

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

September 28, 2010

Jim Brownlow, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisors Present: Karen Bedics, Jim Brownlow, Barbara Lindtner, Volker Oakey and Rob Zisko.

Also present: Sandy Everitt, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Laudenslager, Police Chief; Terry Clemons, Township Solicitor; Bob Wynn, Township Engineer and Rich Schilling, Township Manager.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were not ready for approval.

Bills for Approval

Karen Bedics **moved** to approve the following bills paid from September 15 – September 28, 2010.

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| 1. General Fund | \$ 16,470.31 |
| 2. Liquid Fuels | \$ 832.76 |
| 3. Farmers Market | \$ 1,300.00 |

Volker Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Reports

Road Department (posted) – accepted as presented.

Police Report - (report posted police website) Chief Laudenslager reported that in August, the department handled 158 calls, of which 15 were criminal offenses. The state police handled an additional 20 calls. \$1,120 worth of property was stolen with no recovery. Chief Laudenslager will contact the state police about getting information on a DUI checkpoint. Laudenslager noted there were between 12 and 13 pounds of drugs collected at an unwanted drug drop off at their police booth on Community Day.

Township Manager/Zoning Report – Mr. Schilling stated that on October 1, he and other township consultants will meet with DEP officials regarding the Act 537 plan. The handicapped accessible restroom in the police department is nearly complete; inspections will be completed tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Schilling will then be submitting for reimbursement from the county. Senator Mensch will be conducting daytime outreach programs for Nockamixon and Durham. It was agreed that the Senator or a representative could conduct daytime meetings in Springfield Township's Municipal Building as well. Under zoning activity, Mr. Schilling stated that the Township completed four use and occupancy inspections and processed 29 permits.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

Governmental Matters

Election Day - November 2, 2010 - Township offices will be closed because of Election Day on November 2, 2010.

New Business

1. Request from Springtown business owner to modify Ordinance 85 (burning ordinance) Springtown Inn owner Bob Monach brought up a concern to the Board about eliminating extra boxes on his business property by barrel burning. An anonymous call to the fire marshal prompted a visit to Mr. Monach's business. Mr. Monach stated that he does not feel it is fair to allow farmers and residents to have controlled burning of household refuse while he

cannot. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to look again into cardboard recycling at the township and to have the township solicitor review the burning ordinance.

Barbara Lindtner **moved** to have the Township Solicitor review Ordinance 85. Karen Bedics **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Planning Matters

1. Pawar Subdivision – Preliminary/Final Plan approval – Barbara Lindtner **moved** to grant conditional final approval on the Pawar Lot Line Subdivision based on the conditions listed in the August 18, 2010, Township Engineer’s review letter and the following conditions; to execute a license as provided in Note 12 of the August 11, 2010, plan, record a declaration restricting the lots from further subdivision, withdraw the November 8, 2006, subdivision application, and execute a deed of easement declaring the ultimate rights of way along Oak Lane, Winding and Shale roads along the frontage of the property. Volker Oakey **seconded**; Rob Zisko **abstained**; the motion **carried**.

2. Review of Draft Subdivision & Land Development (SALDO) Mr. Wynn will be sending the board a color-coded copy of the draft ordinance; however, discussion will not take place until comments from the County are received. Karen Bedics **moved** to send the SALDO to the Bucks County Planning Commission for review. Barbara Lindtner **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Old Business

1. Update on Earned Income Tax (EIT) collection for 2011 – Ms. Everitt explained that they are waiting for the agreement that the TCC Committee is working out with Keystone, as well as the sample resolution to prepare our township's resolution to be adopted. According to the TCC timeline, the DCED must be notified by November 1 in the form of a resolution. Mr. Clemons will send the resolution from Wrightstown for the Township’s information. This will be on the next agenda.

2. Rolling Hills – Partial waiver of Dedication of Rights of Way requirement – After a discussion with Tim Fulmer, Mr. Clemons stated that there would be no adverse consequences to waiving the requirements of the dedication of right of way, as there are no improvements proposed along Old Bethlehem or Slifer Valley roads.

Karen Bedics **moved** that the Township waive the requirement for Rolling Hills to dedicate the right of way along Old Bethlehem and Slifer Valley roads to the Township, except the right of way that fronts on the new lots on Old Bethlehem Road. Barbara Lindtner **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Mr. Clemons explained a resolution approving a conservation easement on the land on Old Bethlehem Road.

Barbara Lindtner **moved** to adopt Resolution 2010-20 authorizing the acquisition of a conservation easement on approximately 41.861 acres comprising of tax map parcel # 42-020-014 in Springfield Township. Volker Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Public Comments - none

Supervisors Comments

Karen Bedics stated that at the last UBREMS board of directors meeting, a request was made that Springfield consider making UBREMS ambulance payments of \$1,200 a month for the new ambulance for the upcoming year. UBREMS would like this to be in addition to the Township’s yearly donation of \$25,000.

Volker Oakey and **Rob Zisko** suggested discussing this during the upcoming budget process.

Barbara Lindtner commented that on top of the annual donation, the Township is also providing a rent-free facility on township grounds for the Springfield based UBREMS. She is concerned about the inequity between donations to

UBREMS and St. Luke's, which also serves a good portion the Township. **Ms. Bedics** noted that St. Luke's is a for-profit organization, and a large portion of their income is from transports. **Mr. Brownlow** feels that UBREMS has more of a need for monetary assistance than St. Luke's. In conclusion, the ambulance issue will be discussed fully during the budget process.

Ms. Bedics asked the board for input about the proposed business survey that she sent the board. **Ms. Lindtner** asked what the Township is trying to achieve by doing a business survey. **Ms. Bedics** answered that they wanted to get the resident's input. **Mr. Brownlow** feels that the questions pre-suppose that the Township is only interested in small businesses. He feels the questions should be more open ended. Knowing that the Planning Commission is still working on the 309 corridor, **Ms. Bedics** started out focusing on smaller businesses. After a lengthy discussion, the board suggested that the issue of bringing businesses into the township and possible zoning issues that may be making that difficult would be discussed further at the October 12 work session.

Adjournment

At 9:40 p.m., Jim Brownlow **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Rob Zisko **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Everitt
Township Secretary

Next meeting: October 12, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

Approved: October 12, 2010