



WARRINGTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR JUNE 9, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Gerald B. Anderson, Chairperson; John R. Paul, Vice Chairperson; Marianne Achenbach, Secretary/Treasurer; Shirley A. Yannich, Member; Matthew H. Hallowell, Member. Staff present was Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; William H.R. Casey, Esq., Township Solicitor, Thomas A. Gockowski, Township Engineer, Barry F. Luber, Chief Financial Officer and Barbara Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Anderson opened the meeting and asked for a moment of silence, followed by a pledge to the flag.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION – SUSQUEHANNA BANK

Mr. Paul presented an award to Mary Ellen Rosanova, Vice President of Susquehanna Bank for its sponsorship of Warrington Day.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION:

Dr. Constance L. Ace, Chairperson of the Historical Commission, gave a brief presentation on the history of the William Penn Oak Tree. The tree was severely damaged from a storm last year. Portions of the tree were salvaged and forged into special oak pens, which will be sold for \$40, the proceeds of which will benefit restoration at the 10 Folly Road Schoolhouse. Mary Roth announced a \$10,000 individual donation. She stated that a special open house will be scheduled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT: None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

1. May 26, 2015 – June 9, 2015: \$ 977,576.95

Mrs. Achenbach motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the bill list from May 26, 2015 through June 9, 2015 totaling \$ 977,576.95. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. May 12, 2015

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the May 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

MINUTES FOR POSTING:

3. May 26, 2015

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell, to approve the posting of the May 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*The Board will hear from any interested resident or taxpayer who would like to comment on an item not on this evening's agenda. Respondents are asked to keep their comments to 3 minutes.*)

The following individual spoke under public comment:

Regarding Park Road Configuration Options

- Jeff Bigelow (2470 Park Road)
- Carol Pastore (2434 Park Road)
- Al Pastore (2434 Park Road)
- Deb Donnelly (100 Claret Court)
- Mary Roth (2532 Pickertown Road)
- Kevin Riley (2445 Park Road)
- Mike Kelly (135 Muirfield Lane)

Forest Ridge Concerns

- Fred Gaines (100 Beech)
- Bernie Lyman (100 Evodia)

Egenolf

- Attorney Kim Freidman, representing the Egenolfs', asked the Board to consider allowing the sale of one of the vacant lots from the approved 2-lot subdivision, with a condition that a lien will be placed on the other lot to satisfy outstanding invoices due the Township. Chairman Anderson said the Board would be willing to grant an extension for the approved subdivision but cannot finance the project. The Board was in agreement.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

Bristol Road Right-of-Way Conveyances and Easements

4. **Consider adoption of Resolution approving conveyances of Township owned land within the Bristol Road right-of-way to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the forms of Deeds Fee Simple and Deeds of Easement.**

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell, to approve the adoption of a Resolution approving conveyances of Township owned land within the Bristol Road right-of-way to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the forms of Deeds Fee Simple and Deeds of Easement. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

5. **Consider approval of Resolution for acceptance of dedication of right-of-way shown on record plan for Cain Minor Subdivision.**

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Yannich, to approve a Resolution for acceptance of dedication of right-of-way shown on record plan for Cain Minor Subdivision. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

6. Consider adoption of Resolution approving Deed Fee Simple conveyances for right-of-way of Bristol Road fronting tax map parcel numbers: 50-029-015, 50-026-025-002, 50-026-026, 50-029-024. 50-029-025-001, 50-029-026, 50-029-026-001 and 50-029-026-002.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell, to approve the adoption of a Resolution approving Deed Fee Simple conveyances for right-of-way of Bristol Road fronting tax map parcel numbers 50-029-015, 50-026-025-002, 50-026-026, 50-029-024. 50-029-025-001, 50-029-026, 50-029-026-001 and 50-029-026-002. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

7. Report on Gross Alpha and related water issues.

Mr. Achenbach presented a summary report on the gross alpha readings involving Well #4. He said that Well #4 is one of nine (9) wells that serves the Township's eastern water district. He referenced the map showing the district's boundaries. He emphasized that that Well #4 did not violate any EPA standards and read the specific EPA rules that regulates these types of utilities. He explained the controversy over Well #4 had to do with a missed test reading, which generated the mandatory DEP letter to the affected residents. The following residents were in attendance and queried Mr. Achenbach further on this issue:

- Kevin Murphy (1135 Arabian Court)
- Cheryl Faber (1127 Arabian Court)
- Kayma Shirma (102 Lyric Way)
- Fred Gaines (100 Beech) suggested that these readings are nothing to worry about, that these chemicals are most likely natural occurring substances found in normal well-generated water.

After hearing these concerns, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to direct the immediate shut-down of Well #4, until such time that all independent testing of well's water confirms the water is safe and does not violate any EPA or DEP health regulations.

8. Consider adoption of Resolution approving Preliminary/Final land development for the Park View Tract, as recommended by the Planning Department.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to adopt a Resolution approving the preliminary land development for the Park View Tract, as recommended by the Planning Department. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

9. Discuss status of liquid fuels account and options for emergency road repairs

Mr. Luber gave a status report on the Township's liquid fuels account. He said that essentially there is very little money left for general road repairs and pavement management. He said that some funds can be released by reprioritizing and delaying certain budget projects. He said that the Board would need to weigh in on which projects to defer. Mr. Anderson stated that these project estimates are in continuous flux and will serve as a roadmap in developing the 2016 capital budget and pavement management program. One resident, Ms. Donna Sempowski (2840 Bristol Road), commented on Mr. Luber's presentation. (*See Attachment*).

10. Authorize advertisement of Ordinance for increase in supervisors' salary effective January 1, 2016.

Mrs. Yannich motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell, to authorize the advertisement of an Ordinance to increase Supervisors' salary effective January 1, 2016 from \$3,250 to \$4,125. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT:**a. Bid Advertisement Authorization – Neshaminy Gardens Drainage Project**

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to authorize the bid advertisement for the Phase 2A Neshaminy Gardens Drainage Improvement Project. The project involves the installation of stormwater improvements between Grady and Bradford Avenues and will be funded through federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

b. Proposal for updating Warrington's Park and Recreation Plan

Mr. Peter Williamson, the Township's NLT (Natural Lands Trust) consultant, appeared on behalf of Toole Recreation Planning with whom NLT is partnering to update the Township's dated Park and Recreation Plan.

Mrs. Yannich motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell, to approve a \$59,995 professional services contract with Doylestown, PA-based Toole Recreation Planning to update Warrington's Park and Recreational Plan. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

12. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**a. Accept Township Manager's Resignation**

The Board officially accepted Mr. Tieperman's resignation, who will be starting a new position in neighboring Montgomery County on August 1, 2015. His official last day will be July 31. The Board wished him well in his new position. Mr. Anderson stated that no decision has yet been made regarding an interim replacement.

b. Special Hearing On Geerlings Tract

Mr. Anderson suggested scheduling a special meeting to begin receiving public testimony on the rezoning petition for the Geerlings Tract. He stated that this hearing will likely generate a large crowd and that we should have contingency plans for an alternate venue if necessary. After some deliberation, the Board unanimously selected July 21, 2015 as the special meeting date for this special meeting.

13. ENGINEER'S REPORT:**a. Warrington Springs Phase III**

Mr. Gockowski updated the Board on the 5-lot subdivision across Street Road. He informed the Board of the preliminary agreement to allow the developer to begin certain site clearing work in advance of the final development agreement. He said there is an escrow provision for this phase and that the Township is protected. He recommended approval of the quick agreement, which the Solicitor has reviewed to his satisfaction. Mr. Casey that water/sewer fees have also been incorporated into this agreement.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell, to approve the quick service agreement for Warrington Springs Phase III. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

b. Barness Park Improvements

Mr. Gockowski updated the Board on the status of the Barness Park Improvement Project. He said they are starting to assemble bid packages for the field and parking lot lighting and all related occupancy stormwater work. He said they are still awaiting information from the streetlight consultant

as well as NPDES and Highway Occupancy permits. The project's commencement depends on the PennDOT approvals.

c. 2015 Growing Greener Grant Application

Mr. Gockowski reported that there's a new grant round through the 2015 Growing Greener Grant, which is due on July 10. He said that Roy Rieder and he are evaluating viable projects. The most obvious project, the Palomino/Greyhorse project, is urgent. Seeking grant funds would require this project to be delayed until next year. Grant funding is competitive and cannot be guaranteed.

d. Pickertown Road Repairs

Mr. Gockowski reported about needed repairs on a section of Pickertown Road between Scarlet Oak Drive towards Stump Road. Mr. Paul also commented on the need to repair this road immediately before next year. The Board authorized the issuance of a change order to the 2015 contract to cover this section of road.

e. 611 Adaptive Signals Update

Mr. Gockowski stated that there's been no updated to the 611 adaptive signals since his last report. He will continue to update the Board regularly as he receives more updates.

14. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

a. Navy Base Water Issues

Mr. Casey reported that the Township's special environmental counsel met with water/sewer service personnel and that negotiations are proceeding in a positive direction. The minutes will be made available shortly of these and future meetings.

b. 540 Phillips Avenue

Mr. Casey stated the building permit was rejected because it did not include a site development plan.

15. ESCROW AND MAINTENANCE BOND RELEASES: None

16. EXTENSION REQUESTS: None

DEDICATION REQUESTS: None

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

- Mrs. Yannich encouraged the Board to move forward with advisory board appointments. Mr. Anderson asked that these be put on the next agenda for action.
- Mrs. Yannich also reported on the TMA (Transportation Management Association) Conference that she attended at the Parx Casino. She talked about the planned Interstate 95/PA Turnpike Link and associated SEPTA improvements. She said SEPTA is planning on providing new trains and updating their stations. She said we should consider a Park/Ride station in our future planning initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager