

## Board of Supervisors

### MINUTES

November 26, 2013

**Supervisors Present:** Barbara Lindtner, Dave Long, Volker Oakey and John Oehler **Absent:** Rob Zisko  
**Also present:** Bob Wynn, P.E. (Township Engineer), Scott McNair, Esq. (Township Solicitor), Chief Michael McDonald, David Nyman (Interim Township Manager) and Jason Wager (Secretary/Treasurer)

Chairperson Lindtner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Oakey **moved** to accept the October 22, 2013 minutes as presented. Mr. Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously. Mr. Oehler **moved** to accept the November 4, 2013 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously. Mr. Long **moved** to accept the November 12, 2013 minutes as presented. Mr. Oehler **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

### Approval of Bills List

Mr. Oehler **moved** to approve the following bills paid from October 19 – November 24, 2013:

1. General Fund	\$ 270,488.48	4. Subdivision & Escrow	\$ 3,172.18
2. Liquid Fuels	\$ 13,256.85	5. Street Light	\$ 523.53
3. Open Space	\$ 441.29		

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

**Road Department (posted)** – Mr. Nyman reviewed the 9/18 – 11/5/2013 Road Department report. The Road Department performed 330 hours of road maintenance, 191 hours of equipment maintenance, 232 hours of building maintenance, 18 hours of sign maintenance, 56 hours of roadside mowing, 67 hours of winter maintenance and 28 hours of paperwork during this period.

**Police Department** – Chief McDonald discussed his report from September 20 – November 22, 2013. There were 341 calls for service that included 48 calls for service performed by the State Police. Thirty reportable crashes happened during this period and reminded the Board that they are one officer down. Officer Sepulveda is now a certified Taser/Use of Force Instructor. The firearms range is 95.5 complete. Chief McDonald reported the acquisition of in-car video cameras for our fleet from Upper Saucon Twp.

Chief stated the National Drug Take Back Event was a success with 6,697.97 pounds collected Countywide. He also noted that the Gallagher-Westfall Group has volunteered to perform a thorough review of our police policy, general day-to-day procedures, training, documentation and training procedures.

**Treasurer Report** – Mr. Wager reported on the budget performance through November 24, 2013. EIT revenue was up 5.6% from 2012 at \$674,918. Real Estate Transfer revenue was up 23.7% from last year and Real Estate and Delinquent Real Estate tax was up 7% from 2012. Zoning Permits were down 26.1% from 2012. Total revenue year to date was \$1,547,074 (\$156,758 over budget) and was up 6.9% from last year. Total expenses were \$1,522,048 (\$121,985 over

budget) up 7.6% from 2012. The Township net income was \$25,026 (\$34,773 over budget) compared to \$35,856 in 2012. He also noted that we received our first PLGIT credit card rebate of \$182.74.

**Interim Township Manager/Zoning** – David Nyman reported that the Township Manager transition had gone smoothly, taking three days. An ad for a manager has been listed with ICMA and PSATS and will go on the Township website on Monday. The Park & Recreation Plan is being finalized and made ready for the website.

Mr. Nyman noted that the Route 412 bridge has been re-opened; the Township Road Bridge contract has been let, but completion date uncertain; and the Bridge Street Bridge contract has been let with a December 2<sup>nd</sup> start date.

Mr. Nyman announced that we have been awarded a DCED grant for \$111,323.50 toward the Peppermint Road Park project. He is willing to pursue the application for the Municipal Open Space matching funding with Bucks County is the Board desires.

He also announced that the Administrative Office would close November 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.

In September and October, 12 Use & Occupancy resale inspections were conducted and a total of 43 permits for \$13,172.90.

### Public Comment on Agenda Items

A Township resident questioned the listed Board meeting for December 24<sup>th</sup> and was assured the Board only intended to meet once in December on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Governmental Matters

(1) **Open Space issues** – No issues were discussed.

### Planning Matters

(1) **Springtown Knoll** – Mr. McNair gave a brief overview of Resolution 2013-17 approving the improvement installed in the Springtown Knoll subdivision and accepting dedication of Woodbyne Road, recommending the Board accept the dedication subject to holding \$139,967.54 in escrow. Mr. Wynn noted that escrow release documents had been prepared and given to the Treasurer for execution. Mr. Oehler **moved** to adopt ***Resolution 2013-17***. Mr. Oakey **seconded**; the motion **passed** unanimously.

### Old Business

There was no Old Business to come before the Board

### New Business

- (1) **Park & Recreation Board members** – It was the consensus of the Board to advertise volunteers for the new Park & Recreation Board.
- (2) **Bridge Street closure** – Mr. Nyman shared the detour information provided by the County, noting that they had no traffic count information for the bridge. Mr. Long expressed concern regarding the proposed 160 degree turn from Route 212 onto Old Bethlehem Road. Mr. Nyman will share that concern with the County. Mr. Long also questioned the ultimate value of redoing this bridge at all.

### Correspondence

Mr. Nyman reviewed all correspondence for the Board. Ms. Lindtner asked about the letter from the Springtown Fire Company sharing concerns about the amount of funding budgeted for 2014. Chief Helm expressed the gratitude for the increased financial support for 2014. There was discussion clarifying the level of funding anticipated by the Fire Company and the Board's understanding of their needs. Chief Helm re-emphasized the Fire Companies appreciation for the financial support. Ms. Lindtner suggested that the Township provide as much assistance as possible to help with the Company's upcoming Fund Drive.

Regarding funding, Mr. Wynn advised the Board that to his knowledge, municipalities in Bucks County had been moved lower on the list of municipalities requesting DEP reimbursement for updating their Act 537 Plans. Mr. Nyman will seek clarification in this regard from Senator Mensch's office, as suggested by resident Karen Bedics.

### Public Comment

Township resident **Hans Reimann** acknowledged the positive image of our Police Department and their activities in key portions of the Township.

Township resident Bruce Whitesell thanked Mr. Long for his concern about all tax dollars and their use on the Bridge Street bridge reconstruction. He thanked Chief Helm for the efforts of the Fire Company, but also reminded him of their obligation to use taxpayer dollars wisely. Finally, he asked if the UBREM letter under correspondence was the one mentioned at previous meetings.

### Supervisor Comments

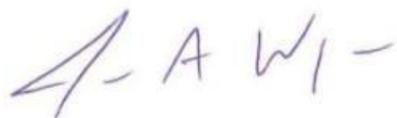
Mr. Long acknowledged the magnitude of the DCED grant for Peppermint Road park. He also noted that the On-Lot Sewage Maintenance Ordinance requirements were to start in January, but Mr. Wynn noted that there were a few steps still required before implementation of the program.

Ms. Lindtner also expressed her excitement regarding the DCED grant.

### Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m., Mr. Oehler **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Oakey **seconded**; the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason A. Wager  
Township Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: December 10, 2013  
Approved: December 10, 2013