

## **Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2007 Board of Supervisors**

Chairman McCaffrey called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of April 5, 2007 to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors (BoS) by the Township Manager noted Chairman Thomas J. McCaffrey, Vice-Chairman Carl S. Lindborg and Supervisor Josef G. Obernier, Sr. 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**

March 1, 2007 and March 15, 2007. Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to approve March 1, 2007 meeting minutes. The March 15, 2007 has not been issued.

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

The Township is in receipt of an invitation to attend the East Brandywine Township Fire Company annual banquet on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Lindborg and Supervisor Obernier can not attend. Chairman McCaffrey would check his calendar. Manager Rambo will contact East Brandywine Township Fire Company and thank them for the invitation.

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Velma Warren of 332 Lafayette Road with regard to the Sale of Development Rights on her property. Manager Rambo recommended that the BoS read her letter for discussion at a later time. The Open Space Review Board has been given a copy.

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

John Snook has provided the Township with revised zoning modifications to the Open Space Design Option for the Board's review. The BoS is in receipt of a prepared Ordinance that has been forwarded to John Good, the County Planning Commission, and the Township Planning Commission for their review. It has been advertised for consideration at the May 3, 2007 BoS meeting.

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from John E. Good, Esquire with regard to his review of the Open Space Protection Priorities Plan (OSPPP). Manager Rambo noted that John Good has reviewed the OSPPP as prepared by the Open Space Review Board to make sure that it meets the intent of Act 153. It has been advertised for consideration at the next BoS meeting. This will enable the Township to utilize Open Space Tax Funds that have been collected for either out right purchase of property, easement purchase, or purchase of development rights. This will be Ordinance No. 07-02.

John E. Good, Esquire has provided a review of the proposed Ordinance No. 07-01 pertaining to zoning amendments dealing with the Open Space Design Option. There were no comments.

PennDot has provided the Township with notice of payment for this year's Liquid Fuel Funds and Turnback Maintenance Funds. Manager Rambo noted that the Turnback Funds will be \$6,040.00 and the Liquid Fuel Funds will be \$163,380.87.

PSATS has provided the Township with a list of Resolutions to be considered at the annual State Convention scheduled for April 22-25. There are a lot to be considered as well as some old ones being carried over.

The Township is in receipt of a list of upcoming DCNR Grant Workshops. Manager Rambo noted that somebody from staff would be attending.

### **Old Business**

The Township Manager continues to finalize the Ordinance on the Technical Specifications for Traffic Control Signalization prepared by McMahan Associates, Inc. to be adopted as a stand-alone ordinance. Manager Rambo noted that this has been completed and is being advertised for adoption consideration at the May 3, 2007 meeting.

The Township Engineer and Manager continue to update the Township's ACT 537 Plan for presentation to the Board. Chairman McCaffrey noted that after they are presented with the Plan, the BoS would be able to comment on it.

The BoS and Manager are in the process of reviewing and updating the Township's Non-Uniform Personnel Manual. Supervisor Obernier requested an electronic copy of the manual.

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

There was no Old Business from the Floor.

### **Old Business from the Board**

Supervisor Obernier would like Manager Rambo to look into having a credit card where a percentage would come back to the Township to use for the purchase of Open Space. Chairman McCaffrey noted he had looked into this in the past, but you would have to have a large number of people willing to use the credit card. Chairman McCaffrey didn't know the minimum number. Manager Rambo will look into this.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution #05-07: submission of grant to DCNR for acquisition funding in the amount of \$349,989 to assist with the purchase of the old Conti Tract. The Township's amount would be similar and would hopefully coincide with the \$385,000 that the Township is asking for from the County for a total of \$1,080,318. Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to accept Resolution #05-07. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

Resolution #06-07: Sewage Planning Module for the Camp Indian Run Girl Scout Plan. Manager Rambo noted this is part of the process; all development that is taking place is in Wallace Township. Supervisor Obernier wanted to clarify, that this Sewage Planning Module just states that there is no sewage and no building. Manager Rambo answered that is correct. Supervisor Obernier motioned to adopt Resolution #06-07, seconded by Vice-Chairman Lindborg. Board Members Obernier, Lindborg and McCaffrey voted aye.

Resolution #07-07: establishment of Non-Profit Super Now Account for the Reeceville Road Improvement Funds at a rate of 5.36%. Manager Rambo noted that their funds are currently 5.08% and recommended that the BoS pass the resolution. There are no penalties with this account. Supervisor Obernier motioned to adopt Resolution #07-07 establishment of Non-Profit Super Now Account for the Reeceville Road Improvement Funds. Vice-Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, Lindborg and McCaffrey voted aye.

### **New Business**

The Township Engineer and Manager have met with John Snook to discuss the proposed changes to the Open Space Design Option, issues and changes have been addressed and the final version of the Ordinance amendments sent to the County Planning Commission. The BoS has a copy for their review. Chairman McCaffrey asked how John Snook felt about the amendments. Manager Rambo answered that after he, John and Jim MacCombie met together, that everything was worked out.

The Township has submitted an Acquisition Grant request to the County in the amount of \$385,000 for the City of Coatesville Tract located within the Township. Supervisor Obernier asked if the City is interested in selling the development rights. Manager Rambo only talked to the City of Coatesville about purchasing the property because they have two or three developers requesting to buy it for development purposes.

The Township is in the process of preparing an Acquisition Grant request to submit to DCNR in the amount of \$349,989 for the City of Coatesville Tract located within the Township. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Approval of release request #8 for the Hideaway Farms Project. The release request has been reviewed and found to be in order by the Township Engineer and Township Manger. Vice-Chairman Lindborg noted that based on the Township Engineer's and Township Manger's recommendation he motioned to approve the release request for Hideaway Farms. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

At the request of the BoS, the Township Manager has been reviewing the Ordinance establishing the Historic Commission. Manager Rambo noted the BoS and Manager met with the Historical Commission regarding the Commission itself. The Commission asked that the current language in the ordinance be adjusted to go from seven members to five members. The Second-Class Code that established this has changed and is no longer in the code. There is another requirement that the Township has to follow where you would establish a Historic Review Board consisting of seven members; four of the members have to meet specific criteria, architects, engineers, historic home restorers, etc. Manager Rambo recommended that they forward this information to the Historical Commission and try to get other interested parties to fill the positions. They could appoint different people and leave the numbers the same. They need four people at the meeting for a quorum. When the Commissions were established they established by-laws and they have to follow the guidelines. There is a procedure in the ordinance to remove people from that commission. Anything in the existing ordinance is allowed, but the ordinance cannot be amended in any way. There were no further comments.

Reilly Sweeping, Inc. will be providing street sweeping services within the Township subdivisions over the next month. There were no comments.

The Township is advertising Ordinance No. 07-02, adoption of the Township's Open Space Protection Priorities Plan, for a Public Hearing and consideration at the next meeting. Supervisor Obernier noted a section has to be modified. Manager Rambo stated that a law has changed since they started the group; they would remove the section that stated that it has to be sold within two years.

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

There was no New Business from the Floor.

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

Manager Rambo noted that Valley Township would like to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with WBT. They have not yet established a Building Appeals Board and would like to share WBT's. They are preparing an ordinance for the Building Appeals Board as well as an ordinance to use the Township's scales.

Vice-Chairman Lindborg noted that he would contact the person that is interested in serving on the Building Appeals Board.

### **Public Comments**

Jesse Edwards noted that he would like that the newsletter boxes be placed up on the chairs so they don't have to pick them up when he and Pat come in to put labels on the newsletters.

Jesse Edwards noted that a large amount of trash was put out at the curb between the Township and Route 82. Manager Rambo explained that there are common driveways and a private street cul-de-sac that has five houses in which you are allowed 3 bags for each house so there could be 15 bags out for that one road.

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

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

The Township has received information from Caln Township with regard to the traffic signal at the hospital/school entrance and it is under review by Township representatives. The Township is in receipt of a copy of the plans from PennDot as well as a complete permit. Chairman McCaffrey expressed that he liked the WBT Ordinance and the Township's way of dealing with traffic signals and feels they are superior requiring a lower maintenance level.

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Stan Stubbe with regard to suggested amendments and modifications to the Township's Lighting Ordinances. Supervisor Obernier would like to discuss this with the BoS and has some thought to make this not onerous.

**General Obligation Note** (Adjustable Rate Loan based on Harrisburg Bond for the Facility/Park Construction) Interest rate for the week is 4.00%. There were no comments.

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

Review and Payment of the General Fund (\$68,779.66), Liquid Fuel (\$10,329.79) and the Solid Waste Fund (\$7,348.77). Both Vice-Chairman Lindborg and Supervisor Obernier stated they have reviewed the bills and found them in order. Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to pay the bills, Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Chairman McCaffrey noted the upcoming meeting and events.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

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