

**Minutes of the**  
**May 15, 2012**  
**Board of Supervisor's Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 15, 2012 in the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road, Doylestown, PA. Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Vice Chairman; E. Thomas Scarborough, Supervisors; Richard F. Colello, Ryan Manion and Shawn Touhill. Others in attendance included Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations; Richard E. John, Township Solicitor; Jeffrey P. Garton, Acting Chief of Police; Dean Logan and Township Engineer; Mario Canales

Absent: Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITOR / PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Resident; Madeline Rawley of 361 Birdsong Lane requested an update with regards in the Board creating a letter of support and/or sample resolution to cease the gas drilling and avoid a new impact law fee as per House Bill 1950 (Act 13). The sample resolution will state Act 13 will take away the fundamental duties of supervisors to protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens and the protections of their rights under the Pennsylvania and US Constitution. Mrs. Rawley explained seven other municipalities and one physician is challenging the House Bill in regards to the toxic chemicals used during drilling. She then asked if the Board will support and join the challenge by forwarding the letter of support and/or creating a resolution.

Mr. Garton answered; although Mrs. Lyons is not present this evening, she has been overseeing this issue. He then suggested Ms. Rawley contact Mrs. Lyons directly. Ms. Rawley indicated she will attend the June 5, 2012 to make the request again.

Resident; Lee Schwarz of 189 Sunset View Drive questioned if the property on 925 Sandy Ridge Road provided an appraisal equaling \$70,000/per acre when it was considered for the open space land preservation program. Ms. Mason answered that the apprasail was approximately \$70,000/per acre.

He then questioned if the Board considered a 15 acre property readily available and priced at \$650,000.00 ( \$43,000 per acre) for the open space land preservation program. Mr. Scarborough suggested he direct his question to the Open Space Committee. Mr. Touhill clarified the \$70,000/per acre is the assessed eased value, at 75%. \$70,000.00 would have not been the purchased price.

Mr. Garton suggested a copy of the proposed property be sent to the Township Manager's attention.

Resident; Peter McClaughlin commented on Mr. Colello's statement from the May 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting regarding the property on 925 Sandy Ridge Road's application for land preservation. He questioned if the issue is having the Bucks County Open Space Committee approve the application and not the configuration of the proposed conservation easement. Mr. Colello answered; the Bucks County Open Space would have approved the application based upon the Board's recommendation. Mr. McClaughlin commented approval is necessary to preserve the land and have a nice addition to open space in Bucks County. Mr.

Colello offered to meet with Mr. McClaughlin to review the map of the area and explain his decision not to vote for the application further. Mr. McClaughlin agreed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Scarborough announced Mrs. Lyon's daughter gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Congratulations.

The next meeting of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

The Doylestown Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012 in observance of Memorial Day.

Doylestown Township Pension meeting scheduled on June 5, 2012 at 4:00pm in the Municipal Building.

The Annual Doylestown Township Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 4, 2012 at the Doylestown Township Country Club. Registration deadline is May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill to approve the May 1, 2012, Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORTS**

SOLICITOR: No Report

POLICE CHIEF: No Report

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:

NPDES Stormwater Permit No. PAG130007 – Renewal Permit Information

Mr. Canales referenced his April 27<sup>th</sup> letter to the Board indicating as of September, 2011 the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) finalized the renewal permit application for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) for another five years. The term of the renewal PAG-13 is from March 16, 2013 to March 15, 2018. The permit requires that small municipal separate storm sewer systems located within urbanized area development, implement and maintain a comprehensive Storm Water Management Program. The Township was issued the initial permit on January 29, 2004. The Department modified some of the current protocols and added other requirement to include the program has to be adequately funded and staffed to implement and manage all provisions. There are six minimum control measures currently under the present permit that will be maintained, but DEP has expanded their guidance from zero to nineteen different items that must be complied on a yearly basis to meet permit requirements. There is now a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) deduction requirement which indicates since the Township is near the Neshaminy Creek Watershed a reduction of sediment is needed to meet DEP's yearly requirement. Also, DEP's reports

will now need to be submitted the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year and outfall monitoring will be conducted on a yearly basis.

To renew the PAG-13, Federal regulations require that a complete and acceptable Notice of Intent (NOI) be submitted to the DEP no later than September 14, 2012 at a minimum of 180 days prior to the expiration date of March 15, 2013. Mr. Canales has started the application process for the Township and has attempted to meet with DEP representatives to discuss numerous questions regarding the program. There has been no response from DEP to date. Mr. Canales will continue to assist the Township in complying with the NPDES requirements and will update the Board on the status of the regulations as they become available.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER:**

Public Water and Sewer Advisory Committee's request to hold a meeting

The Board agreed by consensus to authorize the Public Water and Sewer Advisory Committee hold a meeting in early June with the residents of the Pebble Ridge area to discuss public sewer and water hookup progress and have the Township Manager send invitations to neighboring residents informing of the meeting date.

**SUPERVISORS:**

Mr. Colello reported the recent PSATS convention he attended was very interesting with informative seminars. He also attended the recent Touch a Truck event and was impressed with the crowd that formed 20 minutes before.

Mr. Touhill also attended several PSATS seminars to include the Marcellous Shale and Stormwater basin. He also received wonderful feedback on Doylestown Township's staff and the Park and Recreation Department.

Mr. Scarborough added the Township has won many awards over the years. He also indicated the economic seminars at the convention were also very informative.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Records Retention and Disposition

Mr. Colello made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors authorize the retention and disposition of Administrative & Legal, Financial & Purchasing, Tax Collection & Assessment records as per Resolution No. 1626 adopted May 1, 2012 that Doylestown Township declare its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008, updated July 23, 2009.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Zoning Hearing Board Application – Delaware Valley College / Request for Variance

The Board agreed by consensus to have Delaware Valley College request for variance for front yard setback be left to the Zoning Hearing Board as per the recommendation of Ms. Mason.

Consideration of a Waiver of Land Development Agreement (Warrington Country Club / Ford)

Mr. Garton reported on March 20, 2012 the Board approved waiver of formal land development process for Wayne Ford to construct an addition at the Warrington Country Club. The conditions of the approval were the applicants execute waiver of land development and provide monies for escrow, which was completed.

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve waiver of formal land development for Wayne Ford LLC to construct an addition at the Warrington Country Club.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Colello made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the May 15, 2012 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0

**BILL'S LIST**

Mr. Colello made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the May 15, 2012 Bill's List in the amount of \$390,700.71.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the May 15, 2012 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting be adjourned at 7:25pm.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0

Respectfully submitted by;

Stephanie J. Mason, Secretary