

**Minutes of the**  
**January 18, 2011**  
**Board of Supervisor's Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2011 in 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: Cynthia M. Philo, Barbara Eisenhardt and Richard F. Colello. Others in attendance included Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations; Richard E. John, Township Solicitor; Jeffery P. Garton, Chief of Police; Stephen J. White

Absent: Township Engineer; Mario Canales

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Lyons advised the public due to a new cable cast format images of any meeting attendees will now be filmed without sound, prior to 7:00 p.m.

**VISITOR / PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Resident; James Binger of Turkey Lane, Furlong questioned how will the primary elections be held this year. Mr. Garton answered; three seats are up for election this year, two for a six year term and one for a two year term. The primary will be held in May of 2011 for the purpose of selecting candidates from each party.

Resident; Joseph Paternostro of Houk Road informed the Board of a serious house fire on Elgin Road last month. The fire department which responded did not utilize a pumper truck to extinguish the fire, until it was realized the fire hydrants were frozen and low water pressure. Residents are concerned for future emergencies, since a new water system recently installed through the Turk extension and asked the Board to look into the matter.

Mr. Scarborough asked Mr. John to respond. Mr. John was unaware of any water pressure problems. Ms. Mason suggested she speak with the township's Fire Marshall; Rick Schea and relay any information to Mr. Paternostro.

Resident; Madeline Rawley of 361 Birdsong Way reported the progress of voter marked paper ballots for elections. Currently 50 counties in Pennsylvania continue to use electronic voting machines. These machines do not provide an accurate count. Hoping the economy improves, the County will utilize voter marked paper valets so indented votes may be recorded. Secondly, Ms. Rawley hopes the Board comprise when selecting a Vice Chairman to resolve any issues in a non-partisan manner.

Resident; Mrs. Harrison voiced her dismay and concern with the 3 mill tax increase. She felt the Board should have held their vote until an updated advertisement was published. Upon speaking to several residents, she explained they felt blindsided by the vote, which took place during the holidays and lost the trust of the Board. She urged the Board to appeal the 3 mill increase vote to instead replace the 1 ½ mills increase, as advertised and make additional cuts in areas the township can do without and risk to the basic needs. Secondly, Mrs. Harrison strongly recommends the Board support Mr. Scarborough's appointment to Vice Chairman. She feels he has earned the trust and faith of tax payers and will continue to be an asset to the township. Mrs. Harrison concluded by thanking the

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Board for their service.

Resident; Edward Denton of 24 Foxcroft Drive, also voiced his dismay with the 3 mills tax increase stating there does not seem to be any fiscal responsibility or sharing of the load. Mr. Denton would like to see the township par things down, by not providing wage increases, or assistance with healthcare to township employees.

Ways and Means Committee member; Lee Schwarz strongly recommends residents attend the Ways and Means meetings scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Here they will learn how the committee struggles with the issue relating to the township's finances. Mr. Schwarz went on to say the Board has been fiscally responsible and next year's challenges will be larger. Mr. Schwarz concluded only he and one other resident requested to view the budget that was available in the Municipal Building.

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**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2011 Board of Supervisors Reorganizational meeting, seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORTS:**

SOLICITOR                      None

**POLICE CHIEF – Central Bucks Regional Police Study**

Chief White explained with his and several other township police chief pending retirements, he feels with the economy, 42 Police Departments in this county out of 54 municipalities and 9 separate Police Departments in the Central Bucks School District alone, this is not how townships should function and it would be in good judgment to form a Central Bucks Regional Police Department. He recommends the Board of Supervisors motion to accept the report of the Department of Community and Economic Development and move to the next step, to have a public presentation regarding the findings of the study on February 3, 2011, 7:00 p.m. in the Doylestown Township Municipal Building. Chief White then suggested afterwards the Board jointly apply for a grant that would fund up to \$90,000.00 towards the functions of the Police Department for the first three years.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION to consider the Central Bucks Regional Police study for the purpose of public discussion, seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

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Resident; Lee Schwarz of 189 Sunset View Drive questioned how much is Doylestown Township's burden in order to make easier for other townships. Mrs. Lyons answered; the public presentation will address all concerns including any burden placed on residents.

Mr. Scarborough commented on his concern with the study including the construction of a new police station for the purpose of a central location. Mrs. Lyons clarified by explaining the study does not include any new construction for the first five years. Chief White added in order to divide costs, consideration of geographic area or percentage of population, emergency calls and crimes were calculated in the study. However, the study proposes to use both Doylestown and Warwick Township for the police department's central location.

Mrs. Eisenhardt suggested the February 3<sup>rd</sup> public presentation be located at a school instead. Mrs. Lyons indicated to schedule two meetings, one at 5:00 p.m. and a second at 7:00 p.m. to hold the population. Chief White informed the public to contact the Township Manager if anyone is interested in attending to devise a number of attendees.

Ms. Philo requested a copy of the study be provided on the township website for their review. Chief White will make available.

Resident; Mr. Paternostro suggested a question be place on the May 2011 primary ballots regarding the regionalization study in order to receive the opinion of all citizens. Mr. Garton indicated under state law, a referendum is not permitted to be posed. Mr. Paternostro then asked how the citizens can present their opinions. Mr. Garton answered; either by mail or any formal solicitation.

Resident; Mrs. Harrison questioned how would the township make a decision and move forward on future buildings if costs are not disclosed. Chief White clarified they are the study does not suggest a proposed construction of new during the first five years. Doylestown and New Britain Boro were searching for new locations for new police stations, however, should regionalization take place a building will not be needed. The study proposes with the next five to fifteen years residents will be responsible for the funding of the police if the regionalization does not take place. Mrs. Harrison then questioned what percentage from the township budget is set aside to fund the police department. Chief White answered he provided the township with the police department's ten year plan they should look into building a new police station by 2012 for Doylestown Township alone.

Resident; Mr. Denton commends Chief White on his innovative thinking and believes it makes a lot of sense to operate a regional police force at multiple sites.

Mrs. Lyons asked to change the date and time of the public presentation of the Central Bucks Regional Police study to Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. The Board agreed. Mrs. Lyons reminded the public to email the Township Manager; Stephanie Mason on their interest in attending the presentation.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER: No Report

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: No Report

**SUPERVISORS:**

Mr. Colello informed the public the Bike and Hike Committee received approval and is looking forward to a spring completion of the bike and hike trail along Shady Retreat Road. Please come or listen to the February 1, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting, where Boards and Commission will present their annual reports. Mr. Colello then commented his appointment to the Board of Supervisors which does not have any impact on his skill set as well as his desire to be Vice Chairman.

Ms. Philo congratulated Ed Ebenbach and Mary Lou Perry on the birth of their twin grandsons, Caleb and Taylor. She then questioned Ms. Mason if the Central Bucks School District responded to her letter regarding issues with Kutz Elementary and the potential need of a flashing signal on Turk Road. Ms. Mason indicated she has not received a response. Mrs. Lyons suggested reaching out to Senator Charles T. McIlhinney who was instrumental in providing a flashing light to Lenape Middle School for similar issues.

On a personal note, Ms. Philo announced she has been appointed as member of the Land Use and Growth Management Committee by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS). This is a commonwealth committee that will be dealing with township issues.

Mrs. Eisenhardt made a MOTION to have the Boards of Supervisors respectfully reconsider her nomination for Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor Vice Chairman, seconded by Ms. Philo.

Mrs. Eisenhardt commented on her long standing contributions to the township such as, voted to the Board twice by the people of the township, President of two Homeowners Associations and her 11 year position as Board of Supervisor. Ms. Philo stated the Board is not partisan and believes Mr. Colello is a good Supervisor and works very hard however; Mrs. Eisenhardt is more qualified to be Vice Chairman.

MOTION FAILS 2 to 3 with Mrs. Lyons, Mr. Scarborough and Mr. Colello voting nay.

Mr. Colello commented on his qualification in becoming Vice Chairman by indicating he continues to grow by attending the PSATS training and learned about Sunshine Laws and takes his role very seriously whether he was elected or selected. Mrs. Eisenhardt concluded by stating it has been the practice of the Board to have the member with most seniority be Chairman and second most seniority as Vice Chairman and not to follow this practice speaks for itself.

Ms. Philo questioned Mr. Garton if it's possible for each member interested in serving as Vice Chairman, each serve a three month seat. Mr. Garton answered; the Board can choose at anytime to change the Vice Chairman seat.

Ms. Philo made a MOTION the Doylestown Township Vice Chairman seat be divided up for twelve months and the four remaining supervisors each get to serve a three month term as Vice Chairman in order of seniority, seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt.

Mr. Colello supported the motion; however, Mr. Scarborough believes it would be expensive and confusing.

Resident; Mr. Paternostro suggests the Board flip a coin to determine who will be Vice Chairman.

Resident; Mr. Schwarz believes the motion is silly and can't understand why one person cannot be elected.

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Mrs. Lyons MOVED to table the Doylestown Township Vice Chairman seat be divided up for twelve months and the four remaining supervisors each get to serve a three month term as Vice Chairman in order of seniority until the February 1, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mrs. Eisenhardt made a MOTION to *concede* her nomination as Doylestown Township Vice Chairman to **Mr. Richard F. Colello**, seconded by Mr. Colello.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 1, with Mr. Scarborough voting nay.

Mrs. Eisenhardt requested the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors have township Auditors and Tax Collectors to be responsible for their own fees to attend the Bucks County Association of Township Officials conference held in February, 2011. Ms. Eisenhardt then provided her payment to Mrs. Lyons. Mrs. Lyons advised the event is voluntary on an individual basis, but will ask.

Mrs. Eisenhardt then informed the public that although the budget was passed, not all items are needed to be spent. She will be fiscally responsible by looking at every dollar spent included or not in the budget.

Mr. Scarborough commented on Mrs. Eisenhardt recent push for tax increase of 3 mills, when currently she is renting property and is not responsible to pay and feels it's not her place to make such requests. Mrs. Eisenhardt disagreed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ratify Proclamation for Gene Smith, Executive Director, Bucks County Family YMCA

The Board agreed to ratify the Proclamation for Gene Smith, Executive Director of Central Family YMCA that upon his retirement, Doylestown Township recognize and congratulate him for 20 years of service with a vote of 4 to 1. Mrs. Lyons voted nay.

***Mrs. Eisenhardt departed the meeting at 7:51p.m.***

Amendment to Township Fee Schedule (Deed Registration Fee)

Ms. Philo made a MOTION to approve the Amendment to Doylestown Township Fee Schedule to change Deed Registration fee from \$15.00 to \$10.00, seconded by Mr. Colello.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Emergency Operations Plan for Doylestown Township

The Board agreed by consensus to table the Emergency Operations Plan for Doylestown Township until updates have been made, as per the recommendation of Chief of Police; Stephen J. White.

State Bid for Calcium Chloride Purchase

Ms. Philo made a MOTION the Board of Supervisors approve participation in the COSTARS Program for supply and

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delivery of Calcium Chloride and execution of the Participation Agreement for the purchase of Road Salt, seconded by Mr. Colello.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Thompson Sidewalk Agreement

Ms. Philo made a MOTION to approve the Highway Occupancy Permit Condition Statement between John H. Thompson and Doylestown Township as additional insured and to identify Doylestown Township for any liability related, seconded by Mr. Colello.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Open Space Conservation Easement

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION to approve a second appraisal of the Azar/Rex property and a first appraisal for the Eastburn property for preservation, as per the recommendation of the Open Space Committee, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Klimaski Property; 132 Foxcroft Drive – Sewage Facilities Planning Module

DelVal Soil Environmental Consultants representative; Steve Yates informed the Board the property is experiencing a malfunction sewage system, it has been determined there is no suitable area that exists for an onsite sewage system, concurred by the Department of Health. A sewage facility planning module was submitted to install a small flow sewage treatment system with a discharge to a stream on the property.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to approve Act 537 Planning Module for Land Development agreement and resolution for the sewage treatment systems to be installed on 132 Foxcroft Drive, seconded by Mr. Colello.

Resident; Kenneth Snyder of 50 Foxcroft Drive questioned how does the system operate. Mr. Yates answered; it's a series of treatment tanks that treat and clarify the sewage to become clear water prior to going into the stream.

Resident; Ed Denton of 24 Foxcroft Drive questioned how often will the system be inspected. Mr. Yates answered; as per the Department of Environmental Protection who issues the permit, inspections are conducted either monthly or quarterly, depending on the receiving stream.

Mr. Yates confirmed the system is only being installed to one home, paid by the home owner as per a question from a third resident.

Mrs. Lyons questioned the cost of the system. Mr. Yates answered; approximately \$25,000.00, plus any maintenance costs at approximately \$1,000. To \$5,000.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

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Records Disposition

Ms. Philo made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 1451, to have Doylestown Township authorizes disposition of public records, seconded by Mr. Colello.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

**BILL'S LIST**

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept the January 18, 2011 Bill's List, in the amount of \$115,108.37, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

**TREASURERS' REPORT**

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept the January 18, 2011 Treasurers' Report, seconded by Mr. Colello.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by;

Stephanie J. Mason, Secretary