

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 11, 2017**

**ROLL CALL**

Present were Supervisors David Sprigg, Naomi Decker, Kevin Cummings, Eric Stonesifer and Michael Ryan. Also present were Solicitor Bret Shaffer, Engineer Phillip Brath, 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.

**CONDITIONAL USE HEARING – MICHAEL SPIECE – 6:30 P.M.**

The conditional use hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Board of Supervisors immediately went into an executive session with Solicitor Shaffer. The Board of Supervisors came out of executive session at 6:38 p.m. and noted the following. There is an issue with the property being incorrectly posted; the zoning officer posted the wrong property. There was a brief discussion on continuing this hearing before the next regular meeting of February 8, 2017. Attorney Getz noted that the written decision needs to be done within 45 days and the applicants have settlement on this property in March.

**Motion:** Chairman Cummings made a motion to continue this hearing until February 8, 2017 beginning at 6:30 p.m. **Seconded** by Supervisor Stonesifer. The motion carried.

Chairman Cummings closed the hearing at 6:42 p.m.  
The Regular Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER**

Chairman Cummings led the pledge of allegiance and Supervisor Decker gave the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting – December 14, 2016**

**Motion:** Supervisor Ryan made a motion to approve the December 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes. **Seconded** by Chairman Cummings. Supervisor Decker noted one minor change under Police. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Twin Hills Development**

At this time Chairman Cummings indicated that due to the large crowd the issue of parking on certain streets in the township will be discussed at this time. Supervisor Ryan gave a clarification of the reasoning why this is being done. It was noted that the township had a hard time contacting someone in Twin Hills as a spokesperson. The township would like for the residents of Twin Hills development to not park along the street when inclement weather is being forecasted. The township needs to have the street cleared so they can do their job of snow plowing. The police have been going around giving warnings to residents, but by direction of the Board no fines have been handed out. The township's goal is not to penalize anyone or create a problem. The Supervisors just want the residents to remove their vehicles during bad weather until the roads are cleared. It

was noted that the police will not tolerate parking on sidewalks. The current ordinance in place is what the police will enforce.

Members of the audience voiced their concerns. It was suggested to have parking on just one side of the roads. With the signs that have been erected it could possibly make the property values drop. There is a vacant property on Furman Drive that could be an option for off-street parking. It was noted that a traffic study was not done before the ordinance was adopted. It was suggested to amend the ordinance, pull out of the ordinance or do a new ordinance for off-street parking. Recommendations for the parking area were asked. It was noted that the Homeowner's Association needs to be put back into place. There is no need for a traffic study for an issue in a development. The signs that were recently posted do not mention any parking during "inclement weather" only. Again it was noted that if parking a vehicle either in front of a hydrant or on the sidewalks that individual will receive a citation. The township is working with the police on this matter. One resident asked the Supervisors "on their word" that inclement weather is their decision and that all are in agreement. There will be a workshop meeting scheduled to look at the ordinances with the possibly of parking along the road on one side to makes at least one lane. It was suggested that the parking of RV's, work vehicles etc. should not be allowed. Information needs to be placed on the website.

### **Linda Walker, Lost Hollow Road**

Ms. Walker again addressed the shed issue on her neighbor's property at 233 Lost Hollow Road. She also noted the 6 page letter she had received from the Zoning Officer Brian Fahey is a letter of lies. The letter she received from the township in 1986 has never been resolved. The letter she received from Mr. Fahey in 2016 just gave a summary of his investigation. A copy of this letter will be copied to the Supervisors. Supervisor Ryan suggested that this be tabled until all of the Supervisors read this letter. Ms. Walker also noted the unsafe sheds and people living in a motor home. It was also noted that Mr. Fahey put up a fence for his horse without a permit. Chairman Cummings stated that he will go out and visit the property this Friday, January 13, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

### **Organization Reports**

**Police** – Supervisor Sprigg noted that he has nothing to add to the report.

**Fire** – It was noted that there were 8 calls in the township during the month of December 2016. There was also 57 hours of training. There was discussion on the check that needs to be received from Franklinton Fire Company for \$3,000.00. This is the donation from Franklinton Borough for the purchase of the fire engine. The borough pays this to the fire company and the fire company then forwards a check to the township. Chief Whitzel stated that Tim Trump will be checking with the fire company's CPA firm. This should be resolved by next Wednesday. There was discussion on deducting the \$3,000.00 from the donation check. It was also noted that these items need to be addressed in the near future. This check needs to be received by the end of the year for the audit. As of right now the fire company is in breach of their contract with the township. The township needs to hold them to the agreement. There was a suggestion of setting up a meeting to resolve these issues. This should be done in a public meeting manner.

At this time it was mentioned that Monday night at the Carroll Township's meeting there will be an award ceremony for 8 firefighters and EMS personnel to honor them for saving the life of a Franklinton Borough resident in March of 2016. The resident was in cardiac arrest and it was noted that only 6 to 8% will survive. Congressman Perry and Senator Regan will be on hand to honor the responders.

**EMS** – A report was submitted with it noting 18 calls in the township for the month of December with a total of 283 calls for the year. There are currently 14 on staff. It was noted that an email was sent regarding dates for a presentation from Traci Cook in seeking alternative options for providing EMS coverage within the region. It was noted that Supervisors Decker and Ryan will attend.

**DAA** –The minutes were received.

**Emergency Management** – There was nothing to report at this time.

**Route 15 Committee Meeting** – There is nothing new to report at this time, but another meeting date is being proposed.

### **Engineer’s Report**

#### **1. Bridge on Century Lane**

At this time Mr. Phillip Brath was introduced as the new township engineer. Drawings and a CD has been provided to Mr. Brath from Hill & Associates regarding all of the documentation on the Century Lane bridge for his review. It was noted at the re-organization meeting the township had received a letter from DEP, dated December 19, 2016, regarding some issues that needed to be addressed and was given back to Hill & Associates. The changes were made and send back to DEP.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bob Eichelberger asked when the next workshop is meeting on steep slopes. It was noted that this will be decided later on the agenda. Mr. Eichelberger will be emailed with the date and time.

### **APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Sprigg made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of Hammaker East and to hold \$3,000.00 from the Franklinton Fire Company check. **Seconded** by Supervisor Decker. It was noted that the check for Franklinton Fire Company is the first half of the township’s contribution. It was suggested to include a letter on why this is being done. Supervisor Ryan suggested having the check ready and then sending it once the \$3,000.00 is received. The motion was withdrawn

**Motion:** Supervisor Stonesifer made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of Hammaker East and Franklinton Fire Company. **Seconded** by Supervisor Decker. The motion carried.

**Motion:** Supervisor Stonesifer made a motion to sign the check for Franklinton Fire Company and release once the \$3,000.00 is received. **Seconded** by Chairman Cummings. The motion carried.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**Motion:** Supervisor Decker made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. **Seconded** by Supervisor Stonesifer.

There was discussion on the following items from the Treasurer’s memorandum:

1. It is noted that Mrs. Williams is now a notary and is wondering if the township wants to provide this service to township residents. There was discussion.

The motion carried to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

The notary issue was again discussed.

**Motion:** Chairman Cummings made a motion to provide notary service to township residents by appointment and contingent upon Solicitor Shaffer checking to see about public service. **Seconded** by Supervisor Ryan. There was no vote on this motion.

**Motion:** Supervisor Ryan made a motion to table the notary decision at this time. **Seconded** by Supervisor Decker. The motion carried.

Also under the Treasurer's memorandum is that a signature is needed for witness of the treasurer's public official bond from Travelers. It was noted that Chairman Cummings will sign the document.

The PA State Association of Boroughs is conducting a writing effective grant proposals training on January 26 at a cost of \$150.00.

**Motion:** Supervisor Stonesifer made a motion to have Mrs. Williams attend the class on writing effective grant proposals. **Seconded** by Supervisor Ryan. The motion carried.

Chairman Cummings noted an email he received from Rep. Keefer regarding a stormwater grant that will be forwarded to the treasurer.

### **BCO REPORT**

A report was submitted of the building permits issued for the month of December along with a breakdown of the fees.

### **ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

The zoning officer submitted his report. There was discussion regarding the Elicker property and the need for a variance. There is no issue with this property anymore.

### **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Stough Subdivision Plan**

It was noted that the Stough subdivision plan was tabled at the Planning Commission meeting and it was questioned why this was done. It is because the new engineer did not review the plan and there was discussion regarding the variance and density that came up. It was suggested to honor the previous engineer's comments and then move forward.

#### **2016 Planning Commission Annual Report**

**Motion:** Chairman Cummings made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's 2016 Annual Report. **Seconded** by Supervisor Ryan. The motion carried.

#### **2016 Zoning Hearing Board Annual Report**

**Motion:** Supervisor Stonesifer made a motion to accept the Zoning Hearing Board's 2016 Annual Report. **Seconded** by Supervisor Ryan. The motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **Solicitor**

#### **Executive Session**

Solicitor Shaffer noted that an executive session is needed to discuss the Pearlman plan.

### **Roadmaster**

Supervisor Ryan noted that LABS usually does the water testing the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month and in November the restrooms were closed the 2<sup>nd</sup> week. LABS will be coming out the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month so they are on the same time line. LABS will be providing some names of companies that do the start-up procedure but it was suggested to still go to the class to become certified. The road crew needs to take the flagger certification course. Snow removal is getting better and the township has ordered more salt. The road crew will be working on the park issues. Road maintenance is being performed with checking bridges and culverts. It was asked if the township put a weight limit on the Century Lane bridge if it could be opened back up and it was noted that it could not.

**Motion:** Chairman Cummings made a motion for the road crew to attend the flagger certification class. **Seconded** by Supervisor Stonesifer. The motion carried.

### **Parks & Recreation**

Supervisor Decker had nothing to report as the meeting was cancelled. It was noted that repairs and maintenance in the parks is being done. The Twin Hills development is going to be looked at. Supervisor Ryan noted that he would like to see benches in that area. Frisbee golf was a suggestion also and the sign needs replaced.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was nothing to discuss under old business at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PSATS Conference**

It was noted that it is soon time to register for the PSATS conference and that if registration is done before March 31 there is a discounted price. Supervisor Decker indicated that she will be attending.

### **Appoint Alternate to Zoning Hearing Board**

**Motion:** Chairman Cummings made a motion to table the appointment at this time. **Seconded** by Supervisor Ryan. It was suggested to put this in the newspaper. The motion carried.

### **Set Workshop Date for Steep Slopes**

Chairman Cummings noted that a workshop is needed to discuss the recommendation from the Planning Commission. The date of February 15, 2017 beginning at 6:30 p.m. was set.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Cohen Law Group**

Solicitor Shaffer had contacted the Cohen Law Group with regards to review the township's cable company franchise agreement. A price was quoted of \$5,900.00. It was noted that they have recovered fees for other municipalities. There was discussion and it was decided not to use the Cohen Law Group.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Supervisors went into executive session at 9:30 p.m. with no action to be taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zentmeyer  
Township Secretary