



# Board of Supervisors

## Regular Meeting

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

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Tuesday, May 7, 2013

7:00 PM

Public Meeting Room

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### I. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2013 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 and Richard F. Colello, Shawn Touhill and Ryan Manion.

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

Absent: Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Visitors/Public Comments

Resident; Lee Schwarz of 189 Sunset View Drive encouraged all republicans to vote at the May 21st primary. He then questioned if Mr. Scarborough agreed with comments made by a candidate regarding the position of a Board member. Mr. Scarborough responded he disagreed with the comments.

### II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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E. Nominations for Unsung Hero Award being accepted until June 1st, submit letter

- F. Annual Doylestown Township Golf Outing – Monday, June 3rd at Doylestown County Club. Registration deadline is May 17th.
- G. Shred Event – Doylestown Twp. Residents Only – June 15th at the Administrative Building. 9:00 AM to Noon.

### III. MINUTES APPROVAL: April 16, 2013

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the April 16, 2013 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting minutes are approved.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

### IV. CORRESPONDENCES

Ms. Mason recommended the review of a letter received by resident; Joseph Paternostro be tabled until the next Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for June 4th. The Board agreed

### V. REPORTS

#### A. Solicitor

No Report

#### B. Police Chief

##### 1. New Hire

Ms. Manion thanked Mr. Stich for his service to his country and made a MOTION to appoint him as a police officer with Doylestown Township Police Department; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors appoint Jeffrey L. Stich, Jr as an officer with the Doylestown Police Department and scheduled his swearing in ceremony at the Tuesday, June 4th Board of Supervisors Regular meeting, as per the recommendation by Chief Logan.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

##### 2. 2013 USDOJ COPS Hiring Program

Chief Logan reported on April 22, 2013 the Department of Justice announced an opening of the 2013 COPS Hiring Program which provides funds in the form of grants awarded toward new hires or re-hires careered law officers in order to increase their community policing capacity. With the hiring of Mr. Stich the police department will have a total of 20 officers, where Chief Logan noted a full staff of 21 is needed. The application process will pay for 75% of the officer's salary during a three (3) year period. As well as cover 75% of his benefits for a period of three (3) years. However, if a new hire chooses to leave a replacement will be needed immediately and continue the officer's employment for one (1) year beyond the three years. The township's application will need to be submitted no later than May 22, 2013 and can only be used for unfunded hires. Chief Logan indicated the department is in need of this grant due to the 21st officer not being budgeted. He then requested Board approval to proceed with the application process.

Mr. Touhill questioned if the township will be obligated to hire an officer if the grant is not awarded and if there are other means to budget for the 21st officer's salary. Chief Logan answered; commitments are required before submitting an application. Chief Logan believes the

grant is scheduled to be awarded in late September of 2013, therefore a new hire can begin in January of 2014. If a new hire is to begin in 2013, the budget does allow for a full year salary at 25% for an officer who will not be on the books until late June. The 21st officer can be brought up for debate if the grant is not issued.

Resident; Lee Schwarz of 189 Sunset View Drive questioned if the township will search for a military veteran to fill a position of a police officer. Chief Logan answered; the best qualified candidate will be hired. Mr. Garton added; if there are two equally qualified candidates, a military veteran must be hired. Mr. Schwarz then questioned if special consideration will be given to candidates who can provide school resource services. Chief Logan answered; there is only one school in the Township. At this time, it's not within the best interest of the township that a full time officer fill this position based upon the age of the children at Kutz Elementary School.

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve Chief Logan submit an application to apply for the 2013 COPS Hiring Program.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

C. Township Engineer

No Report

D. Manager

No Report

E. Supervisors – Doylestown Twp. Golf Outing Proceeds to Kid's Castle – B. Lyons

Mr. Touhill reported on various seminars and lectures he attended at the recent Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) conference. Including, digital, roads and recycling, management of stormwater, state agriculture security, redevelopment of green-ways and finance for township facilities. Mr. Touhill found all meetings to be resourceful and offered to discuss topics in detail with anyone interested after tonight's meeting.

Mr. Colello reported at his attendance of mainly bridge seminars at the PSATS conference where he learned a great deal. Mr. Colello then commented on his disappointment in seeing so many advertising signs along the Route 202 Parkway. He then instructed any one or business to remove the signage from the parkway.

Ms. Manion encouraged all to participate in the May 11, 2013 run in honor of Lt. Colby Umbrel. The run will begin at 9:00am at Central Park. Also, Save Kids Castle will be hosting a Casino Night fundraiser for the Kids Castle. Tickets can be purchased at the event or on [www.SaveKidCastle.org](http://www.SaveKidCastle.org).

Mr. Scarborough reported the township was awarded a flag from Tree City USA foundation at the April 20, 2013 Arbor Day event. The township has won this award 15 years in a row. The National Honor Society of Unami and Cub Scouts were also present and worked very hard in assisting with the clean-up of the Route 202 Parkway and Bike and Hike trail.

Mr. Scarborough also attended the PSATS conference as the Supervisor's Delegate where 53 resolutions were passed. He then reported on his attendance at Boy Scout Troop 71 member, Jacob Snively's Eagle Scout award ceremony.

On behalf of Mrs. Lyons, Mr. Touhill reminded the public of the May 17th deadline to register for the Township Golf Outing scheduled for Monday, June 3rd. He indicated that she was proposing that all proceeds will be donated towards the restoration of Kids Castle.

The consensus of the Board of Supervisors was that Kids' Castle to benefit from the Golf Outing.

Resident; Ken Snyder of 50 Fox Croft Drive questioned if there is a criteria noted of who and what signs can be posted along the parkway. Mr. Garton answered; There are no Penn Dot authorized billboard allowed on the parkway. Also, no signs without an approval permit sticker received from the township can be placed. Mr. Snyder then asked if it's the responsibility of the individual municipalities to monitor and police unauthorized signage. Mr. Garton answered; Yes, it would be the township's responsibility to remove all signs. However, some don't have the manpower.

Resident; Mr. Schwarz questioned if political signs are allowed to be placed along the parkway. Mr. Garton answered; no political signs are allowed because the parkway does not have amendment rights as with a residential yard.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Request Authorization to Advertise 30-Day Public Comment for Pebble Ridge Component 3M

Ms. Mason reported the Pebble Ridge \ Woodridge 3M Module component has been completed by CKS Engineering. A 30 day public comment period will need to be advertised upon Board approval. Upon completion of the 30 day comment period, a resolution will need to be authorized by the Board before forwarding the document to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Resident; Ken Snyder requested clarification on the 30 public comment period. Ms. Mason explained an advertisement will be placed in the newspaper and posted on the township's website allowing the public 30 days to provide their comments in writing regarding the 3M planning module. Also, upon Board approval notices will be forwarded to all neighboring residents. Mr. Garton added there will be no public meeting, only notification the planning module is available for viewing.

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the completed 3M Planning Module Component drafted by CKS Engineers regarding Pebble Ridge be advertised and posted on the township's website for a 30 day public comment period. Further, a letter about the 30-day comment period be sent to all affected residents.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

### B. LAND DEVELOPMENT

#### 1. The Pavilion @ Furlong Preliminary Plan – Review Extension

Mr. Garton provided the Board with a brief history of the ongoing Pavilion at Furlong land development preliminary plan to include the May 2, 2013 letter from attorney; Edward F. Murphy requesting an extension of time until July 1, 2013 to present their land development plans. The applicants are planning to present a new land development idea in June. Mr. Garton further reported the Planning Commission should be invited to attend. However due to scheduling conflicts and plans not being completed in time, a 30 day extension was requested until July 1, 2013.

Mr. Touhill made a MOTION the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors grant applicants; The Pavilion at Furlong a 30 day extension until July 1, 2013 to present their land development plans. Ms. Manion seconded with comments.

Ms. Manion commented she will not approve another extension after the 30 day period ends in July. Mr. Colello agreed stating the land development process for this applicant has taken years. He noted according to Mr. Murphy's letter he doesn't see the plans being presented in July. Mr. Garton indicated he informed Mr. Murphy no other extensions will be granted. He then noted Mr. Murphy is new counsel for the applicant and also a new engineer has been hired.

Resident; Joseph O'Mally of Rogers Road commented he hopes the Board provides the neighboring residents the same dues given to the applicants and allow them to absorb all the information proposed by the applicant. Mr. Garton responded their proposal no preliminary plan so there is no clock. This will be an opportunity to have everyone provide their input as to whether the new concept plan makes sense.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3 to 1 with Mr. Colello voting "no".

C. Request to Send Car to Auction

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the township send a 2009 Ford Police Car (Vin# 2FAHP71V59X131530) to a June 8, 2013 public action held at J.J. Kane in Plymouth Meeting. Further the 2009 police car will be replaced by a 2013 Dodge vehicle.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

D. Zoning Hearing Board Application –Warrington Country Club – Requests a Variance & Other Relief

The Board agreed by consensus to forward Pennsford, LLC c/o Wayne Ford (Warrington Country Club) at 1360 Almshouse Road, Warrington request for special exception and other relief be forwarded to the Zoning Hearing Board.

E. Concrete Bid

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors award the 2013 Concrete Labor, Supervision and Equipment bid to Ettore Ventresca and Sons, Inc located in Warrington, PA.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

F. Bills List – May 7, 2013

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the May 7, 2013 Bill's List in the amount of \$71,222.01.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

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#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The May 7, 2013 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason  
Secretary