



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

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~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

5:00 PM

Community Meeting Room

I. 5:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Vice Chairman Ken L. Snyder with Supervisors; Richard F. Colello, Jennifer V. Herring, and Ryan Manion (participant via phone). Absent, Chairman Barbara N. Lyons.

Township Staff in attendance included Township Manager Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations Dave Tomko, Township Solicitor Jeffrey P. Garton, and Chief of Police A. Dean Logan.

Note: Agenda reorganized. After the pledge to the flag Mr. Snyder moved to the new business of Doylestown Hospital followed by unfinished business of PennDOT Proposed Roundabout. The meeting picked up from the beginning with visitors/public comments and moved forward.

A. Pledge to the flag

NEW BUSINESS

A. Doylestown Hospital - TEFRA Resolution

Jim Brexler, President and CEO of Doylestown Health, spoke on behalf of Doylestown Hospital's need for approval of funding to improve the hospital. He noted that the staff is excited for the opportunity to accelerate work via available funds. He asked for the Boards approval of the presented resolution.

Mr. Snyder opened to public questions.

Mr. Colello stated he will recuse himself from voting due to connections with the hospital. He stated his family stayed in Doylestown due to the hospitals high rankings worldwide. Mr. Snyder agreed.

Ms. Herring moved to approve the resolution No. 2165 ; seconded by Mr. Snyder. MOTION passed 3-0-1, with Mr. Colello abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Continued Discussion - PennDOT Proposed Roundabout – Easton Rd.

Mr. Snyder stated he had completed the necessary research from the previous meeting in order to make an informed decision tonight. Mr. Snyder opened up the discussion to public comments.

Kathleen Saunders, 47 Avalon Court, noted she has been a resident for over 20 years who has experienced challenges with the intersection and she is concerned that this is not the best solution. She suggests lowering speed limit, placing PennDOT signs stating: "high accident intersection ahead", or creating visibility from the hill. She feels traffic disruption of a year or more may increase accidents and that it would be difficult for pedestrians to cross during construction. She noted the previously discussed learning curve would be hard on drivers as there are no roundabouts in the area and it may increase low impact accidents. She inquired if statistics from other dual roundabouts would assist in the decision. She was also concerned that taxpayer money is being used and if there is an additional cost. Ms. Saunders thanked the Supervisors for a delay in their vote and asked them to consider the decision further as she opposes the project.

Mr. Snyder asked Chief Logan to provide accident statistics. Mr. Snyder also asked if there is liability if the Township does not support the roundabout. Mr. Garton suggested PennDOT would move on to another project if they did not object tonight and the funding would be lost. He noted there is no clear answer as to if the Township would be liable. However he indicated that the Township could always be sued if an accident occurred.

Ms. Herring stated after the review of statistics, she asked why accidents have improved since 2016. Chief Logan noted the red line on the presentation marks pre and post improvements and there is another added accident of 10/14/19. He noted there have been no improvements since 2013 and wants to take corrective action with PennDOT's project. He suggests that lowering the speed limit would not be effective as police would not be able to enforce the necessary areas. He recommends continuing with the PennDOT project.

Mr. Snyder noted the Traffic Advisory Committee reviewed and approves of the project.

Ms. Herring stated she dislikes roundabouts however her research led her to agree with the project as she could not find any scientific research against the project.

Mr. Snyder and Mr. Tomko agreed it would not affect future paving projects.

Mr. Colello stated statistics provide have changed of the past three meetings. He believes other improvements can be made to avoid the construction process. Chief Logan responded that the reports he provided are facts not statistics. Mr. Colello suggested another meeting to review the facts provided. Mr. Snyder stated he wanted to minimize any future liability for the Township.

Ms. Manion agreed with Mr. Snyder and Ms. Herring's points and noted that the Traffic Advisory Committee agreed.

Ms. Manion moved for the Board not to oppose PennDOT moving forward with the proposed roundabout project; seconded by Mr. Snyder. MOTION passed 3-1, with Mr. Colello voting nay.

Visitors/Public Comments -None

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
- B. The Doylestown Township Municipal Building will be closed on Tuesday, November 5th due to Election Day and Monday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day.
- C. Voting Districts #1 and #8 will be held at the Township Municipal Building this year.
- D. Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling – the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9AM – 11AM – Drop off site is located at the New Britain Rd. entrance of Central Park. Please visit our website for more information.
- E. Kids Castle is temporarily closed to install lots of new play equipment for children of all abilities - so stay tuned for an anticipated grand opening in late - October.
- F. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY / GET INVOLVED: October 19 @ 9 am – 11 am – Invasive Plant ID and Removal Workshop @ Central Park's Native Plant Garden. Free event. Register on Events Page @ www.doylestownpa.org
- G. CB Cares Pumpkinfest – Oct. 19th – Moravian Pottery & Tile Works. 4pm-10pm \$20 per carload.
- H. QPR Training for Suicide Prevention presented by the Bucks County Suicide Prevention Task Force - Thursday, October 24th, 5:30 to 7:30 PM, Community Meeting Room. Seminar is free but space is limited to 30 people, so please register at www.doylestownrec.com
- I. EAC & Heritage Conservancy host Old-Growth Forest Network to dedicate Hart's Woods – Saturday, November 2 @ 1 pm – Parking at the New Britain Road Entrance of Central Park.
- J. Radio City Christmas Spectacular – 11/25 - \$135 per person. Leave from Central Park. Seats are filling up fast. If interested, please contact our Administration Office for registration and details.
- K. REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd . It's a good time to replace your smoke and CO2 alarm batteries.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL: Board of Supervisors and Budget Work Session Notes – October 1, 2019

Mr. Colello made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve the October 1, 2019 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes. MOTION passed 3-0.

Mr. Colello made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve the October 1, 2019 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session meeting notes. MOTION passed 3-0.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

V. REPORTS**A. Solicitor**

Mr. Garton stated an executive session was held before the meeting with the Supervisors regarding pending litigation. This dispute deals with Paoella Construction Inc., the contractor, and their work on Phase I of the Township Municipal Complex building project. After discussion with both parties, a settlement amount of \$102,597.75 was decided upon, pending the board's approval.

Ms. Herring MOTIONED to approve the settlement amount; seconded by Mr. Colello. MOTION passed 3-0.

B. Police Chief

Chief Logan discussed personnel changes and asked the Board to appoint Barbrajean Wood, with the Doylestown Fire Company #1, as a Fire Police Officer

Ms. Herring moved to appoint Ms. Wood; seconded by Mr. Colello. MOTION passed 3-0.

C. Township Engineer

None

D. Director of Operations

Mr. Tomko reviewed the three points of business below with the Board for approval:

1. Pebble Ridge/Woodridge Area - Base Paving Reimbursement with BCWSA

The Board of Supervisors agreed to reimburse Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority for the Township's portion of the milling and base paving of Pebble Wood Drive and Shady Brook Circle in the amount of \$95,114.93.

Mr. Colello moved to approve the payment to BCWSA in the amount of \$95,114.93; seconded by Ms. Herring. MOTION passed 3-0.

2. 2019 Structure Repair Award

Mr. Colello moved to awarded the 2019 Structure Repair project to Minichi, INC. to perform the work for the submitted bid amount of \$37400.00; seconded by Ms. Herring. MOTION passed 3-0.

3. Turk Park II - Field 6 Backstop Proposal - Award Recommendation

Mr. Colello moved to approved the purchase and installation of fencing materials to replace the Turk Park II, Field #6 backstop fencing to New Holland Chain link, LLC in the amount of \$13,376.00 ; seconded by Ms. Herring. MOTION passed 3-0.

E. Manager

None

F. Supervisor

Ms. Herring reiterated the QPR class announcement for Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 5:30 PM and stated she took the class and recommended residents to do so as well.

Mr. Colello noted that the Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board reported the sewer project is moving along and on schedule. He is pleased with the homeowners who have privately hooked up already.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

B. Pebble Ridge/Woodridge and Vicinity Sewer Project –BCWSA Payment Application No. 5

Ms. Mason stated the application was reviewed by the subcommittee and approval was recommended.

Mr. Colello moved to approve the payment application; seconded by Ms. Herring. MOTION passed 3-0.

C. Zoning Hearing Board Application – A. Najibi, 2225 Lower State Rd. –Request Variance

Ms. Mason noted the properties historic structure and described how the owners want to make improvement. She asked that the Board of Supervisors be represented at the Zoning Hearing Board by the Solicitor as they will need to review the presented plans closely. Mr. Colello agreed.

Mr. Colello moved to approve sending the solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board; seconded by Ms. Herring. MOTION passed 3-0.

D. Treasurers Report – October 15, 2019

Mr. Colello moved to approve the Treasurers Report; seconded by Ms. Herring. MOTION passed 3-0.

E. Bills List – October 15, 2019

Mr. Colello moved to approve the Bills List in the amount of \$739,429.74; seconded by Ms. Herring. MOTION passed 3-0

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the meeting adjourned by Mr. Snyder at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason, Secretary