



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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

215-348-9915

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

7:00 PM

Public Meeting Room

I. 6:30 PM – INTERVIEW – TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

II. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman; E. Thomas Scarborough, Supervisors; Richard F. Colello, Shawn Touhill and Ryan Manion.

Members of Doylestown Township Staff in attendance included Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations; Richard E. John, Township Solicitor; Jeffrey P. Garton and Chief of Police; Dean A. Logan and Township Engineer; Mario Canales

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Swearing In of Sgt. Bryan Rose

Judge Mark D. Double swore in Bryan Rose as Sergeant of the Doylestown Township Police Department as his wife, Cheryl and son, Adam looked on.

Chief Logan provided a brief background of Sgt. Rose's service on the special response team since its inception. He concluded by commenting how very lucky the township is to have Sgt. Rose on the force.

C. Presentation - Conestoga Rover – Stormwater Update

While providing a power point slide presentation, Richard Burns and Russ Mehalick of Conestoga Rover explained the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Report (IDD&E) can be viewed on the township's website at www.doylestownpa.org.

Current Status:

Conestoga Rover completed their ninth year conducting the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDD&E) program and reported the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) is very pleased on how Doylestown Township has been proactive in the MS4 program approach. The township submitted an application to extend the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit until March 2018.

Inspections \ Results:

Upon reviewing diagrams of several areas along Doylestown Township, Mr. Burns explained the testing was divided up into three areas. The main focus was on area 2, where 36 samples of fecal coliform were located. Repeated hot spot sampling was completed in area 1, where an elevated result of fecal coliform was found.

As an EPA requirement to map all outfalls and catch basins to determine what stream and township water flowed to was completed. Detergent sampling resulted in suds located along area 1, which indicates a connection of a washing machine. A CAD map was prepared and reports were forwarded to DEP.

A resident questioned what is the location of area 2. Mr. Burns answered; Area 2 begins at Sugarbottom Road out to Rogers Road, then along the Route 202 and Route 611 intersections. Township Assistant Manager; Sandra Zadell added area 2 corresponds with the septic management cycle 2.

IDD&E sampling resulted in 36 samples at 33 outfalls. Two samples were taken at three locations because results were returned with elevated fecal coliform during the first sample. 15 samples were taken at 14 locations that had fecal coliform greater than 200 colonies per 100 milliliters. The maximum detection of fecal coliform was higher than 6,000 colonies at 100 milliliters. The second sampling completed in October resulted in less than 100 colonies. This is primarily as with public sewers, which was unexpected and did not repeat. Continued sampling will be completed in 2014.

To summarize; consistent of past sampling, fecal coliform results are elevated in various sections of area 2. In area 1 the levels were still elevated along hot spots but results did not increase. This may have been caused by the required third year septic pump-out schedule.

Going Forward:

Complete round of outfalls inspections and sampling will be completed along Area 3 with detailed mapping. Continued hot spot sampling will be conducted along area 1 and 2. If necessary, additional source investigations, such as dye tracing and TV inspections of storm drains will be completed. If identified and necessary, source mitigation will be completed.

Takeaway:

As in the past, Doylestown Township is in compliance and continues to conduct testing outlined in the permit. Residents' proper septic maintenance along with pollution prevention helps a great deal. A stormwater hot line is available on the township's website to report anything unusual near the creeks and storm basins, such as illegal dumping.

Mr. Burns concluded by stating the overall goal is to improve the water quality in Doylestown Township.

Public Comment:

Resident; Kevin F. Green of 53 Windover Lane questioned what is the direct corollaries as to why certain areas tested greater than 200. Also, is it related to mismanagement of septic systems and is there any type of remediation suggested. Mr. Burns answered; data continues to be collected for any trends. He noted one hot spot that indicated an illegal hook up through dye tracing. With results greater than 6,000 colonies of fecal coliform, sometimes it does not repeat. Also, testing is completed upstream to the furthest point possible, where part of the results will lead to a neighborhood. This will lead to a door to door dye tracing testing to search for malfunctioning systems.

Mr. Green then questioned if any further action will be completed by the township. Mr. Garton answered; Septic systems issues are reported to the Board of Health, who have jurisdiction. The township investigates and reports, but no action is taken against residents with failed septic systems.

Resident: Steve Pierce of Doe Run Road questioned if testing is completed on the net amount of discharged water that leaves the township. Mr. Burns answered; that type of testing is not included in their scope of work or permit requirements.

D. Visitors/Public Comment

Resident; Teresa Carroll of 45 Doe Run Road, Warrington on behalf of the Citizens Opposed to the Pebble Ridge Sewer Committee requested the removal their addresses from the proposed public water connection. Ms. Carroll first requested her home be removed from the 2010 Pebble Ridge Study at the October 4, 2012 Board of Supervisors meeting. Upon the Board's suggestion, Ms. Carroll had several

conversations with Chairman of the Public Water & Sewer Committee; Ed Harvey. Mr. Harvey explained the expansion was recommended by the committee and approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2010. Her property on Doe Run Road was never studied in the Boucher & James report of failing septic systems. However, they are still required to participate in the study. Upon further research, Ms. Carroll found many homes along Doe Run Road, north side of Almshouse Road, west side of Old New Road and Forge Lane were never included in the study, but noted on maps as a study area. It is the contention of the committee to show there is no evidence this area is a source of contamination or health hazard. Many of the septic systems along the area drain very well. Ms. Carroll then presented the Board with a copy of a petition signed residents in the fore-mentioned areas requesting to be removed from the proposed Pebble Ridge public sewer connection project.

Mr. Colello explained the public sewer pipe will have to run through the properties along the fore-mentioned properties in order to connect to the sewage plant. Due to the necessity to have the pipe run through the street all residents are required to pay a portion of the project. Ms. Carroll then questioned why would residents take advantage of something they have no need for with no evidence of septic system failures. Mr. Colello reiterated since the pipes have to be installed on their streets, the residents still have to partake in the cost towards the project. The Department of Health cannot allow the pipes to go past the homes and not let any residents have access without paying towards the project.

Ms. Mason clarified the Boucher & James' report focused primarily on the Pebble Ridge/Woodbridge areas. However, the Bucks County Public Water & Sewer Authority's feasibility study noted the public sewer pipes needed to be expanded to connect to the Castle Valley line and other areas. Once the pipes are going down the streets, it has to be offered to everyone. This is why Doe Run Road, Almshouse and Old New and Forge Lane were incorporated into the study. Ms. Carroll then questioned because the connection needs to be near their property to access the interceptor in other areas, her property will be required to participate in the study and pay for the installation of the main pipe at approximately \$25,000. Ms. Mason answered; at this point that is how the plan is being presented. Ms. Carroll disagreed by stating the residents are opposed to the Pebble Ridge study and should not be required to pay for the main hook up and requested the Board of Supervisors seriously consider the committee's request to be removed from the study.

The Board of Supervisors thanked their comments.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2013.
Save Kid Castle Town Hall meeting will be held at Lenape Middle School on February 28, 2013 beginning at 7:00pm.

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL: February 5, 2013

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the February 5, 2012 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting minutes be approved.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

V. CORRESPONDENCES

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough to appoint Mr. Gregory J. Coverdale as a member of the Traffic Advisory Committee.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

- A. Resignation from EAC – K. Peters

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors accept Keith Peters' resignation from the Environmental Advisory Council and Shade Tree Commission with regrets.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors appoint Mr. Ray Hendrick as Chairperson of the Environmental Advisory Council.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Mr. Hendricks thanked the Board and will do his best with the support of the township staff.

Ms. Mason reported the township is in receipt of the Bird Book prepared by Mr. Hendrick and was placed in the library.

B. Request Waiver of All Permit Fees – Village Improvement Association

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve a waiver of permit fees in the amount of \$200.00 from the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown for the Bucks County Designer Home & Garden 2013 fundraiser benefiting Doylestown Hospital.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

VI. REPORTS

A. Solicitor

No Report

B. Police Chief

Chief Logan provided the Board with an update on traffic calming measures along North Street reported by Doylestown Borough. They requested the Township post their portion of no parking signage so the Borough may add parking. At their February 13, 2013 meeting, the Traffic Advisory Committee voted to abide by Pennoni & Associates recommendation to schedule another meeting between Doylestown Township and Borough for further discussions, due to drainage and roadway list issues.

Chief Logan reported; also at the February 13, 2013 meeting the Traffic Advisory Committee reviewed the Delaware Regional Planning Commission January 13, 2013 study related to the Route 611 corridor. The committee has been trying to receive a dedicated left lane on northbound Route 611 and Furlong Road since March of 2011. Penn Dot has indicated the intersection does not meet the requirements. However, the DRPC's study recommends the left lane be implemented. Chief Logan requested Board approval to contact Pennoni & Associates and Penn Dot to request action be taken in installing a left lane.

The Board agreed by consensus to have Chief Logan contact Pennoni & Associates and Penn Dot to have a left lane installed on the northbound lane between Route 611 and Furlong Road.

Chief Logan noted if the left lane is warranted, budget issues may arise for installation and maintenance in the future. Lastly, Corporal Boettger brought to his attention since January of 2010, 22 traffic accidents have been recorded at the Route 611 corridor. 19 of which have been reportable with injuries or vehicle damage.

The Board agreed by consensus to have Chief Logan review this intersection with Pennoni and PennDOT.

C. Township Engineer - Sensory Trail Proposal

Mrs. Lyons presented the Board with a proposal from Township Engineer; Mario Canales in the amount of \$15,000.00 for professional service regarding the Sensory Trail. She noted \$7,000.00 will be allocated and released towards Phase I upon plan approval. Ms. Mason added; a grant in the amount of \$10,000 will be applied towards the survey and base map fee.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve Township Engineer; Mario L. Canales' Sensory Design Trail Proposal in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for professional services. Further, \$7,000.00 will be allocated towards Phase I and release upon approval.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

D. Manager

1. Request Training – 2013 Annual PA Park and Recreation Society Conference

Mr. Colello made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve Director of Parks & Recreation; Karen Sweeney attend with an over night stay the 2013 Annual Pennsylvania Park & Recreation Society Conference from March 24th through 27th in the amount of \$925.00 as per the recommendation of Ms. Mason.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

2. Pooles Corner

Ms. Mason updated the Board on Poole's Corner Park and Ride issue by reporting the township received an email on February 6, 2013 from Buckingham Township Manager; Dana S. Cozza indicating she had no comment unless there are any proposed changes from Doylestown Township or Borough.

E. Supervisors – Kids Castle Update – S. Touhill

Mr. Touhill reported the Bike & Hike committee is working on an application for an extension of the trail system will be submitted to the Bucks County Open Space Committee. A helmet cam idea has been discussed to have a bicyclist film the trail while riding for DTV. Discussions are ongoing regarding the Bucks County Bike Plan regarding the New Hope to Doylestown trail with a potential of a Quakertown to Saucon Valley and the Levittown Trail.

Mr. Touhill then reported the contract between the Township and Kid Castle Committee is not essential, because Friend of Kid Castle is considered a subcommittee for the township. A memorandum of understanding is currently being created. Mr. Garton added the memorandum is going to be changed significantly because of their status recognition. Upon review and completion, the memorandum will be presented for Board approval in March. Additionally, a waiver of fee for signage has been granted to distribute signs along various yards for public awareness of the Kid Castle project. The signs are only to be placed on private property to adhere to township's ordinance. Mr. Touhill concluded by reminding the public of the February 28th Kid Castle Town Hall meeting to be held at Lenape Middle School beginning at 7:00pm. The meeting is to answer any questions from the public with regard to the construction and maintenance of the castle. He then invited Board members, township staff and any resident interested to attend.

Friends of Kid Castle Strategic Advisor; Dawn Byers recognized members; Amy Price, Steve Beranic and Joe Salvati and thanked them for their hard work. She then questioned what areas will be changed once the memorandum of understanding is approved. Mr. Garton offered to schedule a conference call on February 20th with Ms. Byers and Ms. Mason to discuss the changes in detail. Ms. Byers agreed.

Mr. Scarborough reported on his attendance at the February 13th Central Bucks Ambulance meeting regarding support surrounding ACT 179 to assist ambulances within municipalities. Warrington Ambulance has agreed to provide their services through Warrington Township. There will be no major change between ambulance services. Warrington Township will also be taking over the Warrington Fire Company. Discussions with the Fire Department will be scheduled in the future.

Mr. Colello commented on the loss of several bird species along Central Park due to off leash dogs. He then asked Township Botanist; Ray Hendricks to elaborate on the issue. Mr. Hendricks reported many sections along the park with ground nesting birds have diminished, specifically Woodcock, Oven Bird and Wood Thrush due to dog owners allowing their dogs to run into the woods without a leash. Mr. Hendricks requested the Board consider sensitive areas along the park be noted for preservation, especially along Lower State Road once the new trails are installed.

Mrs. Lyons reported nominations are being accepted for the Unsung Hero Award to recognize a Doylestown Township resident who contributes to the community without recognition. All nominations can be emailed to either Mrs. Lyons or Ms. Mason. For Local Government week during April 15-19, 2013 the Township is planning exciting projects with the Central Bucks School District. On February 27th at 3:00pm a meeting will take place at the Municipal Building with Bucks County Bar Association, Central Bucks School District Curriculum Advisor, CB Cares Educational Foundation and Doylestown Borough to devise programs and projects for Central Bucks Middle School students about civics and local government.

Resident; Ernie Gash of 15 Wilshire Road suggested students attend the Board of Supervisors meetings as one of the Local Government Week activity.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Amendments to Nationwide Participation Agreement

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the Amendment to the Nationwide Participation Agreement and designate Nationwide Trust Company, FSB serve as the successor trustee to Bank of America for the Nationwide Post Insurance Health Plans.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

B. Treasurer's Report – February 19, 2013

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the February 19, 2013 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

C. Bills List – February 19, 2013

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the February 19, 2013 Bill's List in the amount of \$164,727.69.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Kid Castle Town Hall meeting will be held at Lenape Middle School on February 28, 2013 beginning at 7:00pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The February 19, 2013 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason
Secretary