

Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2006 Board of Supervisors

Chairman Obernier called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of May 4, 2006 to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors (BoS) by Ronald A. Rambo, Jr. noted Chairman Josef G. Obernier, Sr., Vice-Chairman Thomas J. McCaffrey, Jr. and Supervisor Carl S. Lindborg in attendance. The following individuals were present to represent the various departments: Ronald A. Rambo, Jr., Township Manager; Walter Werner, Chief of Police; and Thomas Eells, Director of Public Works.

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

April 6, 2006 and April 20, 2006. The Acceptance of the Meeting Minutes was tabled.

Public Comments *Those individuals requesting to be on the agenda*

There were no Public Comments.

Correspondence/Communications *Information to act upon*

The Township is in receipt of a letter of extension from Swinehart Realty Associates, LP for the rendering of a decision on their final subdivision plan until Friday, July 7, 2006. Manager Rambo noted the Township is in receipt of a recommendation from the Planning Commission to accept the extension. They are currently working on addressing outstanding comments of the engineer. Supervisor Lindborg motioned to accept the extension. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey, and Obernier voted aye.

Correspondence/Communications *Information to Note*

The Township has received notification that it has been awarded a \$20,000.00 Safe Highway Project Grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development for the purchase of scales to replace the Police Department's old scales.

The Township is in receipt of information dated April 2006 with regard to upcoming seminars involving IS 700 (The National Incident Management System) and the requirement to obtain training and certification by September 30, 2006. The training can be obtained via the Internet as well as at various onsite locations throughout the state. Manager Rambo stated that this may have an impact when they apply for FEMA or PEMA assistance whether they would be qualified if the manager, supervisors, and chief of police do not have the proper training. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey questioned if this means that they will be mandating educational standards for elected officials. Manager Rambo's understanding is that all elected officials must take the training. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey requested that the Manager contact John Good asking if the federal government can require educational programs prior to anyone being elected to office.

The Township is in receipt of the Chester County Planning Commission review letter for the proposed zoning ordinance amendments, Ordinance No. 06-08. Manager Rambo noted the review letter will be presented and reviewed during the upcoming hearing in this meeting.

Thomas J. Anderson & Associates, Inc. has forwarded the Township correspondence with regard to Act 600 Amendments and GASB 40 Financial Statement Note Disclosures. This is currently under review by Manager Rambo.

The Township is in receipt of correspondence with regard to the Agricultural Security Area (ASA) and the verification of participants. Manager Rambo noted that the Township received notification to review our records and forward any corrections to the Agricultural Development Council by July 3, 2006. There are some that have shown an interest to be included in the ASA and are not on it. Manager Rambo will schedule a meeting with the ASA and also query out the larger eligible parcels and send a letter to them to see if they are interested in joining.

Adjournment from Township Meeting 7:43 p.m.

Opening of Public Hearing 7:43 p.m.

Ordinance No. 06-08, proposed zoning amendment pertaining to Health/Exercise/Racquet Sports Clubs. The hearing was duly advertised as required by law. Manager Rambo read Ordinance No. 06-08 out loud. The Township is in receipt of a review letter from the Chester County Planning Commission. Chairman Obernier opened up the hearing for comment from the floor. Mr. Unruh noted that he is in attendance with representatives (John New, Jeff Cladier, Chris Aello) from the YMCA. Greg Smith, John, Jim, and Fred are YMCA Board Members. West Chester, Kennett, Southern Chester County, and the Brandywine YMCA have merged and Gary Green is the Chief Executive of all four. The reason why they came to the Township with a respective change to the zoning ordinance is to provide a parking standard because the local YMCA is considering a construction project. One of the immediate projects is that they would like to provide additional parking spaces for the existing facility. They also plan to expand in the future when they raise enough money to do so. When looking at the ordinance, there didn't seem to be any specific standard. When Mr. Unruh initially prepared the provisions he used a term, which is a "community recreation facility." When they met with the Planning Commission, they wanted a more comprehensive term. So they came up with a term that the Planning Commission seemed okay with.

Gary Green noted that he is the President and CEO of the YMCA, which includes the four that merged as well as others. The merger happened five years ago. There are currently 219 parking spaces. Chairman Obernier questioned that on exhibit A they note that they have 232 parking spaces. Mr. Green noted they have a gravel area behind the building. Chairman Obernier noted that the gravel area is not really parking spaces; it is just a gravel area. Mr. Green noted that they have 219 paved parking spaces. They are in the MSI district, exhibit A-2 has the parking requirement in the zoning ordinance. Mr. Green noted that in planning their expansion, they came up with a strategy for determining proper parking to go forward with their master planning for all of their branch expansions. Three of their four branches are somewhat similar in size, they did a study during their peak period to try and determine what would be their worst case parking scenario, during their busiest times of the day between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mr. Green gave a brief outline of their exhibits. They want to make sure that in their master planning process they have the appropriate number of parking for their members. Chairman Obernier asked how they defined an appropriate amount of parking. Mr. Green stated that when someone comes into the YMCA that there is an empty paved marked parking space. Chairman Obernier stated he has been to the YMCA and asked if in Mr. Green's experience during the summer time are there ever any occasions where there have been more than 100 cars parked on the grass. Mr.

Green stated he has never seen that. Chairman Obernier stated that he has seen it and questioned, understanding that they are planning an expansion on the building of their program, currently they have 9,900 members and have 52,500 square feet of space, it appears that right now they don't have enough parking to accommodate what they have and asked if his logic is flawed. It seems that there are 100 parking spaces in the negative before anything starts. Chairman Obernier stated he has counted 100 plus cars on grass and that the macadam was filled. Mr. Green explained that there are exceptions to the rule, in less than five percent of the time they are in that situation. Chairman Obernier noted that adequate parking includes having cars on the grass out front.

Mr. Unruh explained that for swim meets, people come from all over, when there is a Christmas concert for high school, there is never enough parking. You don't plan for the unusual events because it just creates too much parking. Chairman Obernier asked if it was bad to create too much parking. Mr. Unruh answered that most people think it is because you basically have asphalt which creates stormwater issues. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey asked if a person with their type of facility should have some additional standard as per ordinance that requires them to have grass areas for overflow parking for special events. Should we be requiring a certain area be set aside, not to be disturbed, adjacent to the parking area for overflow for special events. Mr. Green noted that would be up to the Township to decide that, the YMCA believes that it is an exception to the rule. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey asked the YMCA representatives if they had any idea what percentage of overflow parking they would need for a special event. Mr. Green answered no. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey asked if they could add a standard for overflow parking and adequate open grass to accommodate this.

Mr. Unruh noted his understanding for the plan is that it was designed for normal circumstances. He reiterated his earlier comment that schools have Christmas concerts, etc. and there is never enough parking. Chairman Obernier felt that Vice-Chairman McCaffrey was suggesting that perhaps instead of simply gravel, maybe there should be pavers in certain areas to accommodate overflow parking. This would still allow percolation of water into the soil. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey noted there are planned future expansions for the YMCA, some language has to be developed that provide open areas, grass or otherwise around the public facilities of the YMCA that can accommodate the parking so that when expansions come up rather than telling you that you can't build there, maybe you can't build anymore, because the direction that you want to develop would cover up the adjacent parking. Mr. Unruh stated they were not prepared to answer that tonight, but they would look into it.

Mr. Green then gave a brief summary of their plan regarding the heaviest times of use, parking, and also noted that people are bussed in. Chairman Obernier asked the total square feet of the building that they are expecting to put up in the next round and the maximum number of members that they are expecting with that expansion. Mr. Green stated they have not yet determined how much they are expanding and that it will not be determined until after they campaign and how much money they raise. The amount of money they raise will determine how big their expansion will be. It may be somewhere in the vicinity of 80,000 square feet. Chairman Obernier asked the number of members they expect if they do the 80,000 square foot expansion. Mr. Green answered that it is difficult to project; they are looking at 14,000 – 15,000 thousand. Chairman Obernier asked if they have a building that is 80,000 square feet, in their experience how big a membership would they expect. Mr. Green answered 14,000. Supervisor Lindborg asked if there is a rule of thumb for X number of square feet there are X number of members. Mr. Green answered no, there is no actual standard. Supervisor Lindborg stated they are basing their parking issues on square feet, they are basing the parking on square feet and really what generates the parking problems are the number of members. Mr. Green explained that using the number of membership as a barometer is not an accurate way to look at it because you can't predict how many members will use the facility, not only daily, but what season they will use it. He feels that the equitable way is to use the square footage.

Chairman Obernier noted that the YMCA has fifteen-minute parking spaces to the south of their building and asked if they counted that temporary parking as part of the 219 spaces. It seems that the character of those temporary spaces is different than the character of all the other parking spaces, and asked Mr. Green if he agreed with that. Mr. Green agreed. Chairman Obernier stated that considering those temporary spaces as part of their parking is not really a full parking space. Mr. Green felt that even if they are short-term parkers they have to park somewhere. He also noted that short-term parking has nothing to do with emergency services; they have a fire lane for emergency vehicles. Mr. Green explained that they want to eliminate the need for the short term parking, by moving the parking to the front of the building. They are trying to avoid having parents come in with a small child and having to park in the back of the parking lot, having to walk all the way around. All the other branches have full-unlimited parking except for handicap. Chairman Obernier asked if they are anticipating putting the parking in the front of the building out to Hurley Road. Mr. Green answered not all the way out to Hurley Road. Their initial petition was geared toward definitions. The YMCA went before the Planning Commission in January, who asked them to come up with a definition, which is the basis for their current application. The Planning Commission voted in February to approve that based on the concept of the definition and standard. The Chester County Planning Commission only raised one question in their letter; that they couldn't find the definition...Mr. Unruh noted it is fair to say that they based their parking requirements based on their current experience. The YMCA's immediate intention is to come in with a plan to expand the parking lot; they want to expand it to a size to accommodate their future growth. Their immediate issue is that their parking is not convenient.

Vice-Chairman McCaffrey stated that as an analysis mathematically, the YMCA stated that they have 219 existing paved parking spaces yet they found it necessary to add others and asked how many parking spaces they had per square foot originally and was meeting their own standards. If you take 219 and divide it into 52,500 it comes up as 240 square feet per parking space. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey noted that 240 square feet is too generous right now because they added additional gravel parking on their own, their parking was not sufficient, and the standard was not set. Mr. Unruh explained that they put the staff in the back so that the more convenient spaces are available for the members. The problem now is that the spaces are not convenient. Chairman Obernier noted they have twenty fifteen-minute parking spaces and fourteen handicap spaces and they have 186 parking spaces. Mr. Green explained that they have a convenience problem and feels that one parking spot for every 250 square feet is very valid. Mr. Green felt that Vice-Chairman McCaffrey's summary was correct, however, they have chosen not to inconvenience the mothers with young children, and argues that they are darn close to being accurate with the number of parking spaces right where they are now. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey noted that Kennett Square is close at 247 square feet, but Southern Chester County is one for every 212 square feet, the existing standard that could easily could apply to the YMCA facility would be one per 200 square feet, a 50 square foot difference. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey felt that they may need more parking than they are planning for. Their own calculations seem to indicate that they need more parking; they are asking for the standard to be changed by 250 square feet, he doesn't see the logic of this whole process.

Chairman Obernier asked the YMCA representatives if they have a clear idea of how they would like their parking to be, noting that he is not talking about the number of spaces. A YMCA representative answered yes, they have a drawing. Part of the reason they are holding that back is because they want to make sure that they have designed enough to meet the standards of the Township. That is the reason that they are before the Township, so that they can assure that they can put together a sketch plan. A sketch plan that makes assumptions that are not correct doesn't have a lot of value. Chairman Obernier felt that it would be easier for him to understand if he knew their future plans, understanding that it would be conceptual, but gives an understanding of what they would like things to be like. It is not necessary to bring an engineered plan in; just a sketch plan would be okay.

Vice-Chairman McCaffrey asked the YMCA representatives if they honestly believe if the YMCA operating during their peak period time would have fewer people in it than a common office building might have. In the zoning, there is reference to an office building; it requires more parking than they want for an active YMCA. Chris Aello, Director of the local branch, noted that they have nine classrooms with children that are age five and under that don't drive and that is the need for the fifteen-minute parking. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey noted from the very beginning his argument has been that their facility is not a typical facility that can be classified. They are trying to classify something that has the ability to metamorphose, it could change to be 50% classrooms or that they don't have any more classrooms and it all becomes recreational facility. For him it seems like they are creating a definition for something that is not standard and not static. A YMCA representative noted that they based it upon their experience, which he felt would be more accurate than a general standard that some planners dreamed up. Chairman Obernier asked who would be a competitor of the YMCA. Mr. Green answered that West Goshen has ACAC which doesn't provide quite the same services, but they offer a lot of recreational services similar to the YMCA, they are for profit.

Mr. Green asked if the BoS would like any additional information. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey feels that he has a responsibility to the community to make ordinances uniform and standardized. Creating new definitions for a facility rather than making and dissecting the use apart denoting their various uses seems to be wrong which is why he is stuck. It seems like they should say for example, they have so many square foot of class, etc., than they could assign parking based on those uses. To combine them together and assume every other facility with this particular name is going to have that same mixture is probably not the way it will be. Mr. Green stated he understood what Vice-Chairman McCaffrey was saying, but you would be trying to guess the components of this kind of facility in the future and may not guess it correctly. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey stated if they change their facility, there should be thought to whether they need to change parking. He feels that is something that the community should feel has already been addressed, that it will be taken care of by the person making those changes. As it stands now, the YMCA would be classified by whatever the definition was, it accomplishes everything, which just doesn't make sense.

Manager Rambo noted they could continue the hearing at the next BoS meeting. By then the YMCA could submit on a regular sheet of paper, a rendering showing the parking and address any outstanding comments that the BoS has. Hopefully in two weeks they can close the hearing. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey asked how the two other YMCA's contrasted to theirs, if both have indoor and outdoor swimming facilities. Mr. Green answered that the Kennett YMCA does not have an outdoor facility; the Southern Chester County YMCA has both indoor and outdoor.

Supervisor Lindborg asked if a lot of the members come by public transportation to the Kennett YMCA. Mr. Green answered that the majority of Kennett members drive. Chairman Obernier asked Mr. Unruh if the BoS has answered his questions about the next step. Mr. Unruh answered yes; they will bring the plan to the next BoS meeting and noted that any changes that are made to the ordinance would have to be brought back to the Chester County Planning Commission. Chairman Obernier asked if any one from the audience had any questions or comments. There were none.

Chairman Obernier motioned to continue the hearing, but adjourn from the Public Hearing at 8:40 p.m. and Re-Open the Township Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Old Business

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

The Township Manager is in receipt of a propose “final draft” on the Technical Specifications for Traffic Control Signalization from McMahon Associates, Inc. and a review is taking place. There were no comments.

Discussions on the Township’s proposed Noise Ordinance No. 06-07. Jeff Chalfant asked if the BoS was still planning on conducting a test with the sound meter on Community Day. Chairman Obernier answered yes. Manager Rambo assigned Chief Werner to conduct the test.

Craig Tyson of Hurley Road noted his son owns a dirt bike. He feels as though the BoS is trying to micromanage the community telling residents what they can use on their own properties and what they can’t. He noted that there are certain neighbors that like to harass everybody, if he uses his leaf blower, she might call and say that it is too loud. It’s getting ridiculous; people can’t use their property anymore. Supervisor Lindborg clarified that they haven’t done anything yet. Mr. Tyson expressed that he polled his neighbors who all agreed that people should handle their differences in court. Just because a couple neighbors can’t come to an agreement, is no reason to pass an ordinance that will affect the whole township. Manager Rambo asked Mr. Tyson if he had a chance to look at the proposed ordinance. Mr. Tyson answered he read what was in the newspapers and is aware of what 60 some decibels are, which isn’t much at all. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey asked Mr. Tyson if he was connected at all with the complainant. Mr. Tyson answered no not at all, he just read it in the paper and is totally against it. It is going to create more for the police to do and more nuisance calls.

Noel Susskind of Hibernia Road noted that he is a professional engineer in the state of Pennsylvania who is working on sound survey project at the Philadelphia National Airport regarding airport noise and suggested that the BoS should proceed with caution and try to be as thorough as possible.

Manager Rambo asked Mr. Suskind the name of the engineer he was working with for the airport noise project. Mr. Suskind answered Herb MacCombie.

Arnise of Hibernia Road favored a noise ordinance and explained that the volume of noise can be annoying and would like recourse.

A resident from Westview Drive favored the noise ordinance because they leave their windows open and can’t sleep at night because of loud parties.

Jeff Chalfant, also of Westview Drive noted that when he started researching noise ordianances, he had no idea what a decibel level was, after reviewing the ordinances from surrounding townships, it seems as if the proposed ordinance that West Brandywine Township has is right in line with all the other townships. With the current ordinance if there is a complaint, the police will come out and the police officer has to make the decision on whether the noise was too loud. With the proposed ordinance, it is simple with the decibel reading because the officer would just press the button and read the decibel level.

Vice-Chairman McCaffrey explained that section B that refers to noise in descriptive terms, in the proposed ordinance that was dropped and just went by numerical standards that you can actually measure. We want to say that here is a measurable standard and that when standing on the property line it exceeds it, which would be clear. Jeff Chalfant stated he would hope that the decibel level would preclude section B. The biggest variation with all the sample ordinances was not the decibel level, it was what they consider night time, 9:00, 10:00, 9:30, etc. There were no further comments.

The Township is in receipt of renderings for the proposed upgrades to the Public Works Facilities. Manager Rambo noted that the BoS requested price comparisons for various items, e.g., stone, stucco, vertical siding. For an all stone front facade the cost would be around 33% higher. Jesse Edward's asked if adding stone on the proposed public works facility would make the trucks run better. Manager Rambo explained that they are trying to create a municipal complex to mimic the facade treatments to make both sides of the road look the same and consistent. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey noted that the complex would be here for generations. Manager Rambo recommended that they move forward and finish the specs. That they bid out utilizing a full stone facade rendering, partial stone facade rendering, or they could just bid it out square foot per stone finish. Then decide what to go with, full or partial. Supervisor Lindborg noted that would be the true cost if they request it to be bid by the square foot.

Manager Rambo noted the cost of a fire suppression system cost \$8.00 per square foot for pipe answering a question that Chairman Obernier brought up at a past meeting. They are not required by code to have a fire suppression system; it would be required for more than 15,000 square feet, depending upon construction. The Township facility is 15,800 square feet, which did not require that system. The architect has not recommended a sprinkler system for the public works facility. Chairman Obernier questioned at how many square feet would a fire suppression system be required and stated that he would like an answer to that question.

Chairman Obernier asked if the wall design had changed, it was noted in the past that there were too many windows. Manager Rambo answered no. Chairman Obernier asked what the base of the building consists of. Supervisor Lindborg noted that they will get the specs and the BoS will have the opportunity to review them. Manager Rambo noted that this would be a storage building for equipment. Tom Eells stated that Chairman Obernier asked a while ago about having a wash area to wash trucks with a floor drain. After further discussion Chairman Obernier suggested that Manager Rambo get the most current rendering from his office for the BoS to review. Upon the Manager's return, the BoS then reviewed and discussed the rendering. The consensus was that the BoS would like to see some stone in the facade. Supervisor Lindborg motioned they move forward with the architect, that they have the ability to review in detail on a regular basis. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye.

Additional discussions on proposed Ordinance No. 06-08. There were none.

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

Ordinance No. 06-08; proposed zoning amendments pertaining to Health/Exercise/Racquet Sports Clubs, additional discussions. Supervisor Lindborg stated the BoS agreed to continue the Hearing.

Resolution #06-06: appointment of Chief Administrative Officer for the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. Manager Rambo noted that he is currently the Chief Administrative Officer, it was suggested by the actuary that they readopt the resolution with the recent changes being enacted. Supervisor Lindborg motioned to adopt Resolution #06-06. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye.

New Business

Recommendations of the Township Planning Commission. Manager Rambo noted the Planning Commission's recommendation. To accept the letter of extension for the Swinehart and that they kept their affirmation of their desire to have the YMCA utilize the Health/Exercise/Racquet Sports Club definition.

The Township Manager is talking to the Henderson's with regards to Conservation Easements on their properties at the intersection of Routes 82 & 322. Manager Rambo has obtained standard format for conservation easements and is in the process of making a list of what the Henderson's would like as well as a list of what the Township would like to see. The Henderson's have 110 acres on the North, West, and South West corners.

Approval of release request #3 for the Catania Project (Jamie Lane) on Hurley Road. Manager Rambo recommended that the BoS table the request being that the Township does not have the engineers review. Supervisor Lindborg motioned to table the request. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye.

The Township will be advertising for the position of Administrative Assistant to the Codes Officer in the Daily Local News. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey suggested that the Township develop a standard operating procedure within our office with a job description and a procedure for that job, with step-by-step directions. Manager Rambo agreed and stated that they already have some of that procedure in place.

New Business from the Floor

There was no New Business from the Floor.

New Business from the Board

Chairman Obernier asked if the Township trash ordinance requires trashcans or bags. Manager Rambo answered that you can have a combination of 33 gallons cans or bags. If an animal tears open a bag, it is the resident's responsibility to clean it up. Supervisor Lindborg suggested that the Township look into having toters in the future.

Chairman Obernier noted that he didn't recall seeing the conditions for Pulte or Eck. Manager Rambo stated they are not finished with the Pulte Hearings, so there are no conditions. The Township recently received everything from Dr. Eck, at the last meeting Vice-Chairman McCaffrey asked that Manager Rambo send to John Good, just for a cursory review, what was in the conservation easement. Chairman Obernier requested that the BoS have a chance to read what the conditions are prior to sending them on to John Good.

Chairman Obernier asked the status of the "West Brandywine Post Office." Manager Rambo noted he met with representatives from the USPS a few weeks ago and is waiting to hear back from them.

Chairman Obernier asked the status of the SPCA Resolution. Manager Rambo stated he spoke with the SPCA's attorney. The SPCA's attorney said that the SPCA feels reluctant, so their attorney is going to prepare a resolution that would meet the requirements of both the SPCA and the Township.

Chairman Obernier asked that the BoS make a definition change to what open space is to exclude sewer. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey explained when the Township wrote their last ordinance, that is what he had requested but it was felt by the BoS that it was too restrictive and that there should be some allowance, or give and take on that. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey thought that the allowance is up to 30%. Manager

Rambo stated that they would have to go through a hearing process to change it. Supervisor Lindborg asked that the Manager come up with some suggestions.

Chairman Obernier noted that Vice-Chairman McCaffrey suggested that they incorporate in the subdivisions, having some kind of waste water system for residents to water their lawns, etc. and suggested that Manager Rambo have a conversation with Ted Reed, the local representative of PAWC to see if they would be willing to put in an infrastructure. Perhaps they could make this water available for free to WBT residents for them for non-drinking purposes such as to irrigate their lawns. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey noted that in Florida this is common practice, if the wastewater in our area is increasing tertiary treatment levels, it is literally crystal clear water. PAWC is going to be looking for ways to get rid of it, not only could we have a place where they could get rid of it, but we might make money as a community. A lot of communities use this as fire protection too. Discussion ensued.

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

Chip Clavier of Cedar Knoll Road questioned a comment that he read in the Daily Local News regarding the noise ordinance. Chief Werner gave clarification to his question. Discussion ensued.

Chip Clavier noted that he liked Mr. Edward's comment asking if adding stone on the proposed public works facility would make the trucks run better. Mr. Clavier wants to make sure that the Township has enough good equipment to take care of the Township before putting stone on the side of buildings. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey agreed somewhat with Mr. Clavier, but the cost of that small feature that you can't put in later will be appreciated in the future for the next 50 to 60 years. Mr. Clavier stated he takes homage to the elderly and how difficult it must be on them to keep their properties going with the school taxes, etc. This facility is coming out of local tax dollars. Chairman Obernier noted that there was no tax increase for the new facility; it took a lot of years and planning. He knew that there would not be a tax increase for the new Township building; the same concept is true for the proposed public works facility. It is being paid for by taxpayer's dollars, but there is no tax increase. Mr. Clavier stated that if that information were put in the newsletter, he would have known where they got the money to pay for the building. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey explained that the thought is that you spread the payments out over a long period of time, as more people move in they also contribute.

Open Issues Before the Township

SPCA 2006 Animal Control Contract. Chairman Obernier noted that they went over the SPCA issue previously in the meeting.

Ordinance amendments with regard to the IBC (International Building Code). There were no comments.

The Manager is awaiting input on the proposed Access Management Ordinance from Supervisors Lindborg and McCaffrey. There were no comments.

General Obligation Note (Adjustable Rate Loan based on Harrisburg Bond for the Facility/Park Construction)

Interest rate for the week is 4.15 %.

Review and Payment of the bills.

Review and Payment of the General Fund (\$72,210.85), Solid Waste Fund (\$2,083.13) bills, and Liquid Fuel Fund (\$6,774.18). Supervisor Lindborg explained it is their practice to look through the bills and purchase orders associated with the checks, they were found satisfactory and motioned to pay the bills. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey has also looked through the bills, found them satisfactory and seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye in favor of paying the bills.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Bike Rodeo/Community Day, Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.
- Pulte Conditional Use Hearing, Monday, May 8, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board meeting, Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
- Municipal Authority meeting, Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
- Historic Commission meeting, Monday, May 15, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of supervisors meeting, Thursday, May 18, 2006 ay 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Jesse Edwards noted that his trash was not picked up. Mark Hartnett noted that his recycles were not picked up the previous week.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Lindborg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey and Obernier voted aye.

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