

**Minutes of the
October 19, 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, October 19, 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: Barbara Eisenhardt, Cynthia M. Philo 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 and Township Engineer; Mario Canales

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Lyons announced that the Board met earlier this evening and conducted Boards and Commission interviews and the Board met in Execution Session, prior to the meeting, to discuss matters of labor negotiations.

VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept the October 5, 2010, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors minutes, seconded by Ms. Philo, with the following corrections.

- 1) **Under Public Announcements**; Change Mr. Bingler to "Mr. O'Malley indicated that he attended the meeting but is not in favor of the proposal by the developer and was concerned that Mr. Shafkowitz is no longer involved".

- 2) **Under Public Announcements:** Add Mr. Binger's concern was depth of discussions between the township and developer going as far as having an engineer looking at plans and have Township Planning Consultant; Ms. Judy Stern Goldstein design buffers.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept the October 5, 2010, Road Inspection minutes, seconded by Mr. Colello.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3 to 2, with Ms. Philo and Mrs. Eisenhardt abstaining due to their absences.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept the October 7, 2010, Budget Work Session (second) Meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from PennDot

Ms. Mason informed the public Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn Dot) requested the closure of Bristol Road for approximately three (3) weeks in November. Originally only one lane would be available, but due to several problems a proposal was submitted with a request to temporarily close the road. Ms. Philo clarified due to an unlevelled road along Coach Light and Bristol Road, there were two options, the first was to build a temporary ramp, but Penn Dot thought it best to go with the second option of closing the road from November 3rd to the 24th. The Traffic Committee will take the necessary steps to inform the public.

Mrs. Eisenhardt questioned what impact the road closure will have to a nearby school. Ms. Mason responded by indicating the PennDOT has been very good with communicating with schools and Chief of Police to inform them of any traffic pattern changes. Additional information can be found at www.doylestownpa.org or www.us202-700.com.

REPORTS:

SOLICITOR:

Police Benevolent Association (PBA), but no action will be taken at a public meeting.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Request for Tenure – Officers Timothy Reihl and Anthony Breslau

The Board agreed by consensus to table the request for tenure of Officers Timothy Reihl and Anthony Breslau until the PBA contract is resolved.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER: No Report

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: No Report

SUPERVISORS:

Mrs. Eisenhardt: No Report

Mr. Scarborough: No Report

Ms. Philo: No Report

Mr. Colello informed the public of several pending items such as....

- 1) The Environmental Advisory Committee is correcting several discrepancies towards the Trash Haulers figures in favor of the Township with regards to recyclables. The EAC also will continue with a battery recycling program that will save up to 1000 pounds of batteries per year.
- 2) The Traffic Advisory Committee installed a new sign along Route 611 North near Edison Furlong Road indicating not to block Duane Road and Mr. Colello asked the public to abide by the sign.
- 3) Most minutes and agendas are posted on the Township website for Boards and Commissions.
- 4) The Bike and Hike Committee is currently expanding and adding paths and Mr. Colello noticed more residents are utilizing them. The Committee is also preparing a training program to assist pedestrian and riders in respecting each other when on these paths.
- 5) Mr. Colello noted Doylestown Township has the 7th lowest millage tax rate out of 9 area municipalities.
- 6) Mr. Colello congratulated Director of Parks & Recreation; Karen Sweeney for receiving a thank you from an outside business owner for her efforts.

Mrs. Lyons informed the public the Board has interviewed several candidates for openings in the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission and Bike and Hike Committee. There are no current openings for the Planning Commission or Bike and Hike Committee.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION to appoint **Mr. Rick Gaver** as a member of the **Zoning Hearing Board**, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 1, with Mrs. Eisenhardt voting nay.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

2011 Electric Rates

Mrs. Lyons questioned why is there a need for the Township to lock in a rate now for the year 2011. Special Projects Manager; Ms. Sandra Zadell answered; the Township is required to lock in an electric rate by mid November of 2010, in order to meet the January 2011 cutoff and receive quarterly meter reads. Also the rates change on a daily basis.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to approve Direct Energy as the township's energy supplier, seconded by Ms. Philo. Mr. Scarborough then suggests all residents look into lower energy rates due to an increase scheduled for January 2011. Ms. Philo questioned if the rate is one year. Ms. Zadell recommends the two year option at \$.08033, but indicated it depends on which program the Board decides.

MOTION AMENDED

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to approve Direct Energy as the township's energy supplier at a rate of \$.08033 with a two-year commitment as per the recommendation of Special Projects Coordinator; Sandra Zadell, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Resolution – Reducing the Township's Allocation of EDUs from Harvey Avenue

Mr. Garton explained during the 2003 expansion of the Harvey Avenue Sewage Treatment Plant, the Township requested approximately 1,733 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU) to include, 162 EDUs for Doylestown Hospital and 250 EDU for Delaware Valley College. Upon a request of confirmation from The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), it was confirmed Doylestown Hospital only needs 40 EDUs and Delaware Valley College needs 86. With a difference of 286 EDUs the resolution is needed to note the confirmation and change.

Mrs. Eisenhardt noted two concerns. The first; upon the stipulation, if the township does not utilize the remaining EDUs within ten (10) years, they will be sold or transferred to the general community, outside of Doylestown Township and wondered what is the hazard, since no agreement was signed. Mr. Garton informed the Board that a condition can be placed in the resolution indicating the remaining EDUs are for the use of only Doylestown Township only. Mr. Garton then added only the Board can change the 537 Plan to release the remaining EDUs and decide how they are allocated upon approval by DEP.

The second concern was the possible conflict of interest with Mr. Garton representing the Township and Bucks County Sewer Authority and noted her previous suggestion to hire outside council was denied. Mrs. Lyons stated for the record, prior to Mr. Garton's involvement, Mrs. Lyons and Ms. Mason met with the Bucks County Sewer Authority to discuss the sewer agreement based upon a DEP request and at that time, BCWSA asked how many EDUs are still needed for Doylestown Township. Upon the request, Ms. Mason forwarded the query to the hospital and college and Mr. Garton's only involvement was in drafting the resolution.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to adopt Resolution no. 1172 in reducing the Number of EDUs to be allocated to Doylestown Township as a result of the expansion of the Harvey Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plan, seconded by Mrs. Lyons.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 1, with Mrs. Eisenhardt voting nay.

Keeley House – Sewage Facilities Planning Module

Ms. Philo made a MOTION to approve a public sewer connection request to 225 Keeley Avenue from the Chalfont-New Britain Township Joint Sewage Treatment Facility, seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to approve the October 15, 2010, Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Colello.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

BILL'S LIST

Ms. Philo made a MOTION to approve the October 19, 2010, Bill's List, in the amount of \$905,122.83, seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

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ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by;

Stephanie J. Mason, Secretary