

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

June 2, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road, Doylestown, PA. Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Barbara N. Lyons, Chairman; E. Thomas Scarborough, Jr., Vice Chairman; Barbara Eisenhardt, Cynthia Philo and Jeffrey Bennett. Others in attendance included Jeffrey Garton, Township Solicitor; Chief White, Police Department; and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lindsay Knight had a question on behalf of Mr. Bingler about the proposed noxious weed ordinance indicating that this was discussed at the Planning Commission and was coming forward on to the next Board meeting and that the Wind Ordinance was also pending before the Planning Commission at their Work Session and most likely would be coming forward as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Lyons announced that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2009 and the Annual Doylestown Township Golf Outing will take place on June 8, 2009 and will be held at the Doylestown Country Club.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Eisenhardt to table the minutes of the May 5, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

New Britain Township Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Ms. Lyons commented that the New Britain Township Comprehensive Plan has been received. The consensus of the Board was to forward a letter acknowledging a receipt of the plan and indicate that the Board has no comment at the present time.

Doylestown Community Dog Park Joint Township /Borough Venture

The Board reviewed the memo from the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board indicating that they would like to participate in the exploratory venture and that Kathy Brown from the Park Board will be the Township's representative. At this point there wouldn't be any intension to have tax dollars allocated for a dog park. The consensus of the Board was that the Park Board move forward regarding the exploration of a dog park.

REPORTS:

Solicitor: No report.

Township Engineer: No report.

Police Chief:

Request for Training

Chief White provided the Board with a memo indicating that with the resignation of Sgt. Zartman, the department has a need for an in-house Defensive Tactics Instructor. Officer Patrick Furlong is interested in being the instructor. He indicated that there was money in the budget that would cover the cost of registration and overnight hotel and meal expenses associated with the training.

Ms. Philo made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Bennett the Board approved the training request.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Township Manager:

WREN Grant

Ms. Lyons indicated that the Township had received a WREN Grant using a cooperative effort with Delaware Valley College and congratulated the EAC and Sandra Zadell, Special Projects Manager.

Supervisors:

Mr. Bennett indicated the he attended a meeting with Chief White regarding issues of vandalism and theft and neighborhoods forming neighborhood watches. He wanted to remind residents to always lock their cars and close their garage doors.

Ms. Philo thanked Chief White for attending the Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Luncheon with her. She also thanked Chief White and the department indicating it is one of the best in the county. She also thanked Ms. Mason and the staff for making sure there were tents covering walkways on Election Day for the general public.

Mr. Scarborough indicated that the Township had received recognition in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors magazine, known as Township News, and that the Township was recognized for the Pennsylvania Citizens Communication Award and the Bridge and Safety Award that had been bestowed upon the Township at the annual PSATS Conference. He is very proud of the Township Staff, Townships Boards and Commissions and fellow Board members for their participation in these projects and that we have received such recognition.

Ms. Eisenhardt had a question regarding municipalities in the Quakertown area that were looking at a "Do Not Knock" list that would provide residents with emblems for their windows and be able to provide people interested in soliciting a list of those residents not interested in being solicited in a community. This of course would exempt political and religious institutions and people seeking petitions to be signed for various causes. It would also help the elderly.

Chief White indicated that he would contact Quakertown and find out about the ordinance.

Ms. Eisenhardt inquired if the Township could look into Central Bucks Ambulance's substation at Pine Run providing coverage verses the Chalfont Ambulance for the Upper State and Bristol Road area.

Chief White indicated that he would report back later.

Ms. Lyons indicated that she attended a luncheon with Lynn Goldman at the Village Improvement Association where the Doylestown Community Bike Hike Committee was awarded recognition for their contribution of the bike and hike trails throughout the communities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Professional Services Proposal – Central Park Master Plan:

John Bray, Park and Recreation Board Chairman, was present to review the proposal from Boucher and James, specifically Judy Stern Goldstein, Planning Consultant, indicating that the original request from the Park Board was for \$30,000 to update the master plan for Central Park. Unfortunately, through the budget process that amount was cut to \$15,000. In speaking with Ms. Goldstein, who had worked on the Township's original master plan for Central Park, as well as, the recent Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, the Park and Recreation Committee felt strongly that she would provide the services necessary to help the Park and Recreation Board develop and amend the master plan for Central Park.

Ms. Philo was concerned about the 1.5% service charge for invoices that were outstanding more than 30 days. It was agreed that that should be taken out of the agreement.

Ms. Mason believed that it shouldn't be a problem.

Mr. Bennett made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Philo that the Professional Service Proposal with Boucher and James in the amount of \$15,000 for Central Park Master Plan Update be approved.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Record Retention and Disposition Resolution:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Philo to approve Resolution No. 1467.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Eagle Scout Proclamation:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Philo to approve the Eagle Scout Proclamation for Johnathan M. Fleishinger of Troop #71.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Philo to approve the Eagle Scout Proclamation for Nicholas David Lager of Troop #6.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Philo made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Scarborough to approve the May 26, 2009 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION was ADOPT 5-0.

Bills List:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Philo to approve the May 26, 2009 Bills List in the amount of \$806,416.09.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

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ADJOURNMENT: 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Mason, Township Manager

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