



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

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Tuesday, January 17, 2023

7:00 PM

Community Meeting Room

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance: Barbara N. Lyons, Chairman; Jennifer Herring, Vice Chairman; Nancy Santacecilia and Dan Wood.

Absent: Ryan Manion

Township Staff in attendance: Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager; Dave Tomko, Director of Operations; Stacy E. Crandell, Assistant Township Manager; Chief Dean Logan; Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Sean Torpey, Township Engineer and Jeffrey Garton, Township Solicitor.

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Pledge to the flag

Ms. Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting. She indicated that there is note on the agenda regarding an Executive Session at 6:45pm that did not occur. There was no interview, the person had withdrawn her application.

Swearing in of New Police Officer – Philip D. Singh

Chief Logan stated that this is two consecutive months that we can swear in a new police officer. He thanked everyone for coming tonight, the entire Police Department has made an appearance tonight to welcome our newest member. In June 2022, the department initiated the hiring process due to a pending retirement and possible future resignation. In December 2022, a vacancy was created due to the recent resignation of Ofc. Naftalin. Through a five-month vetting process which included personal interviews, background investigations, criminal checks, polygraphs, and medical clearances the Department has identified Philip Singh as a qualified candidate to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Singh graduated from the Philadelphia Police Academy in 2017 and has recently been employed in good standing as a full-time sworn officer with the Philadelphia Police Department. Mr. Singh had successfully completed all phases of the testing process and Chief Logan believes that he is a very qualified candidate which is a testament to him.

At this time, he would ask the Board to appoint Mr. Singh as a sworn police officer with the department and to conduct the swearing in. On motion of Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Santacecilia the motion carried 4 – 0.

Ms. Lyons asked Mr. Singh to step forward and be sworn in as a Doylestown Township Police Officer

Presentations

Doylestown Township EAC – Single Use Plastics – Jim Baldassarre, Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) gave the presentation to update the Board on the issue of single-use plastic and how we reduce the use in our community. The EAC has been working on this issue since before the pandemic. They have been participating in community surveys, door to door business surveys, educational packet for the Board, draft letter to restaurants in the community, table events and social media. He addressed the issue of using reusable bags. He addressed Doylestown Borough's ordinance banning the use of single use plastic bags and the reaction to charging for paper bags. He shared the

link with the Board to Bucks Audubon's Book Club will have an interesting discussion on Thicker than Water: The Quest for Solutions for the Plastic Crisis on January 26th at 6PM. The EAC shared their recommended next steps, sending a letter to restaurants in the Township, posting on the website and in the newsletter, prepare a draft ordinance like the Borough's.

Mr. Wood stated that he knows that the EAC does a lot, and he hates to add more. But if we are to consider this going forward, he would appreciate if the EAC could take the time to make additional recommendations for the Township itself on what we can do to limit our input not just on single plastic bags, which we do not use. One of the things we did is get rid of water bottles. Steps like that we can start taking to be an example going forward. If we are going to pass this ordinance, we should walk the walk.

Mr. Baldassarre stated that he fully understands, the EAC also must do better as they bring water bottles to their meetings.

Ms. Herring asked since it has been a while since we talked about this publicly, why we are looking at single use plastic bags instead of other plastics? Why are we starting there?

Mr. Baldassarre stated that single use plastic bags is the easiest one to get rid of. It would be very difficult to get rid of plastic bottles. People are talking about getting rid of plastic straws, plastic cutlery, foam food containers, these are the ones that other municipalities have looked at, but the bags are the easiest one to get rid of.

Ms. Lyons inquired why the big box stores not on the mailing list, we have a few in the Township.

Mr. Baldassarre stated that the EAC made a conscious decision to start with the restaurants. The letter addresses not only plastic bags but also straws and cutlery on a voluntary basis. They could do a second letter with a much wider group of businesses.

Ms. Santacecilia stated that we want to encourage small family businesses and she has concerns because some of these are smaller businesses and she feels they are being targeted a little bit. She inquired if those businesses are purchasing bags to give out? What are they doing to adapt?

Mr. Baldassarre stated that he thinks it will be a bit of a struggle for those businesses but that he thinks it is getting easier. With more and more communities going in this direction the availability of alternatives is getting greater. Small businesses in the area and Philadelphia are adapting. Mr. Baldassarre suspects they will use paper bags. This is something they will have to talk about. Mr. Baldassarre stated that the EAC would like to get the letter out to the restaurants, post the information on the website. The EAC will update the letter before it is sent out.

Ms. Lyons asked the board about sending out a letter and posting on the website.

Ms. Herring stated that she thinks this is an informational letter, it is not demanding anything, it is stating that these are good options and that some of the other municipalities have done with single use plastic bags. She does not have a problem with the letter.

Mr. Wood stated the more communication the better. He has one additional question. He was thinking that Doylestown Hospital uses a lot of straws and plastic bags, have we spoken with the hospital about how this might affect them and what accommodations they may need to do?

There was discussion on the plastic used at the hospital is a higher density plastic bag and the possible exemption for the hospital if they are giving out the higher density bags.

Mr. Baldassarre stated that it was a good point, they have not spoken with the hospital. Some high-end stores are using paper shopping bags with their logo on them, and he thinks the hospital will be able to adapt. I think your point is a good one and we should talk to them. Mr. Baldassarre stated if it is a medical necessity for something we could carve that out.

Mr. Baldassarre stated that the current letter is only for restaurants, it does not require them to do anything.

Ms. Lyons stated that she believes the consensus of the Board is to send the letter to restaurants now and entertain an ordinance in the future after further review by the EAC.

Public Comment Agenda Items Only

Ms. Judy Dixon, Westwyk Resident – Regarding the presentation, she has heard that there is an issue the reusable bags, that they can pile up, if a restaurant keeps handing out reusable bags that could cause a problem too. Reusable bags might not always be a great solution to that.

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MINUTES APPROVAL

Reorganization Meeting – January 3, 2023 – On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes were approved with one change. On page 6, regarding the Capital Campaign Committee - It was discussed and decided that Ms. Lyons would be the liaison and Mr. Wood would serve as chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee once formed. Should read: Ms. Lyons would be the liaison and Mr. Wood would serve on the Capital Campaign Committee once formed. The motion carried 4 – 0.

CORRESPONDENCES

Volunteer Resignation – Ms. Lyons stated that the Board has received a resignation letter from Bob Shaffer from the Park & Recreation Board. He is still a member of other boards and commission in the Township. On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Ms. Santacecilia, the motion carried 4 – 0.

Ms. Lyons asked the Board to consider appointing Don Borden to the Park & Recreation Board, he did interview, there was not a position open, rather than reinterview him, I would ask that you consider that appointment now. On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Ms. Santacecilia the motion carried 4 – 0.

REPORTS**Solicitor**

Fireworks Proposed Ordinance Amendment – Mr. Garton asked the Board to recall that some time ago they spent time considering fireworks and regulating fireworks. Our efforts are now affected by ACT 72 or 2022 by the State Legislature last year. As a result, we are going to need to make some changes to our Fireworks Ordinance. Specifically, since they add additional days, that fireworks can be utilized, they also are including times for those, they included the exceptions for agricultural purposes, and they also identified that they cannot be used within 150' of a building or vehicle. You have seen the redlined version.

Tonight, he is asking if he should prepare the appropriate ordinance and schedule if for a public hearing.

Ms. Lyons had a question on 95-2 Section C, it says separate offense, each day a violation continues or is permitted. Is that a consecutive day?

Mr. Garton stated that it can be each day is a separate violation.

Ms. Lyons questioned if a homeowner shoots off fireworks on a Saturday and the following Saturday, he shoots off fireworks, neither of which are allowed is that consecutive.

Mr. Garton stated that it is two violations. However, it is not an automatic \$1,000. It is up to the District Judge to hear the facts and decide what is appropriate. That is the standard penalty for a violation of a small criminal consequences.

Ms. Herring asked, just to clarify the permitted day that they have for ACT 74 are different holidays than we have.

Mr. Garton stated that you can add others, not change the ones you already have. You would add theirs to be consistent.

Ms. Lyons asked if there was a motion to change the redlined document changed to an ordinance that we must adopt. On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Ms. Santacecilia the motion carried 4 – 0.

PBA Agreement

Mr. Garton stated that the Board has spent time discussing the negotiations with the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) for a new contract with the police. Those negotiations have concluded consistent with the Board's direction and the PBA has approved the new four-year agreement that will begin January of this year and expire December 31, 2026. The relevant terms have been discussed with the Board and request the Board consider approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PBA.

On motion of Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Herring the Board approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PBA, the motion carried 4 – 0.

Township Engineer

No Report

Police Chief

No Report

Dir. of Operations

Salt Storage Building – Change Orders Summary and Request

Mr. Tomko asked Mr. Torpey to address the request.

Mr. Torpey stated that as part of the Salt Storage Building Project, we were able to utilize some excess materials and create another area for storage for the Department of Public Works. We asked for a change order for some additional site work and some additional relocation retaining walls and then some additional asphalt to allow for additional operations. We are requesting Change Orders #1 & #2 be approved for a total of \$22,600.00 as part of the Salt Storage Building Project.

On motion of Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Santacecilia the motion carried 4 – 0.

Equipment for Auction

Mr. Tomko stated that in his memo he listed several pieces of equipment of various sizes from handheld equipment to our trackless tractor that is passed its life and basically hard to get parts for.

We want to put those items out to auction. I am asking the Boards approval to put these on Municibid and put them out to auction.

On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Mr. Wood the motion to send these items to auction carried 4 – 0.

Park Recreation Community Center – Site Civil Engineering Services Addendums (Change Order#2)

Mr. Tomko stated that we have two addendums from Pickering, Corts & Summerson for the site civil work for the Park & Recreation Building. I am calling Change Order #2 is for additional services required to obtain our NPDES Permit, includes additional survey, delineation of wetlands throughout the entire Central Park area. That includes survey, actual field delineation survey, updating of plans and preparation of documents to go with the NPDES Permit. That is Change Order #2 in the amount of \$9,950.00.

The second change order is amendment to our ACT 537 Plan for the Planning Module. A full Planning Module for the project and that is in the amount of \$7,350.00.

Mr. Tomko asked the Boards approval for both of those scopes of work.

Ms. Santacecilia inquired of the additional services from 7/7/22 was that part of the solar study?

Mr. Tomko stated that it was.

Ms. Lyons questioned why there were no proposal numbers on the documents.

Mr. Tomko stated that is their format, do not have proposal numbers.

On motion of Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Herring the motion to approve Change Orders #2 & #3 carried 4 – 0.

Township Manager

Training Requests

Ms. Mason stated that the first request is for our Parks/Recreation Director and Program Manager to attend the Annual Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Society Conference March 19th – March 22nd. It includes an overnight stay.

On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Ms. Santacecilia the motion carried 4 – 0.

Ms. Mason stated the first request is for the Manager & Assistant Manager to attend the APMM Executive Development Conference in Hershey in February. The second request is for the Manager, Assistant Manager & Director of Operations to attend PSATS in Hershey in April and for the Manager & Assistant Manager to attend the Association of Pennsylvania Municipal Management in Pittsburgh in May. All of these require overnight stays. We request the Boards approval to attend for training and continuing education.

On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Ms. Santacecilia the motion carried 4 – 0.

Boards and Commissions Reports

Ms. Lyons stated that Ms. Mason sent a memo regarding the Boards and Commissions Annual Reports, she attended the meeting with TAB. Rather than do the videos, which were all out of date by the time we saw them in 2022, we go back to them reporting in person. The first Tuesday in June where there is no Board meeting and schedule presentations from the Boards/Commissions for that day.

Mr. Wood inquired about what time of the day we were think of for that? Seven o'clock?

Ms. Lyons asked if he would prefer earlier? Around five, they can run late.

Mr. Wood stated that would be fine there is a benefit to it being around five because it could give the chairs time to talk amongst themselves, which is something we need more of.

Ms. Lyons inquired if everyone was ok with the concept? We are done with the videos; they will present at the half year point in time on June 6th on what they have done so far in 2023 and then what they propose for the next six months. We will need to schedule the meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor's Rates 2023

Ms. Mason mentioned that at the Boards Reorganizational meeting the Chair of the Zoning Hearing Board indicated that the Zoning Hearing Board intended to select their solicitor, but the Board approves the fees. Mr. Panzer their Zoning Hearing Board solicitor who they appointed at their first meeting in January has provided us the fees for the Board review and consideration.

On motion of Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Herring the Board approved the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitors fees. The motion carried 4 – 0.

2023 Thompson Performing Arts Series

Ms. Lyons stated that they have a memo from Karen Sweeny, Director of Parks and Recreation. 13 scheduled performances beginning with June 7th ending with August 30th and then two others to be determined with the Food Truck and something in conjunction with the Village Fair which is sponsored by the Village Improvement Association at Doylestown Health (VIA).

On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Ms. Santacecilia the Board approved the 2023 Thompson Performing Arts Series the motion carried 4 – 0.

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Mr. Wood – No Report

Ms. Santacecilia - Wanted to congratulate Officer Singh and Park & Recreation for the outstanding list for Performing Arts.

Ms. Herring – No Report

Ms. Lyons – Mentioned that the EAC has some question about a vote took last month regarding the decision to not go with electric power. I know you have some questions. Ms. Lyons stated that we may not get a full discussion, but the Board would like to hear what they have to say.

Mr. Sawyer, EAC, he stated that the EAC know and appreciates that the Board is committed to protecting the environment and has endorsed the goals of Ready for 100. When the Board started the design for the new recreation center, they understood that the design would meet multiple objectives, the recreational needs of the community and the environmental goals. Based on what the EAC has heard it appears that the meeting of environmental goals has been removed from the final design. They may not be fully informed as they have not seen an engineering report, the EAC would be happy to review it if it is available. It is their view that designing energy features into a new building is much easier and much less expensive than retrofitting an existing building. Energy efficient features designed into a new building have a pay back in energy savings over the life of the building. Based on what the EAC has heard they have some questions about the final design process.

1. Was the building properly designed to be heated efficiently, is it airtight? Well insulated?
2. Energy recovery ventilation unit to manage air flow and reduce energy loss?
3. Does the engineering firm have any experience in designing buildings with heat pumps?
4. What was the price difference to install heat pumps vs. natural gas?
5. Was the size of the backup generator a deciding factor?
6. How were the operating costs estimated?
7. What assumptions were made about the cost of electricity vs. natural gas?
8. Could natural gas be the backup heating source, rather than electric? How would that effect the calculations? Presumably, there would need to be a gas hookup for the backup generator even in an all-electric building.
9. Over what timeline was the project evaluated?
10. Given the Boards commitment to Ready for 100, what is the plan for converting the building to a non-fossil fuel heat source by 2050? How does that cost factor into the analysis?
11. Since heat pumps are 2 – 5 times as efficient as gas fired heating, what are the assumptions for future gas and electric costs that were factored in?
12. Is the backup generator sized to operate the air conditioning system? If so, would it not also operate a heat pump for heating?

Finally, buildings last a very long time. Buildings built today that use fossil fuels will need to be retrofitted in the future to achieve Ready for 100 goals because they will last well beyond 2050. It is cheaper to build them right in the first place than to try and improve efficiency and change heating systems in the future. He thanked the Board for their time.

Ms. Lyons thanked Mr. Sawyer and stated that she does not know if they can answer all his questions tonight. Perhaps we could ask Mr. Tomko to work up the answers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

LAND DEVELOPMENT

Bucks County Planning Commission RFI for Neshaminy Manor Complex – Presentation

Mr. Evan Stone, Executive Director of the Bucks County Planning Commission presented to the Board a presentation on the Almshouse site. The Almshouse Reimagined Request for Innovation: Transcending The Expected. Starting pre-pandemic, the County has been working on what the plans might be for the Almshouse site, located at the intersection of 611 and Almshouse Rd. Access may be a problem.

The County has been consolidating operations, physical locations to achieve operational & financial efficiency, actively seeking grants for the removal of the former Neshaminy Manor, the site is underutilized and has potential for redevelopment. They are looking to be innovative. Looking at a blend of attainable residential, commercial, institutional & civic uses, walkable campus, multi-generational, unique, and inviting public spaces. Looking for a development team to come to them.

After some discussion Ms. Mason thanked Mr. Stone for working with our Planning Commission and taking their input and feedback as you create your RFI.

Ms. Lyons stated that it was nice to see that first meeting evolve into this presentation. She mentioned that because of the size of the property, traffic congestion etc.

Doylestown Country Club – Trail Easement

Mr. Garton stated that when the Board approved the Land Development for the Doylestown Country Club, one of the conditions was the receipt of a Trail Easement along Pebble Hill Road. The Trail Easement is before you for your approval. Ms. Mason and himself have read the document and are satisfied with the content, the Country Club has signed the document. He is requesting the Board to approve the document and be signed by the Vice Chairman since Ms. Lyons has recused herself in connection with the Country Club project.

On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Mr. Wood the Board approved the Doylestown Country Club Trail easement, the motion passed 3 – 0 – 1 with Ms. Lyons abstaining.

Treasurers Report – January 17, 2023 – On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Mr. Wood the Treasurers Report was approved 4 – 0.

Bills List – January 17, 2023 – On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Ms. Santacecilia the Bills List in the amount of \$618,343.79 was approved 4 – 0.

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Public Comment – All Items

Mr. Ken Snyder, Foxcroft Dr. – Has two comments. First on the weekly e-newsletter he just received, he thinks it is a fantastic idea and he fully supports it, the advantages of pushing information out to the residents is a very good thing. He applauds and commends the Board and staff for putting this in place. It gets the information to the residents in a timely manner, this is a great advantage to residents. The second item he wants to comment on is the Pebble Ridge / Woodridge Area Sewer Project. He is commending the Board, staff, solicitor and all who worked on this to file and get as many grants as possible to get the cost down and negotiations with Toll Bros to help bring the cost down from \$34,000 per household to \$20,000 per household. You went out and fought for the residents. Thank you.

Mr. Cox, Dogwood Dr. – Had two comments. First, he commented on the EAC – planning on single use bags. He suggests they do some more research. Reusable bags are not manufactured in the United State, none of which are recyclable in the United State all must be shipped offshore to be recycled. Single use bags are recycled all the time and made into new single use bags. He also suggested waxed paper bags as an option.

Second, he had a comment about the County project at the Old Neshaminy Manor site. He is in favor of the project however access in and out of the area is horrible. He feels that what is better for the Township and the County is housing, there is a need for affordable housing in the area. Recreation fields may be difficult but a good idea. He has concerns about asbestos in the current buildings.

Steve Johnston, Sandy Knoll Dr. – Reconstruction of the Sports Courts. He is here as a spokesperson for the tennis community, Bucks County Tennis Association (BCTA) a nonprofit organization, he does clinics for BCTA in the Township. Fills the courts with 120 hours of tennis instruction ages 4 - 80. Looking back as the project started the plans showed seven tennis courts new plans show three courts. Concerned about losing courts. In 2022 they registered over 300 participants using the courts, up 300% in three years. Pickleball has grown 40% in the last three years, tennis has grown 33% at the same time, Basketball has stayed at about 3%. Mr. Johnston feels DAA, PA Rush Soccer and US Pickleball Association were invited to the planning, but the BCTA or USTA were left out of the planning process to be partners. There is grant money available for USTA for courts. He loves that there are 6 pickleball courts, he plays pickleball.

He is asking to see if there is some way, we can keep at least one of the tennis courts lost to the proposal to go down to three from five. Four will allow BCTA to serve more people in the community. BCTA is looking to start a youth league and would need four courts.

Ms. Sweeney stated that six and three sound like a comparison, but they are not. Six pickleball courts are roughly 1 ½ tennis courts, they are smaller. It is not an issue of not wanting to provide things, in the end we are looking for balance and how to serve the community the best we can. She had a great conversation with USTA got some information, there are technical grants they can apply for specifications and proper construction. They discussed blended lines on the pickleball courts to provide for red ball tennis for smaller kids. As long as USTA is not opposed to blended Pickle ball lines on the tennis courts. We continue to look for options, but in the end, we must provide balance to our community. We are not for or against any sport, we are simply trying to provide service to our community. Both the pickleball and BCTA were involved in the feasibility studies done for the new area. There is a need for both, there is no more need for one or the other. This is about a need in our community and how to best serve our community, partnerships will continue.

Kerry Guansto stated that she is here for the tennis courts, it has been talked about and she just wants to say that you can play pickleball on a tennis court, but you cannot really play tennis on a pickleball court. I think you are trying to be fair, and I think you are doing an amazing job, but I think it has been proved that the tennis courts are used all the time, it is hard to get a tennis court sometimes. She knows a lot of families in the Township and Borough like to play and one of the big courts to come to is Central Park. She feels taking away two of the court is going to cause a large back up or uncomfortable feelings when people cannot get to the courts. She is not saying that there are not people playing pickleball or basketball, but the tennis courts are always in use. It does not seem like a great idea to make less courts when creating this wonderful new area.

Ms. Sweeney believes that what Mr. Johnston was putting forward is that if there was the ability to have one more tennis court, obviously there is a cost to that. The question is can it fit in, which we do not know and two if you want to pay for that? Nobody in this Township is opposed to anything but we do have to find the balance. How is it budgeted, how is it going to be paid for and whether you want to try to reconfigure that somehow.

Eric Escoto, Limekiln Rd. in the summertime he brings his four sons to Central Park to play tennis, his kids love it, and it is one of the only tennis courts with lights in the area. It is so important, crucial to think about how we could create those pickleball courts to be tennis courts and then make it so that you can play pickleball on that as well. Try to find a happy medium. BCTA is a gift for this community to be able to have that program run, it fosters community, and it would be great to keep that moving forward.

Heather Schroeder, Turk Rd. said she has concerns regarding traffic on Turk Rd. for several years. She has had several meetings with no solution. Now she is hearing that there may be additional traffic due to a new building. She feels that the Board is allowing building on every piece of land. She moved in 22 years ago and this was a rural area, it is completely wiped out there is no land left. They bought the 3-acre parcel of land next to them to keep it open. The traffic on Turk Rd. is like the entrance to a major highway, traffic goes too fast. She has had meetings with the police and Mr. Tomko, and nothing has been done. What is the plan with all these masses of people that you are allowing?

Ms. Lyons stated first we do not know what they are going to do with the Neshaminy Manor Complex on Almshouse or what the County plans to do. I sympathize with you being on Turk Road near Almshouse Rd. and how busy that road is, she lives on East Rd. safety is a concern, because people use it as a cut through to avoid Cross Keys intersection. I understand and totally get it. But fortunately, or unfortunately people have private property rights. If they own a property, they can sell it and if allowed, we have rules that certain things can be built on private property. The County owns this property, it has the authority to sell it or lease it, they do not know what they are doing yet. They want to be innovated; we do not know what that is going to look like. We will see what happens. It is a very congested area,

people have trouble navigating those intersections as it is, we are certainly cognizant of the area and the issue surrounding.

Chief Logan, interjected on the Police Department standpoint, it is his understanding that you have met with the Township including the Police Department and the Director of Operations. In July of this year, you were given information about our Local Traffic Advisory Committee and how that function works and the basic premises of traffic calming measures. At that point in time, we did take a proactive step and have had our traffic counters out there. I think three or four different times since July. That is a high number of incidents for the placement of these objects where we normally must place them around the entire Township. So, we have taken a proactive step to try and circumvent and get information and data collected for the steps that you were informed how to take. It is my understanding that you have not done anything from your point of view to go ahead and get some community support. I am just emphasizing the fact that you were given information about how our process works. The Township has taken great lengths over the years to come up with a process. That process has been in place for a number of years and the Township adopted it. All we ask is that you take the steps that's part of the plan to get the endorsement from your neighbors so that we can move forward. The Police Department has taken a proactive step. Mr. Tomko has taken proactive steps. We have met with our neighbors; Warrington Township is also discussing this. So, we have taken steps we need you to follow through with what the plan is and believe you were provided with a plan.

Ms. Schroeder stated regarding the plan that fear was instilled that if we moved forward with requesting the traffic study, that we risk the speed limit going from 35mph to 45mph, we chose to not even bother taking that risk. If we are already bothered by 35mph. The Corporal from Warrington said based on his study that he would allow that speed limit to go up to 45mph.

Chief Logan stated we cannot control Warrington Township; we do have a working relationship with them. It is factual that certain information could raise the speed limit, I am telling you from my 35 years of experience in this Police Department we have never done it. We are trying to make sure that everybody has complete disclosure of the potential. We never said we were going to raise it, that was never said in any conversations that I am aware of. I am kept up to date. It is my understanding that we will continue to have conversations with you. The Board of Supervisors are the ones that adopted the plan that the Police Department and Mr. Tomko follow. Tomorrow you are going to have a conversation with the Police Department and Mr. Tomko. The plan is the plan we are going to stick with it because it works.

Ms. Lyons stated that the Chief is inviting you to go through the process.

Ms. Schroeder does not want the speed limit raised ever.

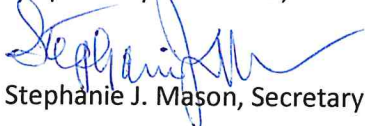
Chief Logan stated that he would never recommend raising the speed limit.

Ms. Schroeder thanked the Board and now they are aware of the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Stephanie J. Mason, Secretary