



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, February 18, 2014

7:00 PM

Public Meeting Room

I. 6:45 PM – INTERVIEWS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

II. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons, Supervisors; Ken L. Snyder and Shawn Touhill.

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

Absent: Vice Chairman; Richard F. Colello and Supervisor; Ryan Manion

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Presentation - Conestoga Rover – Stormwater Update

Richard Burns and Russ Mehalick of Conestoga Rover presented the Board with their annual Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program (IDDEP) report, mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Agency (PADEP). Mr. Burns reported since 2005, Conestoga Rover has been conducting inspections for stormwater updates and all information regarding tonight's report can be found on www.doylestownpa.org.

For 2013, overall the township is in compliance although PADEP has yet and review the report, it remains pleased at how Doylestown Township manages their IDDEP program. An application has been submitted to extend the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit until March of 2018.

Field work and dry weather inspections were conducted along three areas of Doylestown to locate fecal coliform. Of the three areas, samples were taken along hot spots. Nine samples were taken in Area 1, six in Area 2 and twenty in Area 3. Hot spots are defined as areas that were tested positive for fecal coliform in the past. Also, sampling of detergents was completed due to sightings of foam in the outfalls. Once samples are gathered, they are sent to a Pennsylvania lab for testing. A detailed CAD mapping was prepared of all outfalls and catch basins that lead up to the receiving waters. The CAD mapping was submitted in June for the previous year's data. Mrs. Lyons questioned what specific neighborhoods are tested. Mr. Burns answered; testing was completed along Pebble Wood Drive.

As a result, Area 1- 8 samples tested positive for fecal coliform for over 200 colonies per 100 millimeters. The results are considered standard concern for the state and not a regulatory

standard. Re-sampling will only be conducted in areas testing over 200 colonies. The maximum fecal coliform in area 1 was at 1,000 colonies, but overall not as high as historical. Mr. Garton questioned if the testing was less than in the past. Mr. Mehalick answered; the result was generally less, because area 1 readings have been detected greater than 6,000 in the past. Pump downs of the septic systems were taken into consideration, where the numbers go down and generally rise over three years until the next pump.

Area 2 - 1 sample tested positive for fecal coliform for over 200 colonies per 100 millimeters. This was at a maximum of 600 colonies per 100 millimeters.

Area 3 - 9 samples tested positive for fecal coliform for over 200 colonies per 100 millimeters. Most colonies tested in the high 100s and low 1000s. However, one sample tested greater than 60,000 several times and considered a focused hot spot. Mr. Burns then reported CAD mapping was completed in Area 3 in 2013.

In 2014, Conestoga Rover will move forward on sampling along hot spots of all three areas throughout the township. This will consist of 25 to 30 locations where samplings are anticipated to be completed by the summer. Detail mapping will continue on a as needed basis. In addition, three types of source investigations will be conducted to locate the source of elevated readings with dye tracing in septic systems. Three letters were sent out to residents requesting their permission to continue with testing to see if it's coming from the catch basins. In addition to the fecal coliform testing, DNA testing will be added to determine whether the source is from an animal or human. TV inspections will continue on a as needed basis of catch basins to detect illegal hookups. Source mitigation will also continue.

Mr. Burns reported on takeaways, the township continues to be in compliance. Inspections on focus areas, mapping in few areas and sampling where illicit discharge may occur will continue. Public participation is needed with septic systems maintenance should be completed and avoid any illicit discharge into streams to improve the overall water quality of the township.

Mr. Touhill questioned if the hot spot where a sample of fecal coliform was tested at greater than 60,000 colonies was tested before. Mr. Mehalick answered; the area was tested approximately three or four times and 2/3 of the times tested positive. Area 3 had more testing completed in 2013, because a mapping was being completed and a complete round of inspections were not completed for six years. Overall Area 3 tested well because it's mostly sewer. Mr. Touhill then questioned the specific area where the high sampling was found. Mr. Mehalick indicated the location was a farm off Rickerts Road near Ferry Road.

Upon Ms. Mason's request, Mr. Canales explained the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements will become active once a permit is issued by Penn DOTT. For now the township has nothing to worry about. The Neshaminy Creek Watershed receives so much sediment load that is measured in pounds per year. The maximum is 45 million pounds per year, but can only handle 31 million pounds. Only 14 million pounds is captured by the creek per year. With the new regulations, all municipalities with impaired streams need to create a TMDL plan to prevent the sediment from reaching the streams, such as with rain gardens and sweeping. Mrs. Lyons questioned how does the plan coordinate with the IDDEP plan. Mr. Canales answered; it will be an additional requirement with sampling. Mr. Canales added DEP is still trying to determine how to incorporate the TMDL plan where only 200 permits were issued to date. The vast majority of municipalities were not issued permits and currently working with old permits. Mr. Canales

recommends the township continues with the same IDDEP program and begin placing a TMDL plan by installing buffers along the impaired watersheds, such as rain gardens. The township currently has seven watersheds as part the Neshaminy Creek ACT with three impaired.

Mr. Snyder questioned if the 35 samplings were completed across the entire township and how many stormwater outflows were recorded. Mr. Burns answered; the 35 samplings include all three areas. The majority of the outfalls are dry and approximately at 354. Mr. Snyder then questioned the focus is primarily on the data that is greater than 200, but others may be trending towards 200. Mr. Burns answered; the plan is to focus on samplings greater than 200 and full re-inspection are completed in every area within five years. This allows Conestoga Rover to have a good handle of hot spots.

Mrs. Lyons questioned if dye testing is voluntary. Ms. Burns answered; all dye testing is voluntary, where only the County's Health Department has the authority to mitigate and go onto a resident's property without permission. Mrs. Lyons then questioned if it's appropriate to conduct dye testing when a visual of the piping system as a direct flow is detected. Mr. Burns answered; the township has allowed residents to pipe down spouts out to the curb or into the catch basin. Pipes were also located in the curb drains that flow underneath the road.

Mr. Snyder questioned what action is taken when a homeowner does not permit dye testing to be performed. Mr. Burns answered; only the Health Department can force a homeowner to allow dye testing. Mr. Garton agreed.

C. Visitors/Public Comment

No Comments

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

The Board will consider outstanding applications for the vacancies on various Boards and Commissions.

B. Washington DC Cherry Blossom Trip – 3/29/14 - \$55 per person. To sign up for this trip go to our website - www.doylestownrec.com

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL: February 4, 2014 & January 28, 2014

The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting minutes of January 28th and February 4th of 2014 were tabled until Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

V. CORRESPONDENCES

A. BC Designer House & Garden – Request Permit Waiver

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve Designer House & Gardens request for a permit fee waiver in the amount of \$325.00, but not to exceed \$1,000 as per Doylestown Township Resolution #1533. The waiver is for the Empty House Party Event to begin Sunday, February 25th and end on Saturday, April 26th and the Saturday, April 26th Black Tie Gala on behalf of the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown to benefit Doylestown Hospital.

MOTION CARRIED 3 to 0.

VI. REPORTS

- A. Solicitor
No Report
- B. Police Chief
No Report
- C. Township Engineer
No Report
- D. Manager

1. Dart Update

Ms. Mason reported on her attendance at the February 10, 2014 Dart Committee meeting where proposals were received from three marketing design companies to help identify the true needs of the DART and ways to expand ridership. The Committee will meet again on Wednesday, February 19th to discuss and move forward with either hiring a consultant or revise the proposal. Ms. Mason further explained one of the focus points is to provide late night and Saturday transportation service for Delaware Valley College students.

Mrs. Lyons questioned if more money will be needed from the township. Ms. Mason answered; the township has already contributed to the operation of the DART service. However, funding discussions will continue at the February 19th meeting.

2. Post Storm Report

Ms. Mason reported on Township's February 14, 2014 memorandum as a result of the numerous snow storms. As indicated in the winter \ spring newsletter, the township provided the residents updates items, such as power outage status on DTV channels, Twitter, Facebook and Google Group messages. The website also provided a link to PECO's website showcasing the status of power restores. The township hosted a warming station, where heat, beverages and WiFi service was provided.

Thanks to Mr. John, Chief Logan and Sinclair Salisbury, information regarding status of the township's budget that showed 900 tons was used towards salt used, overtime and pothole repair. Ms. Mason then asked the public to contact the township's building at (215) 348-9915 to report any pot holes on Township roads. PennDot can be contacted at (800) 349-7623 to report pothole along state roads.

Ms. Mason noted Chief Logan's amazing job on overseeing weather related traffic incidents. The communication between the fields and the township to update residents during a large repair that took place on Sunday, February 9th after the outages was very helpful. One major issue faced was the outage of Comcast communication that provide internet service to the township's computers. The TAB committee, IT Team and Mr. Salisbury will be working to connect to the township's Verizon Line as a TAB wireless connection, if the issue should occur in the future.

Resident; Mr. Hendricks commented on how the warming station was a wonderful asset during the storms and thanked the Board and township staff for providing.

Mrs. Lyons commented how pleased she was to see there was not a huge effect on the township's budget. Mrs. Lyons questioned although overtime and the salt supply has been exhausted, is an additional salt shipment scheduled. Mr. John confirmed another shipment is scheduled and overtime expense can be covered under the state liquid fuel and general fund account. However by the end of the year, the township will show an overage under the salt budget.

Mr. John then reminded the public to contact the township as soon as a pot hole is visible. The longer the pot hole remains un-repaired, the larger it becomes.

Chief Logan reported the recent snow storms is considered the second biggest event since Hurricane Sandy and indicated the township has learned a great deal from the experience. He then commended the Roads Department on their excellent working relationship with the police department by shutting down roads and plowing driveways during two medical emergencies.

E. Supervisors

Mr. Touhill reported the Bike and Hike Committee and Parks and Recreation Board forecasts a big year in 2014. He encouraged any residents interested to attend meetings. He then thanked the Roads Department on their continued job well done in clearing the roads.

Mr. Snyder reminded the public Penn Dot's road repair phone number with a list of the states roads will be posted on the township's website at www.doylestownpa.org. The TAB Board will be looking into different avenues to continue growing the social media population and make sure people are informed of the township's status. The EAC are in need of volunteers to assist with the March 22nd installation of native gardens with a second scheduled later in the year. An EAC plant wish list will be posted on the township's website. Anyone looking to donate their trees or shrubs should log in to donate.

Chief Logan informed the public if a power outage occurs to an entire street, all residents should contact PECO to report. PECO will respond quicker to pocket of power outages and generate their work orders. Also, PECO recently installed new electronic meters where a signal is automatically transmitted to PECO when a outages occurs. Mrs. Lyons added the resident may also contact the township, if all else fails.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement

Mr. Touhill made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Snyder the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors award the 2014 Traffic Signal Maintenance, Emergency Response Service and for PA On-Call System Support bid to Armour & Sons, Inc in the amount of \$6,175.00 to include conducting emergency and non-emergency repairs services of the township's 24 hour traffic signals, three flashing warning devices installations and three traffic signal systems.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3 to 0.

B. Treasurer's Report – February 18, 2014

Mr. Touhill made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Snyder the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the February 18, 2014 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3 to 0.

C. Bills List – February 18, 2014

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the February 18, 2014 Bill's List in the amount of \$13,507.18.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3 to 0.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The February 18, 2014 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason
Secretary