 to \$35,000.00. It was suggested to get an opinion from Gunn-Mowery. It was noted that since there is only a \$100.00 difference in the premium it should stay at \$500,000.00.

RESOLUTION AND ROWBOTTOM PROPERTY

Supervisor Brown indicated that he would like to discuss the resolution that was proposed last night and address the Rowbottom issue. The Rowbottom property was discussed and it was noted that if the Township removes the rocks they are required to retain them for 3 years. It was suggested to leave the rocks on his property. The road master noted concerns if Mr. Rowbottom moves vehicles to where the rocks are to be moved. It was noted that the Northern York Regional Police must be there the entire time the work is being done.

Supervisor Brown reviewed Resolution 2-2009 with the words added as discussed last evening.

Motion: Vice Chairman Shambaugh made a motion to adopt Resolution #2-2009 Committing Township funding towards the update to the NYCRCP in the amount of \$7,330.00. **Seconded** by Supervisor Brown. It was noted that Carroll Township had a 2 to 2 vote on this resolution and they will be bringing this up at their next meeting. As noted last night it would be at least 9 months before the township have to pay out this amount if no other funding is made available. Currently the governor has not cut funds. Supervisor Decker stated why not act at the Supervisors March meeting the same as Carroll Township. Supervisor Decker indicated that she would like to take a look at the strings attached to this and also stated that the township needs to look at federal obligations. Supervisor Brown noted that he disagrees. Vice Chairman Shambaugh stated that we should show our intention. It was noted that the Township originally committed to \$10,000.00 and with this resolution it would go above the \$10,000.00 by \$1,600.00. If the funding comes through then the Township is back to the \$4,250.00. Mr. Kober noted that it will be years until something happens and as stated last night that this was done in 2001 and the study will not have a shelf live but is good for 10 years or more. This study is to make sure the roads are safer. Supervisor Brown feels that this needs to get moving. Supervisor Decker noted that this bothers her and it is a push to get this going same as with the stimulus plan and she has concerns since this resolution was written yesterday. Supervisor Decker requested that this be made part of the minutes. It was noted that Solicitor MacNeal has modified the resolution from last night. This resolution was modeled after the resolution that was adopted in 2008. Chairman Lerew noted that this is for Route 15. The motion carried with Supervisor Decker opposing for reasons stated.

NEWSLETTER

Supervisor Brown stated that he had requested what the Township had spent last year on printing and mailing the newsletter. It was noted that in the budget there is no line item for just the newsletter but it is taken out of postage and advertising & printing. In 2008 for postage \$2,680.00 was budgeted and \$2,394.00 was used. For printing \$3,300.00 was budgeted and \$2,604.00 was used. It was noted that there was previous discussion on sending the newsletter out 3 times a year. Vice Chairman Shambaugh stated that the Township should wait until we see who wants to do this before deciding on how many times to send the newsletter out.

WEBSITE

It was noted that the website currently has 10 megabytes but with the new SALDO being put on the website once it is adopted the Township will need more space. It jumps from 10 to 250 at a cost of only \$5.00 more a month.

Motion: Vice Chairman Shambaugh made a motion to go with the additional megabytes. **Seconded** by Chairman Lerew. The motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Yerger gave the following report. He had submitted to the Supervisors the data he had gathered with interviews with the staff, received information from 30 citizens and there were 8 issues such as budget material and cost containment. Space was another issue. It was questioned on how to process the information. The Supervisors would be provided with sketches and then to prepare to go out to

bid. This information would go out to various contractors/architects and then a pre-bid conference and how to proceed with this project. Mr. Joshua Dourte of the Planning Commission is an architect and has agreed to be a consultant to work with the sketches. The Township could then go out to bid or have a quick view done by an architect.

There are issues with the recycling building and the possibility of regionalization. Mr. Yerger noted that he had read minutes from the last couple of years with discussion of going into 1 bay. Supervisor Brown noted that there are no mandatory requirements to go with recycling as the Township won't be above the density in 2010. Joint recycling was discussed regarding trees and shrubs. Vice Chairman Shambaugh noted that this is not a big issue at this time, but would like to see the EMA in the new building as it would free up space in the recycling building and the Township could apply for a grant. At some point regional recycling may help with space.

It was noted that it is more expensive to add on than converting the bay area. An additional bay could be built for the road department. Larger restrooms are needed and the meeting room should be 1.5 times larger. Another suggestion was to consider cubical spaces as these cuts down on wall space. Vice Chairman Shambaugh noted he would like to see separate offices. There could be some shared spaces such as the building inspection and zoning officer. A separate reception area was also discussed along with needing security. There were comments regarding the back entrance and the zigzag of the hallway. The back door could be kept locked and that way everyone would have to use the front door.

It was questioned on how long of a time line are the Supervisors looking at, a 3, 5, or 10 year fix. A design build situation would get you there quicker. Also to consider is long range planning with fiscal obligation. Chairman Lerew noted it is what we can afford with no tax burden to the township residents. Vice Chairman Shambaugh noted that the design build was looked at and it was decided not to go that route.

After discussion it was noted that a larger meeting room is needed, an EMA center with that possibility being in a basement area with a walk out, a generation system, kitchette, and a separate room or plans room for the Supervisors to use for an executive session. There was discussion on the design of the Supervisors' meeting table. Storage is also needed. It was noted that this should be no more than 15 years out. The bay area is only a little larger than the current meeting room. The storage of a fire engine was also considered but it was decided at this time.

If a new building is constructed what would be done during construction. It was noted either have the construction done in stages or rent trailers. Mr. Yerger asked what the time frame for execution is and Vice Chairman Shambaugh noted that there is no need to hurry. First Mr. Yerger will finish his process, then talk to an architect, talk finances such as refinancing or looking at bond rates. It was noted to put this out in 4 to 6 months then get a decent bid but to go out up to 18 months. It was asked if the Township is looking at a fire proof room possibly in the basement. Also discussed was the type of lighting to be used and geothermal for the building.

RETIREMENT PLAN

Gary Ocker, Road master asked a couple of questions regarding this plan. The 5 years of becoming vested is coming up and he would like to have the plan changed to allow the spouses be included. This will be checked into. Also the first 7 years of employment Mr. Ocker did not receive any type of retirement and he would like to have those first 7 years be included in his retirement. This also will be checked into. It was noted that there may be a cost to the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Supervisor Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. **Seconded** by Vice Chairman Shambaugh. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zentmeyer
Township Secretary