

Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2004 Board of Supervisors

Chairman McCaffrey called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of August 5, 2004 to order at 7:35 p.m. and then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors by the Township Manager noted Chairman McCaffrey and Supervisor Obernier in attendance. Vice-Chairman Lindborg was absent. 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.

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

June 10, 2004, June 11, 2004, June 17, 2004, July 1, 2004, July 13, 2004 and July 15, 2004. Chairman McCaffrey motioned to accept the Minutes of June 10, 2004, June 11, 2004, and June 17, 2004. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey and Obernier all voted aye. The Minutes for July 13, 2004 and July 15, 2004 were tabled.

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

Representatives of the Elliot Building Group are in attendance to present a sketch plan with regards to the Ridings of Hibernia to the Board of Supervisors. Steve Jackowitz, representing the Elliot Building Group explained that the applicant came in and asked the BoS to consider extending final approval on the plan with some modifications. He noted the changes from the previous sketch plan that was brought before the board and stated when the plan was brought before the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission felt that the Board should consider this based on some of the things that the applicant was offering. The number of units is 91. Chairman McCaffrey and Supervisor Obernier both agreed that the Planning Commission did not recommend the original plan to the BoS. Mr. Jackowitz stated they were able to redesign their plan after taking a few months and meeting with their staff along with John Snook. There are still some deficiencies with regards to the existing open space option. He noted they are asking the Board to consider a waiver for allowing areas that are not 150 feet in width to be included in open space because they would then exceed the actual open space requirement.

Chairman McCaffrey stated that the minimum should be 150-foot pieces of ground, and felt there is a logical reason to pick a certain size piece of ground to call open space. Mr. Jackowitz agreed, but stated that in this instance they have a stretch of area that covers the back of the property and

because of the natural features that exist on the property, they can't get the 150-foot width. The width still provides a substantial buffer to the residents. Supervisor Obernier stated that at the last Planning Commission meeting he recalled their comment about needing a waiver because of putting a curb in there in which John Snook had commented on. John Snook of the Brandywine Conservancy suggested to the applicant that rather than try to keep the old plan, that they commit themselves to the extra step of going before the BoS with the Conditional Use Application which would allow them to use the lot size and layout standards of the new ordinance and would also allow them to meet many of the objectives of the open space criteria, but does require modification to the specific dimensional criteria. Mr. Snook noted the benefits of the new plan over the earlier plan. The first couple of houses will be the only ones that will be visible from Hibernia Road with the new plan; the vegetation will entirely block all the other portions of the development.

Chairman McCaffrey commented that they have wet areas in the middle they can't use and are building where they can. The Township has a multi-step process they have paid thousands of dollars for... as he looks at this plan, he sees a pattern of development where the streets and everything else came from a decade old plan. Chairman McCaffrey feels that they can't go through the multi-step process and by happenstance come up with the same layout they had from a decade ago. John Snook agreed that this plan is within the context of the prior plan and explained the point is that this is a package deal. There are legal means for the applicant to pursue the old plan, which Mr. Snook stated is not his purview. The content here is the suggestion that they pursue a new plan under the new ordinance using the Conditional Use Process because it allows some flexibility. In this case we have that extra layer of the content of the old plan. If this had come in as a brand new project under the current ordinance, this would be viewed quite differently but that is not the case.

Chairman McCaffrey asked why they went through the pain, effort, and money to pass better regulations for development of property only to ignore them when someone comes in to develop property. Mr. Snook stated that the new ordinance specifically provides for a case-by-case basis. Chairman McCaffrey asked why you wouldn't approach this in a multiple number of ways, stick with this plan as a possibility, and suggested having someone start with the ordinance, as it exists today and show what they would put in, rather than start out with a set number of units that comes from ten years ago.

Supervisor Obernier agreed with Chairman McCaffrey that it seems that every development that comes in is constantly requesting waivers. Supervisor Obernier stated that after having sat in on the Planning Commission meeting where the presentation for this plan went on for at least an hour and a half, the entire Planning Commission seemed positive about it. What seemed to come out of it was that rather than thinking about this coming from a ten-year-old plan, just looking at this plan, it is not a bad plan. John Snook lent himself into this design; this is the type of thing that we normally see the Brandywine Conservancy generate. Also, there is an issue of failing septic systems along Route 82.

Chairman McCaffrey felt that he didn't think you should sacrifice the development of the future and the neighborhoods of the future because of the poor planning that took place in the past. He stated that this isn't a point of play for him to look at a plan to think how he is going to put other peoples septic systems in there. He commented that people come in and always have reasons for waivers; there is never a reason to make it the other way. They have a game plan: they want 91

units on this piece of ground. This is the wrong way to start a plan off to pick the number of units you need and to make them fit there somehow.

Supervisor Obernier stated that he understands Chairman McCaffrey's point of view and didn't disagree with it, but that it doesn't rub him as wrong that the developer feels he needs 91 units to make it viable for them. It chides him to constantly have the developers come in and cut corners. In this particular case Supervisor Obernier agrees with the Planning Commission. Supervisor Obernier asked John Cassels, Planning Commission Chairman what the Planning Commission's response was when they saw this plan. Mr. Cassels answered that it was one hundred percent better than the old plan. Chairman McCaffrey stated that the Planning Commission never got to see a plan according to today's ordinances.

Mr. Cassels compared the two plans they had, the previous plan that was approved and felt that the new plan was very similar. They agreed with John Snook's memo that there were some bad planning issues and things that the community should not have to deal with, and there were improvements made with good planning. The Storm Water Management in the way it was described made more sense and would fit better with the constraints on site; you have to look at these things on a case-by-case basis.

John Snook stated that this new plan reflects the thought of the multi-step process for development. John explained the differences between the new plan and if you went with the Township's new ordinance and stated that you would drop the units from 91 to 85, but wouldn't end up with a huge difference in the plan. This applicant has come before the BoS with a request to resuscitate the old plan and move forward with some modifications. They were not interested in pursuing the Conditional Use Plan under the new ordinance. Manager Rambo and John Snook had suggested that would be the best way to go because it affords you modifications. The applicant wanted to maintain the number for their financial viability and they have the right to do that. They may go back to their attorney's and say forget Conditional Use and push the resuscitation of the old plan. They have agreed to Conditional Use upon their recommendations. That is why they are not at square one.

Chairman McCaffrey stated that they either approach this in a clear way under the new ordinance or they can go to court if they want to go to court. Supervisor Obernier explained that he didn't think anybody has any threat of anything here. Chairman McCaffrey said that instead of perusing the resuscitated plan; they would rather go through Conditional Use. What does a municipality have to do besides spend thousands of dollars on new land planning ordinances and wait for ten years from the last time that they brought a plan in for that plot?

Supervisor Obernier asked Chairman McCaffrey how many fewer houses he would like to see there. Chairman McCaffrey stated he was not objecting to the plan, just the process. The Township paid for a multi step process. Supervisor Obernier asked if Chairman McCaffrey's issue is that they have not followed the multi step plan as laid out in the Township's ordinances. If they were to follow that multi-step process and they ended up with exactly this plan then it would be okay. Chairman McCaffrey answered yes, he would see where it came from and it would go with what they are trying to do with their ordinances. Other people who come on board will see this.

Manager Rambo noted he and John Snook were directed to meet with the applicant. They met for two three-hour sessions, they saw the plan from 81 lots and explained what they wanted to do and why they were trying to pursue 91 lots. With that in mind, he pushed for the \$100,000 contribution for open space, an interconnection to the trail network that is being proposed in the comprehensive plan, since they want a narrower road, that they contribute \$40,000 to the road department for the purchase of a salt-water roadway ice prevention system to be used throughout the entire Township. He pushed for them to design a sewer system that will address sewer around the entire site and put the pipes in and to build the beds. They are willing to keep that on the table and are willing to go to Conditional Use. John Snook and the Manager have gone through that process as they had been directed.

Chairman McCaffrey stated that he would still like to see how it would be developed according to the Township's ordinance. Manager Rambo stated that it would end up just like this. The Manager explained they created the ordinances for flexibility to try and get the best plan they can for specific sited areas that have environmental concerns that they want to preserve as open space. They are achieving what they want to do, a nice looking subdivision and assistance to help buy open space.

Chairman McCaffrey had concerns about the wetlands and wanted to look at a plan. Manager Rambo explained they just redelineated the wetlands, retopped, and are re-perking sites for sewer. They have everything mapped out and a copy of the whole set of plans is in the BoS mailboxes with the list of all of the requested waivers. He and John Snook spent numerous hours meeting with Dave and their engineering people that will come up with a viable plan that will protect everything the Township wants and also achieve financial assistance for the Township in a means that they don't have to tax individuals.

Chairman McCaffrey was concerned about the sewage disposal placement. John Snook explained that this would be part of the open space and delineated this on his map. He noted there is prominent usable open space for this number of houses. Manager Rambo stated they are looking into the Act 537 plan for consideration. The Manager explained that the Conditional Use Process is going to be signed, approved, and recorded before any excavation starts, if they start to excavate and have a problem with wetlands, then the lot may not be usable.

Chairman McCaffrey stated he would like to look at all the things they would be waiving all the way down to the sewage system. John Snook then read the list of waivers that are being requested by the Elliot Building Group and noted that other modifications and waivers would come up at Subdivision and Land Development. He noted that one waiver should be dealt with through Conditional Use regarding 400 gallons per day versus the DEP's requirement. Chairman McCaffrey noted the numbers for gallons per day being so high was to try to provide for extra drainage area for the effluent to be disposed of because they have a consistent problem with it not being correct; DEP has all the authority and not the responsibility.

Steve Jackowitz thanked the Board for their comments and input. His final comments were that they have designed a subdivision that fits within the conduit of this particular property. Chairman McCaffrey stated that he didn't have any problem with moving forward if the Planning Commission feels that everything has been worked out and feels that they are working with the

Planning Commission, then he doesn't have a problem for the Preliminary Plan running right along with the Conditional Use.

Correspondence/Communications *Information to Act Upon*

The Township is in receipt of a letter of extension from E. B. Walsh & Associates, Inc., granting the Township, on behalf of their client, a sixty-day extension in which to render a decision on the Coatesville Area Regional Catholic Elementary School Preliminary Land Development Plans. Manager Rambo recommended the Board accept the extension. Supervisor Obernier motioned to accept the sixty-day extension for Coatesville Area Regional Catholic Elementary School. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

The Township is in receipt of a letter of extension from Nave Newell, Inc. granting the Township, on behalf of their client, an extension of time until Tuesday, November 30, 2004 in which to render a decision on the St. Peter's Church Preliminary Land Development Plan. Manager Rambo recommended the Board accept the extension. Supervisor Obernier motioned to accept the extension from Nave Newell, Inc. with regards to the St. Peter's Church Preliminary Land Development Plan. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. has forwarded the Township a waiver request with regard to Section 200-107.D.(1).c and d on behalf of their client, Greg and Amy Tremoglie, owners of Glenmoore Veterinary Hospital. James M. Haigney of Commonwealth Engineers was in attendance representing Greg and Amy Tremoglie asking the BoS to consider their waiver request. He noted the main reason for the waiver request was due to the size of the lot, as well as some existing vegetation as delineated on his map and requested that some of the existing vegetation be considered toward the landscaping count. The most significant reduction is in the 92 shrubs; they are not proposing any shrubs. In the past when they planted shrubs in the front, within six months they were destroyed due to dog visits to and from the building.

Steve Jakatt, Planning Commission Member noted they had discussed this at length, but wasn't sure where the Planning Commission stood on the shrubbery issue. John Cassels didn't feel there was much opposition to the waiver request, but questioned whether the dogs would have that much of an impact on the shrubs. Another issue is the commercial aspect of the building and asked if it helps the business by having it screened a little bit by vegetation. Chairman McCaffrey asked if there was something they could do to soften the look of the commercial aspect of the building. Supervisor Obernier suggested that rather than waiving this, the Tremoglie's be allowed to put in shrubbery the way they perceive it that would be best for them and leave it open for a two year period so the BoS could enforce upon them to put in the maximum shrubbery if the BoS deem it necessary within that period if it needs it after the building is finished and the money would be in escrow.

Chairman McCaffrey asked if they have to go back before the Planning Commission again and Mr. Haigney answered yes, they have to go back for a recommendation. Chairman McCaffrey was in favor of giving credit for the existing vegetation and suggested that the Planning Commission hold a certain number for the reduction of shrubs, not an elimination of what the requirement would be. And also allow a certain period of time to come back and put in what was agreed upon as a

reasonable number of shrubs. Manager Rambo noted they will be required to put funds in escrow for all the public improvements, all of which will carry a 15 % retainage for an 18 month period after it is completed. The funds will be released if everything is okay, but if some additional plantings need placed they will have funds there. Supervisor Obernier concurred with Chairman McCaffrey. Chairman McCaffrey stated they are asking the Planning Commission in their review process to determine what portions should be outright eliminated as unnecessary and what parts should be added to the escrow. Manager Rambo noted the Planning Commission could make that recommendation at their next meeting.

E. B. Walsh & Associates has forwarded the Township a waiver request with regard to the proposed depth of water within the stormwater basin for a two-year storm for the Coatesville Area Regional Catholic School Project. Manager Rambo noted the Planning Commission's recommendation. John Snook explained the church property is proposing a greater depth so that it doesn't cover a greater depth of a two-year storm water pipe within the basin. This is an example of why this ordinance is intended to be viewed on a case-by-case basis. He noted that the church is leaving a large piece of ground in an agricultural state. The more ground they are pushed to use for development, the more ground that would be taken out of the agricultural area. Chairman McCaffrey asked if the church and school were intending on leaving this agricultural or just until they want to build something else and Mr. Snook stated he didn't know. Mr. Snook explained that allowing for the greater depth in the context of the developed landscape with is surrounded by an undeveloped landscape allows you to use less of the land up. It will be a manipulated landscape set up for stormwater management within the scheme of the manipulated landscape around the church and school, making that artificially large is just making an artificial landscape large, it is not saving a natural landscape. Chairman McCaffrey asked about the previous applicant that had a natural landscape that wanted to make their basin deeper. Mr. Snook explained their idea was to count it so they didn't have to make the basin deeper and pointed out that they were two very different landscape contexts.

Chairman McCaffrey asked if the two-year storm was still going to be retained on-site. Manager Rambo answered yes. John Cassels stated that Andrew Eberwein from E.B. Walsh had explained how it works very clearly to the Planning Commission. It won't be seen anywhere from Beaver Creek Road or Route 82. Chairman McCaffrey asked how many acres it would take from the agricultural ground. Manager Rambo noted that the basin is 270' X 120' if you double that it would take up an 1 ½ acres and explained that it is site specific, when there are issues like this where it is not a subdivision and is creatively blended in within the contours because it has to be graded. There are benefits to have it like that; it will also preserve additional property that the Township is trying to promote.

Chairman McCaffrey didn't understand why they needed to come in for the waiver when they start out with 200 acres and for some reason want to save 30,000 square feet; they write the regulations to try and promote things. Manager Rambo asked why they would want them to tear it up just to use additional open space if they could creatively do it in a smaller area. Chairman McCaffrey noted that open space would be there forever and there would be a little buffer in the drainage that would normally overflow in the bigger storms that happen. Manager Rambo noted they are just looking at a two-year storm period only that they require infiltration. Supervisor Obernier made a motion that they waive the height of the stormwater in the proposed basin for Coatesville Area

Regional Catholic School from 18” to 3.3” over a 24-hour period for a two-year storm. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion with grave reservation. Board Members Obernier and McCaffrey both voted aye.

PennDot has forwarded the Township the new Five-Year Winter Traffic Services Agreement for signing. Supervisor Obernier made a motion to accept the Five-Year Winter Traffic Services Agreement. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

The Township is in receipt of a drafted letter from John E. Good, Esquire that is to accompany the revised Zoning Permit for the Coatesville Golf Training Facility. Manager Rambo recommended this be tabled until Vice-Chairman Lindborg is present. Supervisor Obernier made a motion to table the letter regarding the revised Zoning Permit for the Coatesville Golf Training Facility until all BoS members are present. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

Amy Shaffer of 23 Red Oak Drive has forwarded the Township a letter requesting the placement of Watch Children signs. Tom Eells, Director of Public Works commented that the children shouldn't be in the street, when you drive into a residential development, one would assume that children are in that development. The letter indicated that the people fail to obey the speed limit signs, which would indicate that people are just not obeying signs and feels that the signs will not do any good.

Supervisor Obernier asked if speed-warning radar has been placed there. Chief Werner answered no. Chairman McCaffrey was concerned that they have a number of residential streets and didn't want to have to put signs on each residential street. Tom Eells stated some subdivisions already have watch children signs. Supervisor Obernier made a motion that the Director of Public Works facilitates the installation of the Watch Children signs on Red Oak Drive. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

Correspondence/Communications *Information to Note*

The Township is in receipt of a proposed maintenance agreement on the facilities elevator from Metro Elevator Co., Inc. Manager Rambo noted the agreement is currently being reviewed. Supervisor Obernier noted some of the lights and controls on the elevator were not functioning properly. Manager Rambo noted they are scheduled to fix the elevator controls.

The Chester County Conservation District has forwarded the Township information on rain barrels that they have for sale. Manager Rambo noted they have sold out already.

Marcy Leary of Highspire Road has forwarded the Township an email opposing the proposed building of townhouses on the Mayes Tract. Manager Rambo noted all the neighbors will be notified via mail when the Hearing date is scheduled.

Old Business

The Board of Supervisors is searching for volunteers to serve on the Building Appeals Board, and Historic Commission. There were no comments made.

The Manager has finalized and advertised the proposed zoning amendments dealing with Home Occupations. There were no comments made.

The Parks and Recreation Board continues their search for volunteers to assist with the Township's Community Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2004. There were no comments made.

Old Business from the Floor

Michelle Benkovich of Country Lane asked for a follow up with regards to the noise ordinance and target shooting. Dale Barnett noted he sent a letter to the individual with regards to the generator. Michelle stated that individual has been running the generator inside his shed with the door closed. Chief Walt Werner noted he contacted the NRA with regards to the target shooting to see if they had any ordinances already written and is waiting for a reply.

Old Business from the Board

There was no Old Business from the Board.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution #08-04; Costa Homes Sewage Planning Module to DEP. Manager Rambo noted Resolution #08-04 goes to DEP for their review and approval. Supervisor Obernier made a motion to adopt Resolution #08-04; Costa Homes Sewage Planning Module to DEP. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

New Business

Recommendations of the Township Planning Commission. John Cassels, Planning Commission Member noted they recommended the rejection of Schnatz & Rohrer Landscaping Plan as well as Coatesville Area Regional Catholic School unless they receive a letter of extension. The BoS noted they have received a letter of extension from Coatesville Area Regional Catholic School. Manager Rambo will address the time clock issue for St. Peter Church.

The Planning Commission also recommended that they send the Conti/Siousca as well as Genterra Brandywine Meadows onto Conditional Use Hearing (CUH). Supervisor Obernier made a motion to establish dates for the Hearings. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

The Township Manager is preparing bid specifications for the collection of solid waste and recyclables for a September advertisement. There were no comments made.

John Snook of the Brandywine Conservancy will be in attendance at the August 19, 2004 Board of Supervisors meeting to review the final results of the Community Values Survey and to update the Board on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force activities. There were no comments made.

Department Heads are to submit articles for the Fall edition of the Township's newsletter to Linda Formica by August 20, 2004. There were no comments made.

New Business from the Floor

Karen Vollemecke was concerned with the restrictions that may be placed for target shooting. Chairman McCaffrey stated they are looking to define what can be done in some of the residential areas where the homes are closer together and perhaps people are using high-powered rifles without the proper backdrop. Chief Walt Werner stated they don't have a law in place to address the situation.

New Business from the Board

The Chairman read out loud the letter to John Good dated August 4, 2004 from the Township Manager regarding CASD Line Item Budget. Chairman McCaffrey felt that sending the CASD a letter would be appropriate. Manager Rambo noted that comments from some of the meetings noted that the Line Item Budget was 300 pages and that he only received a Line Item Budget of 115 pages. The Manager will examine the Budget further. Chairman McCaffrey stated as he understood the law, the budget can be withheld while it is in the works under certain circumstances, but didn't feel that this was one of them. In that same regulation it states that once it is voted on, it is not pending any longer and should be in the public domain. Chairman McCaffrey was in approval that it was good for John Good to get this letter. Supervisor Obernier agreed with Chairman McCaffrey and suggested that the CASD change their method of doing their teachers contract in the same year that they are passing the budget on and suggested they change their contract to start at the end of this fiscal year so that they would already know what would have already been agreed upon with the teachers that they need to put into the budget for the next year. Chairman McCaffrey agreed that would make sense for them to do that, but it would be up to them if they want to keep on doing it the way they are, it still has to be public. Both Chairman McCaffrey and Supervisor Obernier agreed that it is important to make the point that the Line Item Budget is a public document and it won't be withheld next year.

Supervisor Obernier stated he is aware of the additional workload on the Police Department with all of the new residents and stated that he didn't want a tax increase in order to hire another full-time officer. The state has guidelines as to how many persons should be in the department based on how many incidences there are and he believes that they qualify to fill another full-time position. He explained that a certain part-time officer that is employed by the Township does a good job for the Township in a variety of ways, one being the Township's inspector of overweight trucks, which makes more than the salary covers and if he goes away they still have the workload to cover. If they bring this person on full-time, they won't lose this person or the additional money that comes in with those fines. He felt from good management point of view they should consider offering a full-time position to this person.

Chief Werner explained they had done a manpower study, which showed that with the number of calls and the population they are down by two men. They are overloaded with work, one person should suffice and cover what is needed. Chairman McCaffrey explained that he would like to see what the salaries will be when they are finished their negotiations with the Police Department.

Manager Rambo stated that the number of hours that the part-time individuals are working is starting to put him in the position where he has to consider them full-time. They could be less dependant on a part-time person if they fill a full-time position, if the person is hired as a floater to

fill empty shifts and do special duties as needed. Manager Rambo and Chief Werner are currently reviewing everything and talking with legal council.

Supervisor Obernier noted that this particular person happens to be the person that does the overweight truck enforcement; there are a couple of other townships that are about to make him an offer to be full-time there. If the Township loses him, even though they never tell the officers to do more fines, the reality is that this one guy...Chairman McCaffrey thought that there is more than one person that can use the scales. Supervisor Obernier stated that the WBPD didn't keep up with the certification for everyone and asked how much fine money has come in from that one activity in the past year? Manager Rambo stated that fines couldn't be considered for hire, they need to look at the need to hire based on the state requirements of manpower, he stated that the issue is that they are short handed currently because of people taking vacations along with other special details. What they pay part-time individuals by the end of the year is 2 ½ times the salary of full-time people. Chairman McCaffrey stated that they don't pay part-time people the same amount as full-time and they don't get benefits. If the Police Chief or the Manager can find money within their budget and it doesn't cause any problems then he would entertain the idea. He was concerned that they are currently negotiating with the police department that might cost them hundreds of thousands of dollars more in the future and at that point you may want to get rid of somebody.

Supervisor Obernier stated that it would not be reasonable to get rid of anybody. Chief Werner stated they are busting at the seams and they have talked with other townships with regards to providing services, he would be able to lessen the part-time budget. Manager Rambo stated that he and Chief Werner would put something together under "new business" to look into contracting out police services out as well as to consider hiring another full-time road department person.

Supervisor Obernier pointed out that this individual is a good guy, and he knows that he is not supposed to consider that he brings in more money in fines than his salary would be, if they loose him then they loose that. Chairman McCaffrey stated he doesn't want to see the Ethics Committee and would like Supervisor Obernier to stop saying that. Supervisor Obernier explained they never ask the police to write more tickets, they just don't do that, he just wanted to point out that this is what it is. Chairman McCaffrey stated that he likes the idea that they have an increasing population and the number of calls is increasing and that it makes sense to look into hiring an individual. Manager Rambo stated they could hold further discussions in the future with regards to the need to hire additional individuals.

Supervisor Obernier stated that he doesn't want a tax increase. Chairman McCaffrey stated that he would be in favor of this if they can find the money for it, at this time he would like the Manager to contemplate the possibility of additional benefits to part-time people that are not normally available. Manager Rambo stated that he would prefer giving additional benefits to a full-time person, which would be more wisely used to a more proficient full-time individual. Chairman McCaffrey stated that may be true, but on the other hand it may be nice to have a selection of part-time individuals in which to draw upon when you have busy periods. He suggested they offer something above what the part-time people can expect from every other department so that they have more people apply. Chief Werner noted the constant expense of hiring and training new individuals as well as the cost of fitting them with a uniform and vest. Chairman McCaffrey stated that he is in favor of hiring full-time people if the Chief and Manager can show him a way that it

would be less expensive than part-time people or show him where the money is going to come from.

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

Jesse Edwards asked how the Community Bench project was coming along. Manager Rambo noted the wood has been purchased and cut to proper length. Dale Barnett will fit this into his schedule between his inspections.

Open Issues Before the Township

Cable Franchise: Manager Rambo will send out another letter requesting an explanation.

Facility/Park Update

Interest rates on the variable rate Park and Building Bond are 1.43%. There were no comments made.

Review and Payment of the bills

Manager Rambo noted bills for the State Fund (\$337.59) and General Fund (\$72,072.35) of which some come from reserve accounts and also from the Solid Waste Fund. Chairman McCaffrey motioned to pay the bills and Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye in favor of their payment.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Parks and Recreation Board meeting, Tuesday, August 10, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Municipal Authority meeting, Thursday, August 12, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Supervisors meeting, Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board meeting, Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, August 26, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Supervisor Obernier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye in favor of adjournment.

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