

Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2008 Board of Supervisors

Chairman Lindborg called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of January 7, 2008 to order at 7:17 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 Carl S. Lindborg, Vice-Chairman Josef G. Obernier, Sr., and Supervisor Thomas J. McCaffrey 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 [Codes/Zoning Officer] and Thomas Eells [Director of Public Works].

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

November 1, 2007, November 15, 2007, December 6, 2007 and December 20, 2007. Supervisor McCaffrey motioned to adopt November 1, 2007 and November 15, 2007. Vice-Chairman Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Obernier, and Lindborg voted aye. The December Meeting Minutes were tabled.

Correspondence/Communications Information to act upon

John Snook of the Brandywine Conservancy has provided the Township with amendments to the Open Space Design Option for review and input prior to their advertising for adoption consideration.

Manager Rambo noted after meeting with John Snook, Mr. Snook will be supplying the Township with additional information.

The Chester County SPCA has forwarded the Township their proposed 2008 Stray Boarding and Animal Protective Services Contract for consideration. Chief Werner requested that the Township receive monthly reports and monthly billing from the SPCA. Vice-Chairman Obernier stated his only request was that the SPCA's reports be sent monthly to the Township. Vice-Chairman Obernier suggested that the BoS adopt the service contract contingent upon the SPCA's willingness to send a monthly report. If they don't Vice-Chairman Obernier would like to go back and vote no. Chairman Lindborg motioned they approve the contract with the understanding that the BoS has asked and would continue to press the issue that they fax or mail the Township monthly reports and felt that it wouldn't be beneficial for the BoS to delay signing the contract. Supervisor McCaffrey noted he also would like to see a monthly report and seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg and McCaffrey voted aye. Vice-Chairman Obernier stated that each member of the BoS expressed their position, the SPCA is not the only game in town, and there are other alternatives. The Township pays them for a service and didn't feel that it is a big deal. For now, Vice-Chairman Obernier is willing to approve it and also voted aye.

Andy Eberwein of E. B. Walsh & Associates, Inc. has forwarded the Township a waiver request for the length of a cul-de-sac for the Brandywine Manor Project (Gordon Eck Property). Manager Rambo recommended that the waiver request be tabled until the Planning Commission has addressed it. Vice-

Chairman Obernier requested a map of the Township with the subdivision names listed on it. Supervisor McCaffrey motioned to table the waiver request. Vice-Chairman Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Obernier, and Lindborg voted aye.

Steve Janiec has forwarded the Township a ninety (90) day letter of extension for the rendering of a decision on his Cobblestone @ Horseshoe Village Preliminary Subdivision Plans (time clock will run until Friday, April 18, 2008). Manager Rambo noted Mr. Janiec is addressing the engineer's comments and recommended that the BoS accept the extension. Supervisor McCaffrey requested that the Manager find out how long you can give an extension. Supervisor McCaffrey questioned why should it take 90 additional days to address a review letter, if the review letter is so extensive that it takes extended periods of time to address, then there must be something basically flawed in the plan and perhaps it should be rejected and let the applicant resubmit. Manager Rambo noted this is Janiec's second 90-day extension. Chairman Lindborg suggested in the future he would like to have more detailed documentation to find out what they are addressing. Supervisor McCaffrey stated if they are moving lot lines, it should be a new plan. Supervisor McCaffrey motioned to accept the extension. Vice-Chairman Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Obernier, and Lindborg voted aye.

Correspondence/Communications Information to Note

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from the TMMACC with regard to its operating grant that will be submitted to PennDot. The Township would send a letter noting that it would continue their membership.

GRIPS, Inc. has forwarded the Township an email noting their interest in selling their 1/2 acre parcel located adjacent to the Township's property in the Hills Over Pratts Dam Subdivision. Manager Rambo stated GRIPS asking price is \$7,500, a year's taxes. The property can be accessed through the Township's right-of-way. Chairman Lindborg asked what the benefit would be to the community if the Township purchases the parcel. The Township owns five acres. Chairman Lindborg suggested Manager Rambo offer half or \$3,750 for the parcel. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned that the Township offer GRIPS \$3,750 for the 1/2 acre parcel located in the Hills Over Pratts Dam Subdivision. Supervisor McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, McCaffrey, and Lindborg voted aye.

James W. MacCombie, P.E, Township Engineer, has provided the Township a letter with regard to the cul-de-sac waiver request for the proposed Eck Property Subdivision. Vice-Chairman Obernier noted that a spray irrigation system was suggested for each house. Supervisor McCaffrey stated if the cul-de-sac is just to facilitate more lots then he didn't understand why the BoS would have to even consider it. Vice-Chairman Obernier noted that MacCombie's letter touches on that point. Chairman Lindborg stated the BoS would address the waiver after they get feedback from the Planning Commission.

The Chester County Department of Emergency Services has provided the Township with a list of services it can provide. There were no comments.

Old Business

The Manager continues his draft "easement agreement" preparation based on County requirements for funding for presentation to the Henderson's with regard to the purchase of a conservation easement. Manager Rambo noted that he anticipated hearing from the County within the next month as to whether the Township was awarded a grant for the purchase of the Henderson's conservation easement. As far as the City of Coatesville's "Conti" property, as per a conversation with Becky Corbin from Representative Schroder's office the Township was not awarded a grant for the purchase of the City property. However, she was advised that the County is making additional grants available after the 1st of the year for the purchase of properties.

Discussions on the Non-Uniform Policy Manual. Manager Rambo recommended that the BoS get together to discuss the manual and will forward some available dates to the BoS.

A meeting was held with Jim MacCombie, Township Engineer and John Snook of the Brandywine Conservancy to have further discussions on the proposed ordinance amendments to the Township's Open Space Design Option. Chairman Lindborg and Vice-Chairman Obernier were also in attendance. John Snook is going to provide the BoS with the changes.

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 or Resolutions.

New Business

Signing of escrow release for the All Souls Cemetery Project. Manager Rambo noted a release request in the amount of \$241,582.95. Jim MacCombie and Manager Rambo have reviewed the request and found it satisfactory. Supervisor McCaffrey motioned to approve the escrow release based on the Engineer and Manager's reviews. Vice-Chairman Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Obernier, and Lindborg voted aye.

The Chief is requesting that he be permitted to add Pat Ely to the Western Chester County Emergency Response Team. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to appoint Pat Ely to the Western Chester County Emergency Response Team. Supervisor McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, McCaffrey, and Lindborg voted aye.

New Business from the Floor

There was no New Business from the Floor.

New Business from the Board

There was no New Business from the Board.

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

Ed Baldwin of Reeceville Road questioned the process for building a barn for dairy cows. Dale Barnett addressed Mr. Baldwin's question.

Open Issues Before the Township

The Township has forwarded its Signal Specifications to Caln Township for review. This item has been under Open Issues for a year, it was recommended that it be dropped from the agenda.

The Manager and Township Engineer continue in their efforts of reviewing and updating the Township's Act 537 Plan. Manager Rambo noted they are continuing their review and update.

The Township continues to review information with regard to the State Turnback Program. Manager Rambo noted that he and Tom Eells will be reviewing this.

The Board and Manager are continuing their updates to the Non-Uniform Personnel Policy Manual. The BoS has agreed to meet regarding the updates. This item will be dropped off of Open Issues.

General Obligation Note (Adjustable Rate Bond for the Facility/Park Construction)
Interest rate for the week (3.77%). There were no comments.

Review and Payment of the bills.

Manager Rambo noted the Solid Waste Bills totaling \$43,467 and General Fund bills totaling \$104,814.12. Supervisor McCaffrey noted he reviewed the bills. Vice-Chairman Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Obernier, and Lindborg voted aye in favor to pay the bills.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Chairman Lindborg noted the upcoming meeting and events. Chairman Lindborg noted he has a family obligation and wouldn't be able to attend the January 17th BoS meeting. There were no comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor McCaffrey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Vice-Chairman Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Obernier, and Lindborg voted aye in favor of adjournment.

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