



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

425 Wells Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
<http://doylestownpa.org/>

Stephanie Mason
215-348-9915

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

7:00 PM

Public Meeting Room

I. 6:45 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session, prior to the meeting to discuss matters of personnel.

II. Call to Order

Present: Richard F. Colello, Vice Chairman; E. Thomas Scarborough, Member; Barbara Eisenhardt, Member; Cynthia M. Philo, Member; Jeffrey Garton, Solicitor; Stephanie Mason, Manager; Stephen White, Chief of Police; Mario Canales, Engineer; Richard John, Director of Operations
Absent: Barbara N. Lyons, Chairman

III. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Visitors/Public Comments

Resident; Joe O'Malley of 138 Rogers Road, received several emails from residents indicating they were not informed of the next Planning Commission meeting to be held at Lenape Middle School with regards to the York and Swamp Associates Land Development Plan. He then questioned if the applicants were notified of the meeting location. Mr. Colello reminded the public, Planning Commission meeting are listed on the township's website at www.doylestownpa.org. Ms. Mason added over 300 letters were mailed on Monday, October 17th to residents and the applicant's attorney, Mr. David Shafkowitz, upon immediately receiving confirmation the Land Development Plan was scheduled. Ms. Mason added the township is currently on a 90 day deadline under the Municipalities Planning Code with the applicant's land development plan. The Board reluctantly approved an extension until the end of January, 2012 to avoid a first amendment law suit against the township. She then informed Mr. O'Malley several residents phoned the Administrative Offices to confirm receipt of their letters.

Mr. O'Malley then questioned if any staff meeting were held with The Grasso Group and are they planning the installation of a traffic light along Rogers Road and Route 263. Ms. Mason answered that the staff has not met with the applicant in over a year. She also stated she is not aware of information regarding the installation of any traffic lights by the Grasso Group. Finally, Mr. O'Malley indicated he received no response from Temple Judea nor Ms. Mason on their feelings of the situation. Ms. Mason answered; although she is a member of Temple Judea, she has no affiliation with the Temple's Board, Committee for the New Temple and cannot speak on their behalf.

Mrs. Eisenhardt suggested future Planning Commission meeting be included as part of the Announcement portion of the Board's meeting.

Resident; James Bingler of 29 Turkey Lane, Furlong commented with concern of the township previously holding staff meetings with applicants behind closed doors. He believes this is not an example of open government that does not sit well with residents and requested any future meetings pertaining to land development be conducted in public. Mr. Colello responded by indicating the Planning Commission encourages any developer to meet and speak with residents.

Mr. Bingler then questioned if under the Sunshine Law, if minutes can be created for resident's review between staff and developers. Mr. Garton answered; The Sunshine Law will not pertain to staff meeting because no Board of Supervisor member were present. However, minutes for staff meeting can be provided upon request.

Ms. Mason added staff meetings are conducted with developers who are interested or who have a plan submitted that are in need of questions answered regarding procedures or information regarding the process.

Ms. Philo suggested rescheduling the October 24th Planning Commission meeting date to allow more preparation time and so residents have a longer period to receive notification.

Mr. Colello reminded the public, Planning Commission meetings are held the 4th Monday of every month beginning at 7:00pm.

Prior to Mr. Green approaching the Board, resident; Lee Schwarz of 189 Sunset View Drive asked if a non-resident is required to speak. Mr. Garton answered; public comments is open to any person, however the topic should only reference the well being of the township.

Resident; Dan Green of 50 Rose Drive, Hatfield requested the Board's support on restoring the Glass-Steagall Bill H.R. 1489 to revive the separation between commercial banking and security business. He then provided the Board with copies of the bill.

C. Presentation – Web Streaming - S. Zadell on behalf of TAB

Assistant Township Manager; Sandra Zadell announced as of tonight's Board of Supervisor's meeting, web streaming has begun. Due to difficulties with the music and failure of the heart of the system, the meetings is presented only through web streaming. The system is expected to be fully operational by next week.

She encouraged everyone to spread the word of the new web streaming system that is available for viewing through iphones, ipads and computers. The system offers work flow streaming options to increase efficiency and decrease staff time by posting agendas and other important information. Other features includes posting a year's list of meeting minutes and a search feature that will enable anyone to find a particular section by just typing in a word, such as a street name or topic.

Ms. Zadell concluded by thanking the Telecommunication Advisory Board (TAB) for their hard work.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2011.
- B. Budget Work Session is scheduled for October 21, 2011, 2:00 pm – Administration Building
- C. Howl-O-Ween – Saturday, October 22, 2011, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm – Central Park.
- D. Community Yard Sale, Saturday, October 22, 2011, 8:00am – 1:00PM – Central Park Tennis Court Parking Lots
- E. Dart Bus will visit Grundy Hall on Saturday, October 22, 2011, 1:00 - 1:30pm
- F. The next meeting of the Doylestown Township Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2011, 7:00pm at Lenape Middle School

V. MINUTES APPROVAL – Board of Supervisor’s meeting –October 4, 2011

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Eisenhardt the October 4, 2011, Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting minutes be approved with the following addition.

Page 4; Under Mrs. Eisenhardt's Supervisors Comments, change sentence to add "Doylestown Township will be the first municipality in Buck County to approve the Growing Greener resolution".

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Eisenhardt the October 6, 2011, Doylestown Township Road Inspection minutes be approved with the following addition.

Page 1; Under the Greens of Warrington Country Club, add the residents request that an application of oil and chip be completed.

Ms. Mason agreed with Ms. Eisenhardt's comments confirming she spoke with Mr. Compton, who indicated he would like the application of oil and chip completed.

Ms. Philo stated for the record, she is not in agreement to have the temporary traffic light installed at New Britain and Lower State Road become permanent.

Resident; Lee Schwarz commented for the record, he would like the temporary traffic light at New Britain and Lower State Road to become permanent, but the No Turn on Red sign removed.

MOTION TABLED, due to a vote of 2 to 2, with Ms. Philo abstaining due to her absence.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Philo the October 6, 2011, Doylestown

Township Budget Work Session minutes be approved.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

VI. CORRESPONDANCES

None

VII. REPORTS

A. Solicitor

No Report

B. Police Chief

No Report

C. Township Engineer - Neshaminy Creek Watershed Stormwater Management Plan

Mr. Canales explained last September, the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) held a municipal implementation workshop regarding the Neshaminy Creek Watershed Stormwater Act 167. The purpose of the workshop was to explain language changes made to the exemption criteria. Due to significant feedback from municipalities, volume control is no longer required for proposed projects less than one thousand square feet of impervious surface. The revision will be effective immediately and will be up to all municipalities to amend their ordinances accordingly to agree with the amended act.

It is the recommendation of Mr. Canales, Doylestown Township revise their ordinance consisting of one paragraph, two words and a column in order to exempt projects under one thousand square feet from volume control.

Further, Jennifer Kaylor of DEP suggested all municipalities request reimbursement for implementation costs pertaining to the ACT from DEP. DEP is required to reimburse up to 75% of these costs. However, Mr. Canales noted it will be very difficult, since the General Assembly hasn't funded this program since 2008. Instead, DEP will submit for Deficiency Funding for the project.

The Board agreed by consensus to have the Township Solicitor prepare an amendment to the Neshaminy Creek Watershed Stormwater Act 167 ordinance to exempt proposed projects under one thousand square feet of impervious surface from volume control and to complete the Application for Municipal Reimbursement under the Pennsylvania Storm Water Management Act 167 and have the township receive reimbursement for funds pertaining to Act 167.

D. Manager - Rt. 202 Parkway – Digital Dynamic Messaging Signs

Ms. Mason has confirmed with Chris May of Pennoni & Associates, three Digital Dynamic Messaging signs will be installed along Route 202 Parkway in Montgomery County. Also, two signs will be installed along the existing Route 611 Bypass at Route 202 and existing Route 202 Bypass. The signs are designated under PennDot's roads right-of-way, where they will be responsible for maintenance located in the township.

DVRPC Regional Trails Program

Earlier today, Ms. Mason received notification from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Committee (DVRPC) the township's trail grant is on the short list. This places the township on the potential list to receive funding of over \$100,000.00 for the proposed Phase I, Bike and Hike Trail from the White Eagle Labs property in Doylestown, leading into New Britain Borough Train Station. A decision is expected by the end of October, beginning of November.

E. Supervisors

Mrs. Eisenhardt - No Report

Mr. Scarborough commended on a job well done by the Telecommunications Advisory Board with regards to the Web Streaming and reminded the public, the Board consists of volunteers who keep the township's television program on the air.

Ms. Philo reminded the public, Howl -O- Ween is scheduled for Sunday, October 22th, beginning at 10:00am where a parade of dogs in costumes is schedule and other fun activities. This year, along with Ms. Philo and Ms. Mason, Intelligencer Reporter; Christina Kristofic and a surprised television personality dealing with dogs will be judges.

Mr. Colello received a letter from the 188 members of the Chestnut Grove Condominium Association Council thanking the township for their efforts in successfully reconfiguring the intersection along Aspen Way, Court Street, Memorial Drive and Lower State Road. They felt the improvements were attractive while addressing safety concerns.

VIII. NEW BUSINESSA. TD Bank – Loan Authorization (credit card) Agreement and Resolution

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the township cancel any credit cards issue under Bank of America and open a credit account with TD Bank.

Ms. Philo questioned if the credit line amounts and users of the TD Bank Credit Card account will remain as Township Manager, Police Chief and Director of Parks and Recreation. Ms. Mason answered; yes.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

B. Elimination of Uniformed Employee Pension Contribution for 2011

Mr. Garton explained since the Doylestown Township Police Department are currently going through arbitration and contracts could not be negotiated, the township cannot rely on the Employee Pension Contribution for 2011. Amendments can be performed at a later time.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt the Doylestown

Township Board of Supervisors approve the elimination of the Uniformed Employee Pension Contribution for 2011.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

C. Treasurer's List - October 18, 2011

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the October 18, 2011, Treasurer's Report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

D. Bills List – October 18, 2011

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the October 18, 2011, Bill's List, in the amount of \$742,880.79.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Philo made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt to adjourn the October 18, 2011 Board of Supervisors Regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Stephanie J. Mason
Secretary