

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Scott-Harper, Chairman
David Connors, Vice Chairman
Robert Hittinger
Michael Pickel

STAFF/OTHER PRESENT:

Steve Brown, Township Manager
Natasha Nau, Finance/HR Director
Tom Bolko, Inniscrone Golf Course
20 Audience Members

ABSENT:

Robert Weer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Scott-Harper led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scott-Harper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal issues.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Scott-Harper called for any public comment. No comments were received.

III. CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 4, 2015 meeting minutes of the Board of Supervisors were reviewed. Mr. Pickel made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Hittinger. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

Regional Police Department

Mr. Pickel reported on the February 28, 2015 meeting where they reviewed Chief Simpson's alternative funding plan and addressing of concerns. Mr. Pickel reported that he updated the working group on London Grove Township's status. The next step is to have just elected officials meet to determine if they can work together. Mr. Pickel is to report back to the working group on March 5, 2015. West Grove and Avondale have joined the process. Mr. Connors commented about the article in the Daily Local News. The Board was in agreement that there is no financial commitment yet and that public opinion on the need and cost is required. The Board is in agreement to continue with the process. The representatives for London Grove Township at the meetings will be Mr. Pickel and Mr. Hittinger.

Codes

Mr. Brown presented the Codes Report along with a brief overview of the report.

Mr. Scott-Harper had some questions on enforcement. Mr. Brown will follow-up with Mr. Kirk.

Public Works

Mr. Brown presented the Public Works Report.

Finance Report

The Financial Report was reviewed with the Board by Ms. Nau. A motion was made by Mr. Pickel, seconded by Mr. Connors and approved as submitted by a vote of 4-0.

Odor Report

Mr. Brown reported that 4 email complaints were received by DEP in February.

State Police

The State Police report was presented to the Board showing 186 incidents in January.

Inniscrone Golf Course

Mr. Bolko reported that the golf course revenues were up 11% in January 2015 compared to January 2014. He also reported that they are preparing for Spring and that they are working with the LGTMA on the computer for the spray fields.

V. FIRST BUSINESS

Administrative Assistant Hiring

Mr. Brown reviewed the information on the candidate with the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Hittinger, seconded by Mr. Connors to offer the position to Dawn Maciejczyk subject to favorable references. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Chatham Intersection

Mr. Brown provided a brief overview. Mr. Connors was a little disappointed in PennDOT regarding the lack of rationale and inclusion of disruptive options to the village. He believes they should narrow it down to 2-3 options. Mr. Connors prefers the SAVE option; he believes one roundabout is the least disruptive. He suggests that the Board support and meet with residents and PennDOT in Chatham. Mr. Dixon Stroud, resident, spoke and said he is open to moving old hotel in Chatham that he owns and is not happy with PennDOT alternatives either. The SAVE option would work if the hotel was moved. Mr. Connors suggested sending a letter to PennDOT including the SAVE alternative plan and request a meeting with PennDOT and residents to discuss rationale, impacts, the SAVE alternative and costs. Mr. Pickel, Mr. Scott-Harper and Mr. Hittinger agreed to send the letter.

Lou Kaplan, Township resident, said the SAVE option doesn't show gateway features but they are included at each end of the village. A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Pickel to send the letter to PennDOT. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

McCarson Zoning Hearing Board Decision

The Board did not take any action on this matter.

Lamborn Hunt - Dedication Status

Mr. Brown gave a brief overview then introduced Megan Taglione who spoke for the residents. She said the issues are: sidewalks flooding and basins/ponds holding water. Alan Marr spoke regarding the ponds design and end product; he said that they are currently a safety hazard. He also stated that there is rebar in the center island, screws sticking out of plywood on a storm drain and the sidewalks are not handicap accessible at intersections and crossings. Jeff Morrison at 613 Lamborn Ridge stated there is a rusted car and farm equipment in the woods behind his property. Another neighbor stated that there is no backfill along the sidewalk near the sediment trap/wet pond and in some locations, not along the street edge. The Board of Supervisors said if the rebar issue is not fixed we can do so and bill the developer. Another resident said there are drainage issues over their driveway apron and electrical box on Conrey Trail. The Board of Supervisors want to address safety problems and have Ragan Engineering to check grading and drainage.

Merner Property - Open Space Hearing

Mr. Brown reviewed the February 20, 2015 memo from Vicki Kushto stating the benefits of the purchase, cost basis, etc. The hearing was closed. A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Pickel to approve Resolution No. 638, Purchase of Conservation Easement. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0. A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Pickel to accept the Agreement pending the London Grove Township Municipal Authority Solicitor review. The motion carried by a vote of 3-1 with Mr. Hittinger voting nay.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

West Grove Ambulance - Intermunicipal Agreement Ordinance Hearing & Agreement

Mr. Brown entered exhibits B-1 through B-3. The hearing was closed. On a motion by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Pickel, Ordinance Number 193, Adoption of the Regional Government Emergency Services Agreement ordinance, was approved by a vote of 4-0. On a motion by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Hittinger, the West Grove Ambulance Agreement was approved by a vote of 4-0.

PSATS Pension Trust Ordinance No. 192 Hearing

Ms. Nau reviewed the February 26, 2015 memo stating that the Ordinance was to follow the Resolution from last fall. Mr. Brown entered exhibits B-1 through B-3. The hearing was closed. On a motion by Mr. Pickel, seconded by Mr. Hittinger, Ordinance Number 192, Participation in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Public Works Building - Architectural Service

On a motion by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Hittinger, Cedarville Engineering was awarded the architectural design services for the Public Works buildings. The motion was carried by a vote of 4-0.

Zoning Hearing Board Appointment

On a motion by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Hittinger, Stacy Starr was appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board with his term ending on December 31, 2017. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Nutrasoils DEP Violations

Mr. Brown briefly introduced the information regarding the DEP violations to the Board. Mr. Connors suggested that Congressman Pitts be contacted to ask Federal Agencies to get involved as the State will not address the issues. The consensus of the Board is to set up a meeting with Congressman Pitts.

Community Garden Rules

The Board would like to add an Item 12 that addresses safety. The Board agreed that the rules are acceptable with that addition.

Tax Lien Exonerations

Mr. Brown reported that the Chester County Assessment Office requested tax lien exoneration for two (2) parcels in the Township. On a motion by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Pickel approval was given for the exoneration. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Goddard Park Pay Application #5 Recommendation

The Board was not comfortable with the release since there is still some work to be done. They would like to know the value of the punchlist items and the bond.

VIII. PLANS

Chatham Acres Escrow Release #1

On a motion by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Pickel an escrow release in the amount of \$1,037,207.80 as recommended by Ragan Engineering was approved. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mark Family Trust Escrow Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Hittinger, the Mark Family Trust Escrow Agreement was approved. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven C. Brown
Township Manager