

**Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2005**  
**Board of Supervisors**

Chairman Lindborg called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of December 1, 2005 to order at 7:30 p.m. and then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors (BoS) by the Township Manager noted Chairman Carl S. Lindborg and Vice-Chairman Josef G. Obernier, Sr. in attendance. Supervisor Thomas J. McCaffrey was absent due to an emergency that came up where he works. The following individuals were present to represent the various departments: Ronald A. Rambo, Jr., Township Manager; Walter Werner, Chief of Police; Dale Barnett, Codes/Zoning Officer. Thomas Eells, Director of Public Works was absent.

**Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

The meeting minutes of November 17, 2005 were tabled since all the Board members were not present.

**Public Comments** *Those individuals requesting to be on the agenda*

No individuals requested to be on the agenda.

**Correspondence/Communications** *Information to act upon*

The Township is in receipt of the "draft" Technical Specifications for Traffic Control Signalization prepared by McMahon Associates, Inc. for review and input by the BoS, Engineer and Manager. Manager Rambo is currently reviewing the draft and recommended that the BoS review it as well.

The Chester County Fireman's Association has provided the Township with a copy of the signed Agreement of Sale for the (23+ acre) property being considered by the Township. Manager Rambo noted that the agreement of sale would be forwarded to John Good.

Chuck Dobson has forwarded a letter acknowledging his desire to continue to serve on the Township's Planning Commission. Chairman Lindborg thanked Chuck Dobson for his interest to serve again.

Kimmel/Bogrette has provided the Township with a proposal to assist with the design of the Township Maintenance/Substation Facility for review and acceptance. Manager Rambo is reviewing the proposal.

The Chester County SPCA has provided the Township with a copy of the proposed 2006 Stray Boarding and Animal Protective Services Contract for review and acceptance. Manager Rambo and Chief Werner are currently reviewing the contract. Vice-Chairman Obernier noted a letter received from the Chester County Association of Township Officials, requesting that Chief Werner bring the resolution that was

passed by the BoS, with regard to the SPCA and the filing of reports with the police department, to the Police Chief's Association. Manager Rambo will provide Chief Werner with the paperwork.

Signal Service has provided the Township with the 2006 Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract for review and acceptance. Manager Rambo recommended that the BoS sign the two-year contract. Vice-Chairman Obernier asked if the signalization lights being proposed at North Brandywine and the emergency exit from the Brandywine Hospital would be LED's. The LED lights are more economical because they use less energy. Manager Rambo stated the plans have been forwarded to the engineer, he has not been advised or given a proposal from Caln stating that the Township will be fifty percent responsible for the lights. Chairman Lindborg noted that if lights are going to be installed that the Township would be partially responsible for, the LED lights would be more cost-effective. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to forward the 2006 Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract. Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and Lindborg voted aye.

### **Correspondence/Communications** *Information to Note*

The Township is in receipt of the PAWC Act 537 Plan, which is under review by the Township/Authority Engineer and Manager. When the review is completed it will be presented to the BoS for their consideration.

John E. Good, Esquire has forwarded the Township comments on the proposed Access Management Ordinance. Manager Rambo noted that the solicitor sees no problem with adopting Tier I and Tier II. The solicitor believes they need to do more work on Tier III. Vice-Chairman Obernier requested a copy of the Access Management Ordinance. Manager Rambo will provide Vice-Chairman Obernier with another copy.

Aqua Pennsylvania has provided the Township with correspondence pertaining to its 14% rate increase that has been filed with the PUC. Chairman Lindborg stated that is a big increase.

### **Old Business**

The BoS is searching for volunteers to serve on the Building Appeals Board, Historic Commission, and Parks and Recreation Board. There were no comments.

The Township's Building Inspector/Codes Officer has finalized his review of the recently adopted building code bill and is in the process of preparing an Ordinance amendment for the BoS to consider. There were no comments.

The Manager is awaiting input from the BoS on proposed Ordinance No. 05-10, Construction in Public Rights-of-Way. Vice-Chairman Obernier noted that Manager Rambo had already answered all of his questions.

The Manager is awaiting input from the BoS on proposed Ordinance No. 05-12, Access Management. Manager Rambo will distribute copies to the BoS.

### **Old Business from the Floor**

Jeff Chalfant asked if there were any updates regarding a noise ordinance. Manager Rambo noted that he and Chief Werner are in the process of preparing an ordinance to forward onto the solicitor within the next week or so. The solicitor has been out and will be out for another 2 ½ weeks. Vice-Chairman Obernier estimated that the solicitor's comments would come back to the Township by the second meeting of January.

Gloria DePedro commented that a few years ago someone approached her about an old stone well that is on her property and that she hadn't heard anything about it since then.

### **Old Business from Board**

Vice-Chairman Obernier requested that the BoS consider adding the report details into the official minutes.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution # 17-05; acceptance of Suttonwoods roadways and storm sewer easements. The roadways have been finalized and paved. Both the solicitor and engineer have reviewed all the documents and found them in order. Jim MacCombie has approved the final release, as well as the amount to be established for the public improvement maintenance escrow. At Manager Rambo's recommendation Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to adopt Resolution #17-05, which is the acceptance of Suttonwoods development roadways and storm sewer easements. Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and Lindborg voted aye.

### **New Business**

The Manager has advertised proposed Ordinance NO. 05-13, the Fire Company Appropriations Tax associated with the 2006 general fund budget. Manager Rambo explained that the information that was printed in the Coatesville Ledger was incorrect, which prompted some residents to attend the BoS meeting this evening. The amount that the taxes will be on a home that is assessed at \$151,000 is not \$322.20; the correct amount is \$32.22, the multiplication was not done correctly. The correct amount is .22 mills, when multiplied by your assessment it would be .00022. Also, not noted in the article that was printed, is that the current Hydrant Tax will be rescinded upon the adoption of the Fire Company Appropriations Tax. The monies will be used as explained in the Fall Newsletter; appropriations of fire companies, payment of workman's comp insurance, fuels, and hydrant fees. Chairman Lindborg requested that Manager Rambo write a letter to the editor of the Coatesville Ledger detailing the incorrect information as well as contact WCOJ. When a resident receives their real estate tax bill there will a category that says .861 Township Real Estate Tax, which will remain the same, and a second line that says Fire Appropriations Tax .22. The two will be totaled and residents will pay one check, when the monies come in they will then go into two separate accounts.

Vice-Chairman Obernier noted that part of the discussion that the BoS had over this was BoS felt that this was fair and equitable to simply eliminate the Hydrant Fee. The Board felt that if there is a fire in the Township, that the majority of houses are away from the hydrants and the thought is that if the house is away from a hydrant, then you would want to be able to connect to a hydrant and fill up the pumper, rather than come back to home base to fill the tank on the fire truck.

Chairman Lindborg noted that people that currently have the Hydrant Fee will see an increase of \$5.00. The cost for the fire company to provide fire and emergency medical support increases all the time. The Township is very fortunate that they have three excellent fire companies along with the medical support.

The proposed 2006 Township budgets are available for review and will be considered for adoption on Thursday, December 15, 2005. Manager Rambo noted there are no increases to the Trash Fee or Real Estate Taxes.

Signing of the Maes 3 Lot minor Subdivision Plan. Manager Rambo noted that the Township is in receipt of a review letter from Jim MacCombie stating that it is acceptable for signing. Upon the Manager's recommendation Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to adopt the Maes 3 lot subdivision plan dated September 7, 2004. Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and Lindborg voted aye.

A meeting with the ten municipalities that are provided sewer capacity by PAWC will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 9:00 a.m., at the Township building, to discuss their proposed ACT 537 Plan. Manager Rambo noted the purpose of the meeting is to get the managers, engineers, and supervisors from the municipalities, as well as two or three planning commission members from each group together. It is felt that if all municipalities stick together as a group then they will get quicker action and more direct answers. URS, who had prepared the Act 537, requested that everyone review it and forward their comments back, so that each township could consider it for adoption. URS, PAWC, and DEP will be sending representatives to the meeting. Aids from Curt Schroder's, Senator Rafferty's, and Chris Ross' office will also be attending. This has all come about because, as the BoS is aware, the townships have been trying to get PAWC to send representatives out to talk with them directly, however, PAWC always responded that they are currently in negotiations with DEP. They have agreed to meet with the planning commission members.

### **New Business from the Floor**

There was no New Business from the Floor.

### **New Business from the Board**

Manager Rambo noted the Township is in receipt of an escrow release for Hideaway Farms, reviewed by himself and Jim MacCombie, and found to be in order totaling \$37,487.16. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to approve the escrow release for Hideaway Farms. Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and Lindborg voted aye.

### **Public Comments** (individuals not requesting to be on the agenda)

There were no Public Comments.

### **Open Issues Before the Township**

There are no Open Issues.

### **General Obligation Note** (Adjustable Rate Bond for the Facility/Park Construction)

Interest rate for the week was 3.25 %.

### **Review and Payment of the bills.**

Manager Rambo noted State Fund bills totaling \$1,777.28 and the General Fund and Solid Waste Fund bills totaling \$85,318.37. Of that amount \$17,000 is for the salt barn and over \$10,000 is for the Solid Waste Fund. Chairman Lindborg then moved onto Upcoming Meetings and Events.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- Municipal Authority meeting, Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday with Santa, Saturday, December 10, 2005 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Historic Commission meeting, Monday, December 12, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board meeting, Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Supervisors meeting, Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission meeting, Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and Lindborg voted aye in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Ronald A. Rambo, Jr.  
Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer