

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 12, 2014**

ROLL CALL

Present were Supervisors Donald Lerew, David Sprigg, John Holder, and Naomi Decker. Also present were Solicitor Bret Shaffer, Engineer Fred Heerbrandt, and Secretary Nancy Zentmeyer. The meeting was held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 150 Century Lane, Dillsburg, York County, PA. Guests and visitors are on the attached sign-in sheet. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER

Chairman Lerew led the Pledge of Allegiance gave the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board of Supervisors Conditional Use Meeting – January 16, 2014

Motion: Supervisor Decker made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2014 noting there were few changes. **Seconded** by Chairman Lerew. The motion carried.

2. Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting – February 12, 2014

Motion: Supervisor Decker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 12, 2014 with only a few changes. **Seconded** by Chairman Lerew. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Chris Culbert, Barrens Church Road

Mr. Culbert has 2 issues he wishes to discuss with the Supervisors. The first is a request to change the name of Barrens Church Road. There is only a partial of the road in the township. There is another section of road that is in another municipality that has the same name and it is very confusing. The second issue is regarding trash collection. Mr. Culbert indicated that recently he is being missed and suggested that the township have a contract with just one hauler, plus he is paying much more than townships that have a contract. It was noted that the Supervisors had previously looked into this. Mr. Culbert also noted that his neighbors would not mind the change in name of the road. The post office will be contacted.

2. Jo Patton, Whiskey Springs Road

Mrs. Patton noted that she has issues with the trash service in the township and would like to see the township go to one hauler. A handout was provided with information and prices from other municipalities that have a contract. Mrs. Patton stated that this would help reduce the truck traffic on the township roads. Supervisor Decker stated that Waste Management and Republic will be contacted to see if bags could be purchased and to also check for special prices. It was noted that if this went out for bid there could possibly be more than just the 2 that are in the township now.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion: Chairman Lerew made a motion to pay the bills. **Seconded** by Supervisor Decker. Supervisor Decker noted that KPI with regards to their zoning bills needs to be in the category, #414.13. The \$1,041 bill is being held as KPI has not gotten back to the township. \$2402.11 for ACNB needs to be added. The

Shumaker's and Dillsburg Auto bills regarding the alternator from last month were discussed. Shumaker's bill is to be paid. It was noted that Costars has a fleet card that the township could use, but that would affect the liquid fuels monies. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion: Chairman Lerew made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Seconded** by Supervisor Holder. The motion carried. It was noted that the January 22, 2014 minutes need to be completed.

BCO REPORT

Mrs. Shoffner noted that there is nothing coming in at this time.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Police –Supervisor Sprigg noted that a report has been submitted and is on file at the township office.

Fire – Citizens Hose Co. #1 reported that there were 8 calls in the township for the month of February.

EMS – There were 20 calls in the township during the month of February. On April 1 they will be getting a medic and the second unit will continue. There is an upgrade on the cad boxes and there will be a change to 2 boxes. There was discussion on adopting a Resolution for the EMS which is authorizing Advanced Life Support (ALS) to be the primary ALS service provider in Franklin Township. Mr. Paul Christophel, Executive Director of West Shore ALS informed the Supervisor with the services provided. Memberships are not going up this year.

Fire – Franklinton Fire Company had 13 calls in the township during the month of February. The fire company received \$32,000+ from their fund drive, which is down. Chief Whitzel provided a memorandum to the Supervisors regarding pricing on CDL licenses.

DAA –The minutes were received. There were 2 items listed in the minutes. A letter from J.T. Stahlman withdrawing the water and sewer reservation for the 2-lot Merit Subdivision and a letter from the township reappointing Lynn Potts to the authority.

Emergency Management – Chief Whitzel thanked Larry Harbold regarding the home heating oil spilled at Walmar Manor.

NYCRCP Transportation – There was nothing to report at this time.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

There were no plans up for discussion or approval.

REPORTS

Engineer

1. Simplified Stormwater Design – Minor Land Developments

Engineer Heerbrandt noted that some research had been done and discussed what is done in Adams County. The township should do a revision to the stormwater management ordinance to have more flexibility. Exempting out of the pond water control was discussed. The first step is to have a conversation with the County and DEP because the township needs to be in compliance.

Motion: Supervisor Decker made a motion to have Engineer Heerbrandt check with the County. **Seconded** by Supervisor Sprigg. The motion carried.

2. Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate maps from FEMA

FEMA has provided the township with updated maps that are in the preliminary stage. A couple of years ago a law was passed to transfer of risk from the government to property owners. There was discussion on the flood study with the 100-year floods. The zoning ordinance has a floodplain overlay. Township residents have until the end of April to appeal the maps. There is a website that does provide this information. It was noted that this information should be put into the newsletter. A workshop meeting was suggested and scheduled for March 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m. It was noted that the Planning Commission members should also be notified.

3. Bruce Wentz, County Line Road

It was noted that Mr. Wentz is having a stormwater issue with his neighbor. His property which is between 2 ponds with a pipe being blocked. Mr. Wentz wants to dig a ditch so the water will drain to the roadway. State and/or township permits may be needed to do this work. It was noted that this is a private property matter. There was no action taken.

4. Sewage Enforcement Officer

It was noted that John Kilmer, the township's appointed SEO, has left Hill & Associates. There were 2 proposals received to fulfill the position. It was noted that the one applicant works in South Middleton Township, which abuts Franklin Township. Supervisor Decker proceeded to give information on Mr. Vincent Elbel and Mr. Jonathan Piper. It was noted that Mr. Elbel's rates would not exceed KPI's.

Motion: Supervisor Decker made a motion to appoint Mr. Vincent Elbel as the primary SEO for 2014 and to retain Mr. Brian Leese as alternate at \$43.25/hour and Mr. Elbel not to exceed KPI's rate. **Seconded** by Chairman Lerew. The motion carried.

Zoning Officer

A copy of the zoning officer's report had been submitted. It was noted that Ms. Myers has sent Solicitor Shaffer letters to review before sending out. On Coffeetown Road there is a difference of setbacks regarding the front vs. the side. On Circle Drive a property that has a barn on it and a perspective buyer who wants to raze the barn and put up a new building without having a residence there. There is also a concern on the accessibility to the lot. On By Pass Road there is a 10+ acre lot that the owner, who does not live there, would like to sell pavers, mulch etc. There is no definition for horticultural in the ordinance. Ms. Myers has received many calls regarding abandoned vehicles. The owner has an option of either obtaining a junkyard license or clean up the property. The enforcement letters that the Solicitor is reviewing there needs to be a compliance time and penalties. It was noted that the Solicitor should write the letters. There is a junkyard along Route 15 between Range End Road. There are tires being dumped on Bethel Church Road and the possibly of a business being operated.

At 9:26 p.m. a brief recess was taken. The meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

Solicitor

1. Appraisals for Merit Property

Solicitor Shaffer recommended Steve Barrett out of Carlisle to appraise the property as he has worked with him before.

Motion: Supervisor Decker made a motion to have the Solicitor contact an appraiser for the recreation ground in Sherwood Forest. **Seconded** by Chairman Lerew. The motion carried.

2. Verizon Conditional Use Decision

Solicitor Shaffer stated that the decision with conditions is completed but he needs to make 2 minor changes which are changing lighting road to lighting rod and that Verizon needs to submit both a stormwater management plan and land development plan. The revised decision will be ready for signing at the workshop meeting. There was a brief discussion on the Tower Removal Agreement.

Motion: Supervisor Holder made a motion to have Chairman Lerew sign the Tower Removal Agreement. **Seconded** by Supervisor Sprigg. The motion carried.

3. Class Action Lawsuit

Solicitor Shaffer had received correspondence that was sent to the township regarding a class action lawsuit, but after review it does not affect the township.

4. Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

This resolution is being requested by the York County Planning Commission. It was noted that the township did sign a similar resolution in 2008. This is for the township to receive emergency aid funding, if needed. This needs to be reviewed and will be discussed next month.

5. Tax Collector

It was noted that the school district appointed someone other than Mr. Lastoskie to collect the school taxes. The Governor's Center does indicate that the township has the right to appoint. It was suggested that 2 Supervisors should attend both the Committee and Board meetings on March 18 and 20. It was noted that the workshop meeting is scheduled for March 20; therefore it was changed to March 25 beginning at 7:00 p.m. It was noted that the township send a letter to the school district to appoint Mr. Lastoskie to collect the school taxes and to honor the Supervisors decision of appointing Mr. Lastoskie as their tax collector.

6. Executive Session

An executive session will not be needed.

Road master

A report was submitted.

1. Salt Contract

The roadmaster submitted a memorandum on the change in the mixture of salt and antiskid to a 50% mixture.

Motion: Supervisor Holder made a motion to order 200 tons. **Seconded** by Supervisor Sprigg. Supervisor Decker asked if the township has the capacity to store this. It was noted the township does. The motion carried.

Rick Hoffman questioned the Supervisors on the roadmaster taking the truck and tractor to his home to plow his driveway and the taking of road salt.

Park & Recreation

1. Soccer Club

Mr. Ross of the Park & Recreation Board presented information he received from the Soccer Club on which fields they treat. Mr. Chris Miller of A&M Lawn Care is the business that does treat the playing fields as follows: 1) Century Park the 2 fields pass the township building which is 93,500 s.f.; and 2) Ponderosa Park the main field at 44,200 s.f. and the field nearest to S. Mountain Road at 39,500 s.f. which is used during the soccer tournament only. Currently the Soccer Club pays between \$7,000. and \$7,500. There was discussion if there are other areas that could be treated. Mr. Miller is to give the township quotes on each park.

It was suggested to ask the soccer club about contributing to the crushed stone to increase the parking lot at Ponderosa Park.

The restrooms will be opened the first week of April. The playgrounds need tanbark.

2. Twin Hills

There was discussion on whether or not to authorize the Solicitor to discuss, at a Park & Recreation meeting, with the residents regarding the encroachments onto the park property. It was noted that property owners could do a survey of their own property. It was noted that the Solicitor send a registered letter to the property owners. It was asked if the township could lease the land to the property owners.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to discuss at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Dry Hydrant

Supervisor Holder asked if there are any specifications and plan for the dry hydrant on County Line Road.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Renovations of Front Hallway and Restrooms

It was suggested to check with Bob Shelly on what will be needed to do the renovations.

2. York Adams Tax Bureau – Appointment of Representative and Alternate

Motion: Chairman Lerew made a motion to appoint the township secretary as the representative and the township treasurer as the alternate to the York Adams Tax Bureau. **Seconded** by Supervisor Holder. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Supervisor Decker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. **Seconded** by Supervisor Holder. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zentmeyer
Township Secretary