

Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2006
Board of Supervisors

Chairman Obernier called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of December 7, 2006 to order at 7:35 p.m. and then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors (BoS) by Manager Rambo noted Chairman Josef G. Obernier, Sr., Vice-Chairman Thomas J. McCaffrey, Jr., and Supervisor Carl S. Lindborg in attendance. The following individuals were present to represent the various departments: Ronald A. Rambo, Jr. [Twp. Mgr./Sec./Treas.], Walter Werner [Chief of Police], Dale Barnett [Building Inspector/Codes Officer] and Thomas Eells [Director of Public Works].

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

October 5, 2006, October 19, 2006, November 2, 2006 and November 16, 2006. Supervisor Lindborg motioned to accept all of the above noted minutes. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye.

Correspondence/Communications *Information to Act Upon*

The Township is in receipt of the final version of the Decision and Order and layout exhibit for the proposed Pulte 55+ Community. Chairman Obernier noted that the BoS is going to hold off on this until they receive and agree to the complete Inter-Municipal Sewer Agreement.

The Township is in receipt of parts of a revised Inter-Municipal Sewer Agreement pertaining to the proposed Pulte 55+ Community Project. Chairman Obernier would like to see the whole agreement before making comments.

The Township is in receipt of a “draft” proposal from the City of Coatesville for the furnishing of Animal Control Services as well as an Animal Control Agreement from the SPCA for 2007. Chairman Obernier stated that the BoS has been discussing this and would like to look further into the options that they have.

The Township is in receipt of the County of Chester GIS Consortium Tier III Agreement for consideration. Manager Rambo recommended that the BoS accept their agreement, noting they have worked on several projects for the Township, e.g. atlas, storm sewer, street signage. Manager Rambo noted he has given Chief Werner an opportunity to see if he has any project for the Chester County GIS Consortium to work on for this year. Supervisor Lindborg motioned to accept the Consortium Agreement. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye.

The Township is in receipt of the 2007 K-9 Training Contract for consideration. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey motioned and Supervisor Lindborg seconded the motion to accept the contract. Board Members McCaffrey, Lindborg and Obernier voted aye.

The County Tax Claim Bureau has forwarded the Township a request to have tax liens removed on mobile homes that have been destroyed, abandoned or sold. Chairman Obernier noted that the Township has an ordinance that states that the mobile park owner is supposed to notify the Township when they have someone new living in them. The County keeps records of mobile home ownership. Manager Rambo stated the Township requires the park to let us know who is renting, in some instances the owner may sub-let the mobile home unit, they are supposed to let the Township know who is living there. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey felt that the responsibility should lie on the County. Manager Rambo stated that some liens date back to 1996. Manager Rambo recommended that the BoS allow the tax liens to be removed. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey made that motion and Supervisor Lindborg seconded it. Board Members McCaffrey, Lindborg and Obernier voted aye.

Kristin Camp, Esquire has forwarded the Township a letter on behalf of Steve Janiec for the withdrawal of his Horseshoe Village Associates, LP Conditional Use Application. Manager Rambo noted that Mr. Janiec is withdrawing the application because at the current time, he cannot find anyone that is interested in that location. Supervisor Lindborg motioned to accept the withdrawal. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye.

Kristin Camp, Esquire has provided the Township a copy of a proposed Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of a Traffic Control Device. Manager Rambo is waiting for traffic study information that Chairman Obernier has requested. Chairman Obernier stated that the traffic lights don't conform to the Township's ordinance, LED's, optical control device, etc. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey didn't feel that it was WBT's responsibility at all; the light is a product of Caln's Conditional Use process. The BoS has not been a party to the agreement. The BoS agreed that further discussion is warranted prior to agreeing to sign the agreement. Manager Rambo will contact Caln Township.

Evans Mill Environmental, LLC has provided the Township with a copy of a proposed Pump and Haul Application for the Pope John Paul II Elementary School for review and consideration. The school is scheduled to open on January 2, 2007. Manager Rambo noted that the drip fields, sewer lines, and main components of the treatment facility are in. They are in the process of building the structure around that in anticipation that it will all be completed barring any bad weather and DEP coming out to do a final inspection and the Township by the end of December. They are requesting that the Township enter into a temporary pump and haul, just in case something comes up and they don't get permitted to use the total facility and DEP doesn't come out. They would be using collection tanks and have it hauled away. Supervisor Lindborg motioned to sign the Pump and Haul Application. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye.

Correspondence/Communications *Information to Note*

John Snook has provided the Township with proposed zoning modifications to the Open Space Design Option for the Board's review. The Board is awaiting Jim MacCombie's input before they comment.

Stan Stubbe has forwarded the Township proposed language to update and modify the Township's existing lighting ordinance requirements. Chairman Obernier noted he is still reviewing the information.

The Chester County Health Department has forwarded the Township a review letter with regard to the proposed PAWC Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update. Manager Rambo read the review letter out loud. There were no comments.

FEMA has forwarded the Township a letter noting that our Flood Plain Management Ordinance is in compliance with the current National Flood Insurance Program. There were no comments.

General Code has provided the Township correspondence with regard to their oversight when they codified the Township's Ordinances in November of 2000. Manager Rambo noted the oversight dealt with the permitting of cell towers, when they codified, they deleted a section so that no place in the ordinances did we permit cell towers. The Township requested that they send a letter verifying what happened, and to provide the Township with new inserts to put into the Code books stating that they do have a specific place for cell towers. General Code has done what the Township has requested.

McCormick & Taylor has provided the Township with a copy of their 2007 Fee Schedule. There were no comments.

Thomas H. Baynard, Loss Control Specialist for H.A. Thomson has provided the Township a letter with regard to the establishment of a "Citizen's Firearm Safety Course." Manager Rambo stated that per Supervisor McCaffrey's request, Chief Werner and himself have been looking into the use of the Township's gun range to train people in the handling of firearms. Mr. Baynard suggested that the Township would need to establish a polity of purpose and procedures as well as adopt an application for people to fill out. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey feels that the amount of minutia that this has gone into is absolutely bizarre. Chief Werner explained that unfortunately background checks, etc. are necessary and explained the Township's liability. Further discussion ensued. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey requested a cost estimate to do this and noted that they may do this in the future.

ATC has provided the Township information with regard to their proposed T-Mobile Tower on the Mary Howe property. There was discussion regarding a letter that was sent by Dr. Vilcheck from the Historical Commission and the proper procedure for the Historic Commission to follow. Supervisor Lindborg explained that the Historical Commission does not have the authority to say yes or no to a project and it is very important that they come to the BoS through the Manager and noted that the Historical Commission is very dedicated and does a lot of good work. Manager Rambo will ask Dr. Vilcheck to come in to talk to him.

Old Business

The Township Manager continues to finalize the Ordinance to enable the Technical Specifications for Traffic Control Signalization prepared by McMahan Associates, Inc. to be adopted. Manager Rambo will have this completed at the beginning of 2007.

The Township Engineer and Manager continue in the efforts to update the Township's ACT 537 Plan for presentation to the Board. Manager Rambo is working on information to present to the BoS within the next month or two.

The Police Chief and Manager are reviewing the information provided by the Township's insurance carrier with regard to a "Citizens Firearm Safety Course" in an effort to establish a program. This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Old Business from the Floor

There was no Old Business from the Floor.

Old Business from the Board

There was no Old Business from the Board.

Ordinances and Resolutions

There were no Ordinances and Resolutions.

New Business

The Township has advertised the 2007 Budget as being available for review. There were no comments.

Kimmel/Bogrette is in the process of finalizing the specifications for the Township's proposed Public Works Facility and Fire Substation. There were no comments.

Signing of release request for Hideaway Farms. Manager Rambo noted the release requests for \$28,695.57 have been reviewed by himself and Jim MacCombie and found satisfactory. Supervisor Lindborg motioned to approve the release request based on the Manager Rambo's recommendation and the Engineer's review. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye.

Release of remaining escrow funds for the Catania 5-lot project. Manager Rambo noted this project has been completed, everything is satisfactory and the Township needs to release the final funds. Supervisor Lindborg motioned to approve the escrow funds. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye.

The Township will hold its 2007 re-organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., followed by the first regular meeting of the new year. There were no comments.

New Business from the Floor

There was no New Business from the Floor.

New Business from the Board

Supervisor Lindborg requested a copy of the zoning that was adopted pertaining to Pulte.

Manager Rambo noted he has attempted to make contact with Mr. Walker of the City of Coatesville regarding the purchase of a piece of property. Joan Thompson asked if the Township has a first right of refusal agreement. Manager Rambo answered no.

Chairman Obernier would like the Code Officer to look at the church parking lot lights for compliance.

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

Chairman Obernier noted he agreed with Joan Thompson that the Township has a first right of refusal agreement in place.

Chairman Obernier clarified what he meant about a previous comment he made to Mr. Hartnett regarding helicopters and the FAA, ending by suggesting that Mr. Hartnett send a letter to the FAA.

Open Issues Before the Township

Ordinance amendments with regard to the IBC (International Building Code). Dale is currently working these amendments.

The Manager is awaiting input on the proposed Access Management Ordinance from Supervisors Lindborg and McCaffrey. Manager Rambo is to meet with them.

The Township continues to seek volunteers to serve on the Building Appeals Board and the Parks and Recreation Board. There were no comments.

General Obligation Note (Adjustable Rate Loan for the Facility/Park Construction)

Interest rate for the week was 3.75 %. There were no comments.

Review and Payment of the bills

Bills from the General Fund and Solid Waste Fund. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey questioned the Protection Bureau invoice. Manager Rambo explained the invoice covers the yearly costs for security and maintenance. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey suggested that they put the money into capitol reserve if equipment needs to be replaced. Upon the Board's reviewing the invoices and finding them in order, Vice-Chairman McCaffrey motioned to approve payment of the bills. Supervisor Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Lindborg and Obernier voted aye.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Saturday with Santa, Saturday, December 9, 2006 at noon.
- Historic Commission meeting, Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board meeting, Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
- Open Space Review Board meeting, Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
- Municipal Authority meeting, Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission meeting, Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Supervisors meeting, Thursday, December 21, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Amy Tremoglie commented that they received tremendous support from the Township when they built onto the Veterinary Hospital.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Supervisor Lindborg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye in favor to adjourn.

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