

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road, Doylestown, PA. Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Barbara N. Lyons, Chairman; E. Thomas Scarborough, Jr., Vice Chairman; Jeffrey Bennett; Cynthia Philo; and Barbara Eisenhardt. Others in attendance included Jeffrey Garton, Township Solicitor; Sgt. Zartman, Police Department; Mario Canales, Township Engineer and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Lyons announced that this evening the Board interviewed residents for appointments to the various Boards & Commissions positions.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ryan Jones, senior at CB West High School made comments to the Board. (See attached Exhibit "A").

Ms. Lyons indicated that she would be happy to help with this effort.

Solicitor Garton asked how are donations made for this cause?

Mr. Jones replied the money can be donated to the Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Blankenburg, who runs the STAND Program at CB West.

Joe O'Malley, 138 Rogers Road, commented that in an effort to keep all residents safe and to show that we have not given up the fight to protect all of the people of our area; we, the residents, of Rogers Road place this petition before the Board signed by 167 of the Board of Supervisors' constituents (See attached petition, Exhibit "B"). This document requests the closure of Rogers Road to all traffic except emergency vehicles. The traffic plan set forth by Pennoni Associates at the last Planning Commission meeting has been deemed unacceptable. The plan by Pennoni dismissed the concerns and safety of all area residents. We request that the Board of Supervisors enter into a dialog with residents to arrive at a satisfactory resolution to all safety issues.

James Bingler, Turkey Lane, asked about the results of the DEP hearing.

Ms. Mason replied there has been no response by DEP yet.

Mr. Bingler asked how many residential homes in Doylestown have TCE?

Mr. John replied 9 in Furlong.

Marylou Streznewski, 22 Brook Drive, commented that she feels she has not been treated with respect because she has stood up and said she wants her neighborhood to be run a certain way. She requested that the Board of Supervisors send out a memo to everyone who serves on a Board or Commission in Doylestown Township to remind them to treat citizens with respect and politeness because we are not troublemakers.

Henry Strawn, 12 Kuhn Drive, commented that he received by mail the Salute by the U.S. Army, which he read to the Board of Supervisors. He indicated that Veterans may salute the flag even if not in uniform.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Lyons announced that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009 and Daylight Savings Time starts on March 8, 2009. Clocks get set one hour ahead.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Bennett to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ms. Philo corrected Page 2, which should read *Ms. Philo*.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0-1. Ms. Eisenhardt abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report.

REPORTS:

Solicitor: No report.

Police Chief: No report.

Township Manager: No report.

Supervisors:

Ms. Eisenhardt asked that residents be updated on the Keeley Avenue project in conjunction with Doylestown Township.

Ms. Lyons replied Ms. Philo, Ms. Mason, Mr. John and she will be meeting with officials of New Britain on Friday and we will report back after that meeting.

Ms. Eisenhardt commented that all members of the Board did not agree on recommendations she made in this past year's budget, which she did not vote to approve because there were items that should have been taken out of the budget. Regarding the requirements of the Second Class Township Code, which indicates that the Supervisors are the only one who has the authority to approve seminars and conferences for employees who attend, and expenses for reimbursement are limited to transportation going to and from the meeting, and other expenses the Board would need to approve. Since expenses are limited to registration fees and mileage only, she asked that any requests for employees to go to conferences and seminars are submitted to the Board so we can review the expense before they attend.

Ms. Lyons asked Ms. Eisenhardt to outline that provision in a memo to the Board for review.

Mr. Scarborough commented that the Telecommunication Board has been working to upgrade our TV system and they put it together in the last two weeks. He applauded them for upgrading the system so that now each Supervisor has their own microphone.

Ms. Philo commented that it is a good thing that we have so many residents who are interested in this community. Regarding the presentation made by Ryan Jones, one of the things that we can do is to make sure that we are not investing in the community of Darfur.

Mr. Bennett thanked Mr. John and staff for doing a great job clearing the roads of snow.

Ms. Lyons commented that she had a request made today from the Vice President of Doylestown Hospital asking for the Board's support in writing for several grants they are applying for, which is equipment for their emergency room.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Philo to approve that the letter be sent from the Board of Supervisors in support of Doylestown Hospital applying for grants for equipment for their emergency room.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Ms. Lyons made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Scarborough to appoint Jordan Yeager to the Agricultural Security Committee; Arnie Feldman and Don Richardson to the EAC; Harry Mondal and Robert Klovekorn to the Historical Architectural Review Board; Harold Johns to the Open Space Committee; Joe Van Houten and Dave Williams to the Public Water Sewer Advisory Committee; Joe O'Malley Voting District #3 and Doug

Rowe Voting District #5 to the Traffic Advisory Committee; and Ed Ebenbach to the Ways and Means Committee.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eagle Scout Proclamation:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Eisenhardt to approve the Eagle Scout Proclamation for Benjamin Davis Smith of Troop #6.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

2009 Fee Schedule Amendment – Fees for VHS Tapes and USB:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Eisenhardt to approve Resolution #1450 - 2009 Fee Schedule Amendment for Fees for VHS Tapes and USB.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Ms. Eisenhardt suggested that the Board look into a DVD burner so people can play it.

Mr. Scarborough replied we can take that up with TAB, but they would need to buy equipment for it which would be a budget item and we don't have the money to do it.

Mr. Paternostro suggested that the VHS tape be copied to a DVD, which costs about \$20.

Ed Ebenbach, TAB, clarified that we don't have the capability of burning DVD's. We would need to buy a more capable computer for a cost of \$500 or spend several hundred dollars to install a drive in the current computer and there is no money in the budget for those items. We have VHS tape recorders and a USB copy is free. Also, anyone can tape this program from the air when it is broadcast twice a day for two weeks following the Supervisors' meeting.

Local Government Municipal Records – Disposition of Township Records

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Bennett to approve Resolutions #1451 and #1452 - Local Government Municipal Records – Disposition of Township Records.

Ms. Philo asked is there is a deadline for when records will be disposed of?

Ms. Mason replied in the next three weeks.

PennDOT Electronic Access Agreement:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Philo to approve Resolution #1453 – PennDOT Electronic Access Agreement.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

2009 Sign and Post Bid:

Ms. Eisenhardt made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Philo to approve the 2009 Sign and Post Bid to Garden State Highway Products, Inc. in the amount of \$1,433.00; Hall Signs, Inc. in the amount of \$150.00; and US Municipal Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$1,395.50.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

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ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Mason, Township Manager

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