

Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2004
Board of Supervisors

Vice-Chairman Lindborg called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of April 1, 2004 to order at 7:30 p.m. and then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors by the Township Manager noted Supervisor Obernier and Vice-Chairman Lindborg in attendance. Chairman McCaffrey arrived at 7:35 p.m. The following individuals were present to represent the various departments: Ronald A. Rambo, Jr.; Township Manager, Capt. Walter M. Werner; Chief, Dale Barnett; Codes/Zoning Officer, and Thomas Eells; Director of Public Works.

Vice-Chairman Lindborg skipped over the acceptance of Minutes and the first item under Correspondence regarding Costa Homes Preliminary Subdivision Plan until Chairman McCaffrey's arrival at the meeting.

Public Comments (those individuals requesting to be on the agenda)

There were no individuals requesting to be on the agenda.

Correspondence/Communications - Information to Act Upon

The Vice-Chairman then moved onto the second item under Correspondence/Communications - Information to note and act upon. The Board of Supervisors is in receipt of a letter dated February 16, 2004 from Harrington & Sons, Inc., requesting various waivers for the placement of lights at the Krapf's bus parking lot located on the west side of Springton Road. Manager Rambo noted the Township has not received any new correspondence from them. Supervisor Obernier motioned to table the waivers requested from Harrington & Sons, Inc. Vice-Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and Lindborg all voted aye.

The next piece of information to act upon was the Board of Supervisors is in receipt of the proposed zoning amendments suggested by John Snook with regard to the Route 322 property being considered by Dr. Gotlieb. Dr. Gotlieb was in attendance and referred to the letter dated February 19, 2004 and noted that either alternative would work. He questioned the number of employees allowed. Manager Rambo stated that no more than two persons, not residents may be employed by the principal or practitioner of a major home occupation. In the past this was interpreted as no more than two employees on the premises at one time. The Manager explained that John Snook is suggesting that we consider amending the "Major Home Occupations" to

clarify that the principal practitioner is not required to reside on the premises. John Snook has given a couple different options that could be considered with regards to the property on Route 322. Dr. Gotlieb is looking for the Board's decision.

It was noted that the Chairman had arrived at the meeting. Chairman McCaffrey asked what the major item was that they felt needed to be preserved. Manager Rambo noted that the number one item was the exterior appearance to maintain a "residential look" and not a "commercial look" and the second was that home occupations currently require the owner of the residence to live on the property. Manager Rambo suggested they put the parking in the rear where it can be screened and buffered rather than in the front.

Chairman McCaffrey had no problem with the owner of the residence not living there, but would like the appearance and character of the residence maintained with parking being allowed to the side or rear. Vice-Chairman Lindborg suggested they screen or landscape the parking to help it blend in with a residential look. Dr. Gotlieb noted that the plan that he brought in was for parking in the front. Chairman McCaffrey stated that the whole purpose is to maintain a residential look to the property. Paving a front yard to provide parking takes away the residential appearance and suggested placing the parking in the side or rear. Dr. Gotlieb explained that he only wanted to add six feet to make the driveway wider in the front that a maximum of five parking spaces was needed. Chairman McCaffrey suggested that he draw it and give it to the Board for their review.

Vice-Chairman Lindborg suggested they agree to one of the alternatives suggested by John Snook subject to an agreeable parking arrangement. The Board was in agreement to go with "alternate 1" with the following verbiage added, "so long as the premises maintain the exterior appearance of a residence." The part of the ordinance that requires the individual to live on the premises will be amended. Dr. Gotlieb will prepare a parking plan to give to the Township Manager. Manager Rambo suggested he could use grass pavers. Vice-Chairman Lindborg made a motion to move forward with the zoning amendment allowing alternative one with the addition as stated above, conditioned upon Dr. Gotlieb's plan for his parking. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier, and McCaffrey all voted aye.

The next item under Information to Act Upon that was discussed was the Township is in receipt of letters dated February 24, 2004 from Brian Horner, P.E., and Paul Ylvisaker, Esquire dated March 1, 2004 and March 26, 2004 concerning various waivers for the Costa Homes Preliminary Subdivision Plan. Chairman McCaffrey stated he was okay with the waiver request 167-47A(2) to permit rolled curb for a centerline grade in excess of 7% conditioned upon the preparation to the rest of the area to keep erosion from the side of the street.

Vice-Chairman Lindborg noted he has an issue with Mr. Ylvisaker and his withdrawing a request of a waiver for sewage. Mr. Ylvisaker explained that the premise that they would be required to provide cap sewers all along and that Bentley, an adjoining developer will be providing public sewer, bringing public sewer pump line along Swinehart Road which is contrary to a decision that the Township rendered in the Conditional Use decision back in November requiring them to put in a community system, however, they are putting in a non-site treatment system that services their developments and their developments alone. Manager Rambo noted that their conditions do state that, however, they have been in further discussions with Craig Poff of Bentley Communities with

regard of going back to the original thought of going to the City of Coatesville. Chairman McCaffrey noted that this is based upon that there has been no solid decision made that there will be anything other than we already reiterated at another meeting. They would like to officially say that they have another plan on the table.

Mr. Ylvisaker noted Bentley has a plan or study on the "table" from Pennsylvania American, which would bring public sewer to and from Coatesville's treatment facility. Manager Rambo noted they currently have a public plan before the Township from Pennsylvania American. The current permitted flow is 345,000 per day to Pennsylvania American of which they are currently only flowing approximately 147,000 per day. The Authority of the Township does have capacity available but not enough at the current time to provide the needs to Bentley. The Authority has requested the Manager and Engineer begin negotiations with those that have originally purchased capacity to see if they would allow a reallocation until possibly the year 2007, at which time it is proposed that Pennsylvania American would begin their reconstruction of their facility. Manager Rambo noted that discussions have begun with the school district, the YMCA, and the hospital. Currently there is no commitment for them to sell the Authority any capacity back at the current time.

Mr. Ylvisaker noted he felt that at this point that the direction that Mr. Poff is going in is that he is prepared to meet the obligations of the Conditional Use because there is no guarantee that the allocation from Coatesville will be made available to them.

Supervisor Obernier asked Mr. Poff of Bentley Homes if he was correct in that he was not going to put a line down, to connect to the connection system that flows to Coatesville. Mr. Poff answered yes that is correct.

Chairman McCaffrey felt that public sewers are going to go in, the question is, where is the pipe going to end up. There is a compelling possibility of sewer; just the end destination has not yet been determined. Mr. Ylvisaker asked who would be putting in the pipe. Chairman McCaffrey noted there are other alternatives presented besides the one that Pennsylvania American presented, among them are several other developers including Mr. Poff. Mr. Ylvisaker stated that would require a plan and there is no plan that says that there is a sewer coming there. He noted that he is reading the Township's ordinance that puts three conditions in place that must be met before cap sewers are required and one of those is a plan. He noted that the plan is not in play, it is a plan that has been circulated for discussion. 2007 is the earliest for Pennsylvania American and that is if there are no delays.

Chairman McCaffrey would like to see a secondary disposal area for the homes that are there. Mr. Ylvisaker noted they put secondary disposal areas in for any site that looked problematic which is what is required by the Chester County Health Department.

The Township Engineer has forwarded the Township his review letter regarding all of the waiver requests. Chairman McCaffrey felt that there was no problem with the cul-de-sac waiver. Regarding the rolled curb waiver request, it is on the record that they would address additional treatments in the area that have higher slopes and runoff. Chairman McCaffrey objected to the

waiver request for Section 167-62 D (3) to permit more than 30% of open space to include woodlands.

Mr. Ylvisaker noted they have a one-acre parcel on one side and in order to create an active open space area you would have to cut down the trees. Chairman McCaffrey felt that the trees are an asset and should be seen as such. He noted there is a need for every neighborhood to have some sort of recreational area.

Vice-Chairman Lindborg asked John Cassels that after having walked the site if they had pointed out where they would like to cut down the trees to make the active recreational area. John Cassels noted that this is adjacent to Swinehart and Beaver Creek. Mr. Ylvisaker noted they are leaving a significant amount of property undisturbed for open space. Vice-Chairman Lindborg sees an active recreation area as an area where kids can play soccer or football. Chairman McCaffrey feels that an acre would be sufficient for kids to play on. Chairman McCaffrey feels they need some sort of active recreation and if they cut down the trees it will be more expensive in replacement of the trees. Mr. Ylvisaker will go back and look over this acre and see what he can do with it and come back and advise the Board.

Manager Rambo asked Mr. Ylvisaker if there was a way that he could make sewer happen and if Mr. Poff would agree to put down the line, would he then consider putting cap sewer in if it were available by the time his final plans are completed. Mr. Ylvisaker answered that they had already discussed what would happen if there were public sewer and noted that he has it in a letter, but that they are not at that point.

Tom Eells, Director of Public Works suggested that the streets in their subdivision not be named after girls because the signs with girl's names on them keep getting stolen.

Manager Rambo recommended that Mr. Ylvisaker grant an extension of time. Mr. Ylvisaker granted a thirty-day extension. Based on receiving the extension of time Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to grant the two waivers; Section 167-44C to allow for the length of the cul-de-sac to exceed 1,000' and Section 167-47A(2) to permit rolled curb for a centerline grade in excess of 7%. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier, and McCaffrey all voted aye.

The fourth piece of information to act upon was the Township is in receipt of resignation letters from Sue Bower and Jim Wynn of the Historic Commission. Manager Rambo recommended the Board accept the resignations of Sue Bower and Jim Wynn. Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to accept the resignations. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier, and McCaffrey all voted aye.

The fifth item was the East Brandywine Fire Company has forwarded the Township correspondence seeking a letter of support with regard to their recent application under the 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Supervisor Obernier made a motion for the Manager to send a letter of support for East Brandywine Fire Company. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, McCaffrey, and Lindborg all voted aye.

The seventh item was the Township is in receipt of a letter of extension from Chris Catania granting a sixty-day extension in which to render a decision on his Hurley Road Preliminary Subdivision Plan. Manager Rambo noted that he has granted an extension even though the Planning Commission has granted preliminary approval. Vice-Chairman Lindborg made a motion to accept the letter of extension from Chris Catania. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier, and McCaffrey all voted aye.

The final piece of Information to Act Upon was the Township is in receipt of a sixty-day letter of extension from Schnatz & Rohrer with regard to rendering a decision on their Preliminary Land Development Plan. Manager Rambo noted that upon the Planning Commission's recommendation that the extension letter be accepted. Vice-Chairman Lindborg made a motion to accept the sixty-day letter of extension from Schnatz & Rohrer. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, Lindborg, and McCaffrey all voted aye.

Information to Note

The first piece of information to note was Representative Curt Schroder has forwarded correspondence from DEP advising the Township that it was awarded a recycling grant award totaling \$75,651. Manager Rambo noted this grant application was submitted last June for a percentage of the purchase price for a truck and roll off's to haul paper products, new recycling bins, and also for educational purposes such as the newsletter.

The second piece of information to note was the Township is in receipt of various pieces of correspondence from John E. Good, Esquire and Richard Orlow, Esquire with regard to GenTerra and the Valley View Subdivision. Manager Rambo noted that upon the solicitor's review everything has been addressed, modified, and found to be in order. Mr. Orlow will be bringing forth the required inspection check and also the fee in lieu of the contribution so that the final plans can be signed and taken for recording.

The next item was the County Commissioners has forwarded the Township information on the Rapid Recycling, Inc. Tour scheduled for Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, 2004. There were no comments made.

Sky Flight Care has forwarded Chief Werner a letter of gratitude and appreciation for the department's support and the efforts of Corporal Williams for fallen Flight Nurse Paramedic, Joe Davoli. Chief Walt Werner noted that he had passed away due to an illness.

The fifth item under Information to Note was DEP has forwarded the Township a notice with regard to the application of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. for the construction of the Rock Raymond Road Pump Station and transmission line that will convey water from the Downingtown Municipal Water Authority (DMWA) to its Northern Division of Aqua America. Manager Rambo noted that this is a result of the settlement of the Cornog Project. There was no mention made by Aqua Pennsylvania of the tanks they want to build along Route 322.

The final piece of information to note was the County Health Department and Planning Commission have forwarded the Township their comments on the PAWC Act 537 Plan and the Act 537 Plan of Study for Bentley Communities, which are available for review. Chairman

McCaffrey noted that the PAWC Plan seems to be undesirable to a lot of people and asked the Manager if PAWC is going to have the capacity. Manager Rambo noted that after talking with Pennsylvania America it is believed that they will, the Township currently has the ability to ship 345,000 and the lines are adequate. Other townships that have purchased capacity already have commitments from developers to upgrade lines within the city limits that are owned by Pennsylvania America so that the sewer can get to where it needs to be. The Manager feels that it will all work out.

Adjournment from Township Meeting & Opening of Public Hearing

At this time in the meeting the Chairman moved to Adjourn from the Township Meeting at 8:37 p.m. at open a Public Hearing at 8:38 p.m. regarding a Hearing for Ordinance No. 04-01; amendments to the zoning ordinance. This Ordinance deals with the modification and amendments to the commercial recreation amenities that are currently in the RM district and modifying it to where they would be in the LI district. The County has reviewed it and was concerned that if there were any existing commercial recreational uses in the RM now, they would become nonconforming; there are none. The Manager made a minor change by modifying two numbers after the County suggested looking at some of the numbering issues that were in the ordinance. The Ordinance has duly advertised. The Manager noted that it permits indoor/outdoor commercial recreation facilities, including bowling, tennis, swimming, go-cart track, rock climbing and similar operations. Any combination of the uses permitted by 200-44.C (1), (2), (3), and (6). Accessory uses customarily incidental to any of the foregoing uses, including snack bars. All uses are required to go before the Board of Supervisors as a Conditional Use Process.

A nonresident Vinnie of West Caln Township asked where the LI district is located. Manager Rambo answered the LI district is currently the area on Route 322 west of the BL Myers tract to the township line. There were no further comments made.

Adjournment from Public Hearing & Re-Opening of Township Meeting

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. with a motion made by Vice-Chairman Lindborg, seconded by Supervisor Obernier. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier, and McCaffrey all voted aye in favor of the adjournment of the Public Hearing. Chairman McCaffrey re-opened the Township Meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Old Business

Chairman McCaffrey moved onto Old Business. The first piece of Old Business was the Board of Supervisors is searching for three volunteers to serve on the Building Appeals Board, two for the Parks and Recreation Board, and three volunteers for the Historic Commission. Manager Rambo noted that they currently have two or three people who would like to participate on the Building Appeals Board. The Board will adopt the ordinance to officially adopt the State Building Code at the April 15, 2004 meeting. Upon the adoption of the ordinance they are permitted to use a Building Appeals Board from another township until the Township officially establishes their own. Manager Rambo will talk with West Bradford Township to see if West Brandywine Township can use their Building Appeals Board. Chairman McCaffrey suggested that the people interested on serving on the Building Appeals Board sit in on West Bradford's Building Appeals Board meeting.

The next piece of Old Business was the Public Works Director and Manager are continuing their specification preparation and review for an equipment storage facility. There were no comments made.

The next item was the spring edition of the newsletter has been mailed. Jesse and Pat Edwards were commended for their efforts in mailing the Newsletter.

The fourth item to address under Old Business was additional comments on Ordinance No. 04-01, amendments to the Township's zoning ordinance with regard to commercial recreation uses in the LI District. There were no comments made.

The fifth item was the Township Manager has prepared and advertised Ordinance No. 04-02 for consideration and adoption with regard to the State's Uniform Construction Code. There were no comments made.

The sixth item was the Brandywine Conservancy is finalizing a spreadsheet on the results of the recent survey performed in conjunction with the Comp Plan update. Manager Rambo noted a 22% return rate.

The seventh item was the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing during their meeting of April 15, 2004 on the Land Use Assumption Report (LUAR) for the Act 209 Study. There were no comments made.

The final item to address under Old Business was the Township Engineer and Manager are finalizing their review of the PAWC Act 537 Plan update and Bentley Communities Special Study of the Township's Act 537 Plan. The Manager and the Township's Engineer have met with Craig Poff of Bentley Communities to review their Special Study of the Act 537 Plan.

Old Business from the Floor

Steve Jakatt commented that Waste Management tosses the recycling bins around. Chairman McCaffrey noted on the last trash day there were a lot of cans rolling around on the roadways.

Pat Edwards asked if there was anything new with regards to the Ridings of Hibernia property. Manager Rambo noted they will be on the agenda at the April 15, 2004 Board of Supervisors meeting. Mrs. Edwards also noted a big gash in the road in front of Hoovers Lane. Manager Rambo will contact PennDot and let them know.

Mrs. Edwards was concerned about whether open space was worth arguing about. Manager Rambo noted that years ago people didn't care if children were playing in their yard but today people don't want children in their yards. There are different types of parks for different folks, e.g., exercise parks, nature parks, ball fields, etc.

Suzanne Tucker asked for clarification as to which meetings people should be attending with regards to the proposed roadway connected to Raleigh Drive. Manager Rambo noted that this issue is currently before the Planning Commission. At the submission of the plan, the Board of Supervisors receive a copy to review, until such time that the Planning Commission makes their

recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Once the Planning Commission makes recommendations for preliminary approval or denial the Board will make a decision on everything. The Manager recommended they call ahead for an agenda and then send a couple of spokes people that will speak on behalf of the group. Vice-Chairman Lindborg suggested that since the roadway is an issue that the Planning Commission should address this and bring it to the Board of Supervisors to see if they can get that part of it resolved.

Old Business from the Board

Richard Kane noted his frustration as outlined in his letter concerning lighting and ground water issues regarding the City of Coatesville's Golf Facility that have not yet been answered. Chairman McCaffrey noted that when people come in, they don't want to hear about modifying it, they just don't want it there, they don't hear the other parts. That's why the numbers of people have deteriorated, because people seem to be the consumers in everything and if their desires and wants are not immediately satisfied then they stop coming. He noted that the lighting consultant has been looking at the issue with the lighting.

Mr. Kane explained that in the Planning Commission they are given 15 minutes to talk and not much can be done in that time. Supervisor Obernier feels that the Board has not communicated information well with the public. There is new information that is going back and forth between the Board and the Planning Commission. There is activity with regard to the water issue and noted how Steve Jakatt from the Planning Commission has brought up the water issue and the 93,000 gallons. The Board had brought up the lighting issue and the fact they want the City of Coatesville to be straightforward in showing what they are going to do, they didn't do that well enough the first time and will do it a second time. The Board does not have any control over the timing of this and understood why Mr. Kane would be frustrated. Supervisor Obernier noted there is absolutely no less intense desire on the part of the Board than on this issue.

Mr. Kane noted his frustration eighteen months later is that when he comes and listens, the City's attorneys don't answer any questions or say they will get back to us with the answer and never do. Supervisor Obernier explained that it is frustratingly slow and that spending money on an attorney and a lawsuit is something that he personally is trying to avoid, but sometimes it is important for whatever it is we are trying to accomplish here.

Mr. Kane explained that yes it is a long time coming but if the final result comes close to what the Board has been working towards he will be happy. Steve Jakatt has helped him understand water tables and such. The City of Coatesville has a tendency of using words the way they want to use them, 95,000 to them may mean something totally different, they will twist it. He noted that they changed the plans to include a Chip and Putt that wasn't previously there and can't keep up with their changes. The Board agreed with Mr. Kane.

Chairman McCaffrey suggested having all the correspondence about the Golf Facility compiled in a specific area for the public to review. Manager Rambo will make copies available for the public to view. Vice-Chairman Lindborg explained the issues that Mr. Kane brought up are issues that are currently being addressed. If the City had gone through the Conditional Use Hearings then a lot of this would have been worked out in a public forum where people could have had an input.

Supervisor Obernier explained that it is his impression that the residents perceive that West Brandywine Township's Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and administrative people make an effort to work together for the people that live here. Supervisor Obernier felt that if the Board should decide to take the City of Coatesville to court, if the Coatesville issue goes that far, that the residents would be willing to support this and have a tax increase. He noted that the support that the Boards sees carries them through and gives them strength.

Steve Jakatt, Chairman of the Planning Commission explained at their last meeting he apologized if it seemed like he was cutting people off, he was trying to keep the applicants to about 15 minutes. He agreed with Mr. Kane that the City of Coatesville has an attorney that rubs people the wrong way and understands why Mr. Kane is frustrated. Chairman McCaffrey suggested that they keep minutes and come back with their concerns at future meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 04-01; adoption of zoning amendments. Vice-Chairman Lindborg made a motion to adopt Ordinance 04-01. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier, and McCaffrey all voted aye.

New Business

Manager Rambo read the recommendations of the Planning Commission. There were no comments made.

The next item under New Business was the approval of release requests for Suttonwoods Phase I & II. The Manager recommended the Board table the approval of the release request until they have received the Engineers review and approval. Chairman McCaffrey made a motion to table the release requests for Suttonwoods Phase I & II. Vice-Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Lindborg, and Obernier voted aye.

The third item under New Business was the Board of Supervisors to consider finding an individual to serve as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board for instances when a conflict may arise. Manager Rambo noted that many municipalities have an alternate. During the current engineers review of plans, who is also the Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board and serves as a member, if he comes up with an instance where someone wants to seek relief through variance with the Zoning Hearing Board then he has to recuse himself. The Manager and the Engineer would determine if there was a conflict of interest. The Manager will send a letter to Sandy Detterline, P.E. to see if she would be interested in the position.

The fourth item was to discuss the purchase of the Cody Software System for utilization by the Police Department. Manager Rambo noted that the total fee is \$16,660 with an annual license fee of \$1,500. Chief Walt Werner explained the need the Police Department has for the software. Several other townships are currently using this software. In the future they could also purchase an add on to the software that would allow the mobile terminals while the car is going around to directly input information into the systems without coming back into the building. Supervisor Obernier made a motion to purchase the Cody Software. Vice-Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, Lindborg, and McCaffrey all voted aye.

The final item under New Business was Linda Formica, Administrative Assistant, is working on the new website format for presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Manager Rambo noted there is a 29 day trial period.

New Business from the floor

WBT resident Jim Williams noted that he has 12 acres on the North side of Indian Run Mobile Home Park was concerned that they are dumping concrete, tree stumps, etc., near the creek, they do not have a silt fence and that there has been raw sewage coming from their on-site sewage plant and wanted to know who inspects the site. Chairman McCaffrey noted the Chester County Health Department would be the contact, that the Township has no sewage enforcement authority over Indian Run.

Manager Rambo noted that Indian Run has a sewage system that is permitted by DEP and have a qualified operator Cawley Environmental from Downingtown. They have an emergency call situation that had just been forwarded to the Township. The contacts listed can be posted. With regards to the dumping within the area of the stream, they have zoning requirements with regards to riparian buffers and not obstructing it. These issues could come under Property Maintenance Code. Manager Rambo suggested that if he would like to file a complaint that he be willing to follow through with it. Manager Rambo noted the Township could send someone out to check on it.

Mr. Williams explained that he has spoken with Dale Barnett the Township's Code/Zoning Officer a few years ago about a water runoff problem that stems from the parking lot outside Indian Run's office. Indian Run has cleaned the drains out and placed the silt in the swale making the swale three feet higher and no longer a swale. Manager Rambo will pull the original plan out for this area to determine how it was modified through the dumping and grading, they will have to revert it back to the original approved plan. Mr. Williams then showed the Board and Manager pictures denoting the areas of concern.

Steve Jakatt noted that after the last Board of Supervisors meeting Chief Werner spoke with Steve Jakatt and John Cassels with concerns about a dip in the road in the new Costa subdivision. Manager Rambo noted that PennDot is requiring them to remove 18" off the bump to the north of their entrance and repave the whole section in front of their subdivision. Steve Jakatt welcomed Chief Werner's comments and thanked him for his input.

Jesse Edwards was concerned about trees that were being cut down north along Beaver Creek. Manager Rambo noted that this was on the Archdiocese property.

Acceptance of Minutes from Precious Meetings

The next order of business the Chairman addressed was the Acceptance of Minutes from March 4, 2004 and March 18, 2004. Supervisor Obernier motioned to accept the Minutes of March 4, 2004 and March 18, 2004. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, McCaffrey, and Lindborg all voted aye. Chairman McCaffrey suggested that if there are edits in the meeting minutes besides spelling and grammar, that the edited copy be forwarded to the Board Members.

New Business from the Board

Chairman McCaffrey noted there is a new House Bill No. 2461 that pertains to Home Owners Association Rules that is sponsored by Representative Curt Schroder. He suggested the Board send a letter of support to Representative Schroder.

Public Comments

John Cassels of East Reeceville Road was concerned about taking sewage disposal out of the area and its effect on the water tables and is apprehensive about the effect on our wetlands and their habitats without having the water replaced. Bentley and the Kay project in East Brandywine are proposing a more natural and sustainable sewage disposal that will be piped down and be treated and then the effluent will be pumped back uphill to dispose of it on the same ground where it came from.

Manager Rambo explained that when they requested Philadelphia Suburban Water look into Cornog, one thing we wanted them to do was to become less dependant on the wells in the Township so we don't have these problems. He explained that at a seminar he attended at the Brandywine Conservancy, a Doctor's study had found that dependant upon how much sewer and water that you put back through recharge, you could create adverse conditions on houses by putting too much back into the ground. With the stormwater recharge the Township is promoting it may balance out.

Steve Jakatt noted that he respects John Cassels opinion but disagrees with him. In the east side of the Township they have wet soil conditions. This is one of those decisions that you have to balance which way is better. Collecting from East and West Brandywine and then having it flow down into Coatesville - would this be detrimental to the water table and is it going to be positive to the septic systems, this needs to be looked at very carefully. Chairman McCaffrey felt that it would be logical to use and replace it in the same area and feels it would be reasonable to look into.

Open Issues

The first Open Issue was the Cable Franchise list review. Manager Rambo noted that he is waiting to receive the check from them to see how they have been able to address the information we sent them to see if anything has changed since last year's check was received.

Facility/Park Update

The current interest rate is 1.37%. The Township pays the principle payment on a yearly basis in August.

Review and Payment of the bills

Manager Rambo noted bills for the General Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and the State Fund totaling \$74,570.29 of which \$22,000 will come out of the Reserve Fund or other entities. Chairman McCaffrey motioned to pay the bills and Vice-Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Lindborg, and Obernier voted aye in favor of their payment.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 3, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.
- Historic Commission meeting, Monday, April 5, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Municipal Authority meeting, Thursday, April 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Conditional Use Hearing, Costa Homes, Inc., Monday, April 12, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board, Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Supervisors, Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission, Thursday, April 22, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Supervisor Obernier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. Vice-Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, Lindborg, and McCaffrey voted aye in favor of adjournment.

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