

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

January 22, 2013

Supervisors Present: Barbara Lindtner, John Oehler, Volker Oakey and Dave Long **Not Present:** Rob Zisko
Also present: Chief Mike McDonald, Terry Clemons (Township Solicitor), Rich Schilling (Township Manager) and Jason Wager (Secretary/Treasurer)

Barbara Lindtner, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Barbara Lindtner moved to adopt the December 11, 2012 minutes as presented. John Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously. Dave Long moved to adopt the January 7, 2013 Re-Organization minutes as presented. John Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously. Barbara Lindtner moved to adopt the January 7, 2013 minutes as presented. John Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Bills for Approval

Barbara Lindtner **moved** to approve the following bills paid from December 8, 2012 to January 18, 2013:

1. General Fund	\$165,497.53	4. Subdivision & Escrow	\$ 3,308.98
2. Liquid Fuels	\$ 14,389.26	5. Special Fees	\$ 1,747.36
3. Open Space	\$585,557.00	6. Street Light	\$ 513.41

John Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Reports

(1) Road Department (posted) – The 11/17/2012 thru 1/16/2013 report was reviewed. The Road Department performed 235 hours of road maintenance, 343 hours of equipment maintenance, 33 hours of building maintenance, 38 hours of sign maintenance and 299 hours of winter maintenance during this time period. The department's main focus was continuing to clean up after Super Storm Sandy and winter road maintenance.

(2) Police Report – Chief McDonald reported the department along with the State Police handled 183 and 139 in November and December respectively. The total documented calls for service for 2012 was 1,937. There was \$8,454 of property stolen in November and December with none of the property recovered.

In November, the department participated in the second "Buckle-Up PA" initiative. The officers also participated in DUI Checkpoints during the holidays. Chief McDonald reported the 2013 Tahoe was now in service.

(3) Treasurer Report – The Board reviewed the unaudited budget and balance sheets as of December 31 for the different funds. Jason Wager reported the net income for 2012 was \$195,370. EIT revenue was \$685,166 and the total revenue for the year was \$1,852,860, which was \$393,755 over budget. The total expense for 2012 was \$1,659,990. Jason told the Board the 2012 audit

would be held on January 30 & 31 and that he had already started filing the DCED, Liquid Fuels and County reports that are due each year.

(4) Township Manager – Rich Schilling reported he has been working with Ann Toole, Recreation Planner, on the Township Recreation Plan and that he would be meeting with Supervisor Lindtner. He stated he would be attending a meeting with FEMA & PEMA on January 23 to start the paperwork for expense reimbursement from Super Storm Sandy, which had been approved a declaration of disaster by President Obama. Rich stated he had received information from the County on a project called Bucks County Municipal Economic Development Initiative. This could help with the cost for the land assessment along the 309 corridor creating a Central Business District. Barbara Lindtner moved to authorize the Township Manager to move forward on this project. Volker Oakey seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Zoning performed 12 Use & Occupancy inspections for resale in November and December. They processed a total of 32 permits during this period for a total of \$16,474.50. The 2012 zoning revenue was \$100,741.80.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Township resident **Eric Kirkpatrick** inquired about the status of the old gas station on Route 212 in Pleasant Valley. He commented there are open holes and the property is not being maintained. He feels this is having an effect on his attempt to sell his property that is adjacent from that location.

Governmental Matters

(1) Authorize advertising for Public Hearing on received Agricultural Security Applications – Terry Clemons gave a brief explaining the process for the three applications to become Agricultural Security Areas. He stated the Bucks County Planning Commission stated the properties are consistent with program and that a Public Hearing must be held. Dave Long moved to advertise the Public Hearing to be held for the properties totaling approximately 129.912 acres and consisting of TMP #'s 42-12-37, 42-8-6, 42-8-39 and 42-12-28 to be made Agricultural Security Areas. Volker Oakey seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

(2) Heritage Conservancy Agreement – Terry Clemons gave a brief synopsis of the proposed agreement and MOU. The Board discussed with Jim Nilsen, Open Space Chairman, and Laura Baird and Jeff Marshall from Heritage Conservancy. The consensus of the Board was to have Terry Clemons create one document combining the contract and MOU that would be continued to be in effect on a year by year basis. The agreement would be tabled until the 2/26 meeting to allow Terry Clemons time to complete the draft.

(3) PSATS News Bulletin – The Board reviewed the bulletin.

Old Business

(1) Route 412 Exterior Bridge Design – Rich Schilling gave a brief review on the bridge project. Rich stated that PennDOT was anticipating an April let date for the project. The Historic Commission recommended that the bridge sides should be concrete because the stone that is available for this project does not match the local stone that used for barns and homes in Springfield Township. Barbara Lindtner moved to go with the recommendation of the Historic Commission and make the bridge just plain concrete with no decorative stone. John Oehler seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

(2) Vacancy on Zoning Hearing Board & Environmental Advisory Council – Barbara Lindtner moved to appoint George McGuire to the Zoning Hearing Board to a three year terming (ending 12/31/15). Dave Long seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Rich Schilling stated that he not received a written response from the resident interested in the Environmental Advisory Council vacancy.

New Business

(1) Request from resident for relief from fine levied for building without a permit – The Board reviewed the letter received by Township Resident Bruce Strock and listened to his request to waive the fine amount due to his financial hardship and not being aware a permit was required for replacing his deck. John Oehler **moved** to remove the fine amount of \$488 and require resident to pay permit fee of \$244 and all other subsequent fees for inspections and any repairs to bring the deck up to code. Dave Long **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

(2) Authorization to utilize the Capital Reserve to pay bills until tax receipts are received – Barbara Lindtner **moved** to authorize the utilization of the Capital Reserve to pay bill until tax receipts are received. John Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed all correspondence. Barbara Lindtner recognized an anonymous letter received from a Township resident in reference to outdoor boilers and excessive noise from dirt bikes and shooting.

Planning Matters

(1) Dushant Sharma Land Development – Rich Schilling stated the Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny the application and extension. Terry Clemons confirmed that in August 2010 the application was reinstated and since then there has been no revised plans and the Board has given four extensions. The Board discussed the different scenarios for the property if the Land Development application was denied or extended. Township residents Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick gave some history of the property, which they once owned, and their environmental concerns and how they feel the lack of development is impacting their property located adjacent to the property on the application. John Oehler **moved** to deny the application provided it would be reinstated if the Township receives an extension by date certain extending the time for action an additional 90 days and the applicant appear in front of the Board of Supervisors either at the February 26, 2013 or March 26, 2013 meeting to present a plan to complete the land development process and provide the status of remediation. Dave Long **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously. The Board asked Rich Schilling to inspect the property to confirm what may be unsafe on the property.

Public Comment

Robin Reshetar of Springtown Knoll stated he was close to finalizing the addendum for the subdivision. He referred to a letter sent by his legal representative, Robert Gundlach, in reference to the Financial Security Agreement and the retention basin to Terry Clemons which was reviewed by the Board. The Board instructed Mr. Reshetar that since the Township Engineer was not present and this was a non-agenda item, he would need to request to be on the February 26, 2013 agenda.

Township resident and EAC Chairman **Hans Reimann** talked to the Board about some of the initiatives the EAC would be looking at in 2013 including the tire recycling and a “Bird Town Program”.

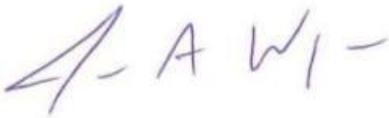
Supervisor Comments

There was no Supervisor comments given.

Adjournment

At 9:33 p.m., John Oehler moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Long seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. A. Wager". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jason A. Wager
Township Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: February 12, 2013
Approved: