

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

February 16, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road, Doylestown, PA. Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman; E. Thomas Scarborough, Jr., Supervisors: Barbara Eisenhardt and Cynthia Philo. Others in attendance included Chief of Police; Stephen J. White, Township Solicitor; Jeffery P. Garton, Township Engineer; Mario Canales, Director of Operations; Richard E. John and Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason

Absent: Jeffrey A. Bennett

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Resignation of Mr. Jeffrey A. Bennett

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION to accept the resignation of Mr. Jeffrey A. Bennett from the Board of Supervisors, seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt. (See attached Exhibit "A")

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Public Water and Sewer Advisory Committee – Pebble Ridge/Woodridge Area (Report Attached Exhibit "B")

Public Water & Sewer Advisory Member; Mr. Joe Van Houten began his presentation by stating the purpose of the committee is only to provide their recommendations regarding the installation of public sewers along the Pebble Ridge and Woodridge areas to the Board of Supervisors and no decision will be made tonight. Mr. Van Houten continued by informing the public that the Pebble Ridge area has an ongoing onsite septic sewer issue since 1998 and through tests completed in 2008 by Boucher and James, Inc. According to these surveys no action was taken since 1998 and the septic systems are quickly deteriorating and a permanent solution is needed.

Mr. Van Houten then introduced Mr. Brendan O'Boyle of the Bucks County Health Department who supported his statements by stating Doylestown has several bad soil areas along the affected areas. Mr. O'Boyle referred to a map provided and indicated many of the soil areas are poorly drained. Mr. O'Boyle concluded his presentation by advising any concerned residents hire a soil consultant to file an application with the Health Department to see what type of soil they have for sewer options, especially if they plan to sell their home in the future.

Mr. VanHolden and Mr. O'Boyle then addressed questions and comments from many concerned residents, such as what is considered malfunctioning systems, costs of sewer systems, can grants be

provided, if holding tanks and sand mounds are a factor and the option of hybrid systems.

It is the recommendation of The Public and Sewer Advisory that the Board of Supervisors commence with a feasibility study to take a look at the possible installation of public sewers within the Pebble Ridge/Woodridge areas of Doylestown.

Mr. Van Houten addressed additional concerns and questions from the public, such as what would be the time frame to complete the project, costs and the exact number of malfunctioning systems.

One resident reminded the Board of a Septic Management Ordinance passed to have septic system inspections once every three years and wondered what the process to determine malfunctioning systems is.

Ms. Mason answered by explaining the Septic Management ordinance requires residences with septic systems to pump and report once every three years. The reports are entered into the Township's database. If observed conditions are noted they are forwarded to the Bucks County Health Department where Mr. O'Boyle meets with these residents to identify a malfunctioning system.

Special Project Manager, Sandra Zadell, added many times malfunctioning systems have been addressed but unfortunately the home owner cannot resolve the issue and the systems remains recorded as malfunctioning.

Resident; John Prock of 1030 Almshouse asked what dates were the 1998 and 2008 studies performed. Mr. VanHolden answered June of 1998 and April of 2008.

A discussion ensued between the Board regarding the cost of a feasibility report and if the majority of the residences are affected, should the study be provided.

Resident; John Everett of Turk Road requested if the feasibility report is approved a copy be provided to the residences for review at a future Board of Supervisors meeting, prior to submission.

Mr. Van Houten indicated the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority will provide for the feasibility study, due to owning the public sewer system for proposed installation.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to have Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority perform a feasibility study on the Pebble Ridge/Woodridge area of the township, seconded by Barbara Lyons.

MOTION FAILED on a vote of 2 to 2. Mr. Scarborough and Mrs. Lyons voting yea. Mrs. Eisenhardt and Ms. Philo voted nay.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Egg Hunt & Breakfast with Bunny event is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2010 at The Market on Delaware Valley College campus.

Touch-A-Truck event is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Central Park.

Doylestown Township Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010 beginning at 8:00 a.m., at the Doylestown Country Club.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept the February 2, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Philo

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

SOLICITOR: None

POLICE CHIEF: None

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER: None

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: None

SUPERVISORS:

MR. SCARBOROUGH

Mr. Scarborough commends the Road Department for a wonderful job clearing the snow from recent storms.

Boards and Commissions

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to appoint Martha Gasparian to the Performing Arts Council, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to appoint Chris Serpico and Ethan Prout to the Environmental Advisory Council, seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to appoint Lee Schwarz to the Ways and Means Committee, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to appoint Judith Hendrickson to the Bike and Hike Committee, seconded by Ms. Philo

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

MS. PHILO

Ms. Philo asked Mr. Garton to explain the process for appointing a new member of the Board of Supervisors. The Board first must advertise for the vacancy, and then have thirty (30) days to vote for a replacement. If the Board cannot decide, then they must refer to the Vacancy Board within fifteen (15) days to make a decision. If the Vacancy Board cannot make a decision then it will be up to the Court.

Mrs. Lyons recommended Ms. Mason place an advertisement for the Board of Supervisor vacancy immediately. Applications will be accepted up to close of business day, Monday, March 1, 2010. Interviews will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd and Thursday the 4th and then, if needed, on March 9th and 10th at 7:00 p.m. in order to make a decision as soon as possible.

Ms. Philo then requested a new liaison be assigned to Boards and Commissions in which Mr. Bennett represented. Mrs. Lyon stated the boards and commission will be advised of Mr. Bennett's resignation, however no action be taken until a replacement is found.

Resident; Mr. John Prock questioned how long will the new Board member serve. Mr. Garton answered the new Board member will serve through 2011 and then must be re-elected to a two year term.

NEW BUSINESS:

Draft RFP and Scope of Work for a Traffic Evaluation for the Furlong Area

Traffic Engineer; Phil Wursta explained the Draft RFP is designed to evaluate the traffic engineering study along York, Swamp and Edison Furlong, and Spring Valley Road. The scope of work performed was data collection, daily traffic counts; turning volume count, speed analysis and vehicle classification to

determine improvements or solutions based upon existing conditions. The selected engineer will provide an existing condition analysis and determine what improvement and solutions is needed.

Ms. Philo made a MOTION to send out RFP to perform a Scope of Work for the Traffic Evaluation for the Furlong Area, seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Eves Tract Minor Subdivision – Review Extension

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to grant the Eves Tract Minor Subdivision extension until April 30, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Lawn Maintenance Bid Extension – Year 3

Mrs. Eisenhardt made a MOTION to approve the Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc. lawn maintenance bid for a third year, seconded by Mr. Scarborough

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Zoning Hearing Board – 31 Militia Hill Road

The Board agreed by consensus to forward Michael Flanigan's of 31 Militia Hill Road request for a special exception & variance to the Zoning Hearing Board without representation as per the recommendation of Ms. Mason.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report dated February 16, 2010, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

BILL'S LIST:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept the February 16, 2010 Bill's List in the amount of \$166,565.67 seconded by Ms. Philo.

Mrs. Eisenhardt raised questions about the professional services and Ms. Philo questioned a police expense.

Resident; Mr. Paternostro questioned if the Township's budget was passed, why is a vote is needed to pass the Bill's List. Mr. Garton answered by stating as per the Second Class County Code, the Board of Supervisors must approved the payment of bills.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3 to 1 with Mrs. Eisenhardt voting nay to approve the February Bills List minus the invoices for Professional Services.

Traffic Advisory Committee Appointment

Ms. Philo made a MOTION to appoint David Murray to the Traffic Advisory Committee, seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0

Resident; Madeline Rawley of 361 Birdsong Way questioned if the process to appoint a new Board member will be at a public meeting. Mrs. Lyons answered yes.

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie Mason, Secretary