# Minutes of the December 7, 2010 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road, Doylestown, PA. Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman; E. Thomas Scarborough, Jr., Supervisors: Cynthia M. Philo, Barbara Eisenhardt and Richard F. Colello. Others in attendance included Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations; Richard E. John, Township Solicitor; Jeffery P. Garton, Chief of Police; Stephen J. White

Absent: Township Engineer; Mario Canales

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PRESENTATIONS:

### Christmas Tree Recycling

Central Bucks Senior, Tristan Kowalski, thanked the Board for their support and acknowledgement of last year's Christmas tree recycling project. This year's tree recycling program has a goal of recycling double last year's amount of 75 trees with the help of email and publicized programs. Mrs. Lyons reminded the public they can contact the township's administrative offices or refer to the website <a href="https://www.doylestownpa.org">www.doylestownpa.org</a> for more information.

#### Recognition of John Cox's Retirement

Director of Operations; Mr. Richard John accepted an achievement plaque on behalf of township staff retiree; John Cox for his 15 years of service.

#### **VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Resident; Joseph Paternostro of Houk Road questioned the status of his inquiry regarding fees charged for parking and valet service at Doylestown Hospital. Ms. Mason answered; a letter and phone call was implemented where Doylestown Hospital representative indicated parking fees are charged due to being part of the hospital's budget. However, the hospital will further research the matter with a response in the future.

Resident; Kenneth Snyder of 50 Foxcroft Drive questioned if the Township's budget is at a deficit, why is \$150,000 being spent on the restoration of Foxcroft Drive. Mr. John responded by indicating the Foxcroft Road has an existing problem with the base deteriorating and within a matter of time the oil and chip will break down and will cost more if not repaired next year.

#### **ANNOUCEMENTS:**

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The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the Doylestown Township Municipal Building

The Board agreed by consensus to hold the Doylestown Township Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m., in the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

The Doylestown Township Auditor's Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

# **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept the November 16, 2010, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt with the following corrections.

Under Visitors/ Public Comment Section; Change Mrs. Eisenhardt question to the Board to read "to have the Doylestown Hospital <u>discontinue</u> their parking charges".

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 1 with Ms. Philo abstaining due to her absence.

**CORRESPONDENCE**: Route 202 On-Road Bike Lane

The Board by consensus agreed to support the endeavor with Buckingham, Solebury Townships and New Hope, Doylestown Borough in the Countywide Bicycle Plan to create an on-road bike land along U.S. Route 202, running from Doylestown Borough through Buckingham and Solebury townships terminating at New Hope Borough.

#### REPORTS:

SOLICITOR: No Report

CHIEF OF POLICE: No Report

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER: No Report

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: No Report.

#### SUPERVISORS:

Mrs. Eisenhardt voiced her disappointment with the December 6<sup>th</sup> Intelligencer Newspaper Article indicating her plans to leave Doylestown Township after selling her home. Mrs. Eisenhardt indicated she did sell her home for the purpose to downsize and is currently building a vacation home in North Carolina, but <u>will</u> continue to reside in Doylestown Township.

Mr. Scarborough No Report

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Mr. Colello No Report

Ms. Philo informed the public of several issues from her recent Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) meeting. First; Local townships government will see 30% of taxes from water trucks using natural gas. Second; House and Senate Bills are currently not going anywhere, due to some PSATS groups being for and against the bill to eliminate townships, boroughs, and cities in favor of county-based government. Third; there will be changes in the MS4 and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) stormwater regulations, where residents will have a say in their protection.

Mrs. Lyons informed the public that JDM Construction Company began the construction of two athletic fields along Central Park and the Parkway and requested Ms. Mason inform Doylestown Borough. This work follows the Joint Park, Recreation and Open Space plan jointly adopted by Doylestown Borough and Township.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

2011 Doylestown Township Preliminary Budget - Continued Discussion

No Discussion

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

## New Earned Income Tax / Local Service Tax Collector – Keystone Collection Group

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to adopt the resolution officially authorizing Keystone Collections Group as the exclusive current and delinquent collector of the township's local services taxes, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

# <u>Bucks County Tax Collection Committee – Tax Collection Agreement</u>

Mrs. Eisenhardt made a MOTION to adopt the Resolution Regarding Earned Income Tax Collector, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

# Sale of Township Equipment

Ms. Philo made a MOTION to authorize the sale of one Mini T Net with rack mount =\$200, one interface device=\$80, one JVC Video Cassette Recorder VCR=\$55, and one DVD Player=\$25, to Chalfont Borough PEG Channel in the amount of \$360.00, seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

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**ADJOURNMENT**: 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by;

Stephanie J. Mason, Secretary