



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, March 20, 2018

7:00 PM

Meeting / Activity Trailer

I. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairperson; Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman; Richard F. Colello with Supervisors; Ryan Manion, Ken L. Snyder, and Jennifer V. Herring.

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

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Presentations

1. Kids Castle Update – Joe Salvati, Chairman

Mr. Salvati indicated that Fox 29 News was recently out at the Kids Castle filming a segment for a contest they were running with the secret "Word of the Day" being CASTLE. With one day's notice it was a challenge to have people come out to the taping.

Mr. Salvati indicated that he reached out to the Learning Experience of Doylestown , a day care center in Doylestown Township. The kindergarten class was able to have the appropriate permission slips within 24 hours and the children learned sign language for the word CASTLE and made cutout letter to spell the word.

Mr. Salvati thanked owner, Jennifer Eckfield, Ms. Urban and Ms. Tomkins Devlin for organizing the students. In addition, he thanked Princess Parties by Brittany for having Princess Elsa in attendance. Supervisors Ryan Manion and Jen Herring, Township Manager Stephanie Mason, Parks and Recreation Director Karen Sweeney were also in attendance.

The result is a potential \$10,000 interest in sponsorship for the last Tot Lot piece for the Castle. This will be a piece that will enable children 2-5years old to play on. It is a \$40,000 piece and Friends of Kids Castle are looking for four sponsors. To date we have received two sponsorships so we have two more to go. This will be the last play piece for the Kingdom. To be a part of it go to info@savekidscastle.com or call the Township for further information.

Mr. Salvati thanked everyone for being building the Kingdom.

2. PennDOT Proposed Roundabouts – Mike Mastaglio, Urban Engineers

Mike Mastaglio, P.E., Urban Engineers along with Dave Delello were here on behalf of PennDOT to address a study that they completed for PennDOT for South Easton Road at New Britain and Sauerman Roads.

Mr. Mastaglio indicated that Federal Highway Transportation Authority offered grants for safety improvements to communities focusing on roundabouts. PennDOT District 6 worked with Urban Engineers to collect the appropriate data throughout District 6 looking at safety analysis and quantifying the data collected throughout 2016 and 2017. It was a very large study for the 5-county area. 336,000 intersections were evaluated and those were whittled down to various state roads with 29,000 and final selection of 18,000 intersections in District 6. That data was further evaluated regarding crash data and other running speeds and volume of traffic daily, traffic counts to provide the District with a number of intersections that could possibly meet the safety requirements for this program.

Then we began to focus on average daily trips of intersections of 25,000 or less. Easton and New Britain have less than 10,000 per day. They had 20 angle crashes. It was the 43rd highest in Bucks County and met with PennDOT in the spring to begin to look at physical constructions. In June this intersection was ranked 5th out of 12.

Mr. Mastaglio indicated that they met with PennDOT and reviewed the application that they were submitting to FHWA. This intersection in particular indicating that the bifurcated road and the other issues that they took into consideration i.e. historic Tabor Home, the Triangle Park and potential for bog turtle habitat that are always part of a study, the high crash volumes, the high speeds, the poor visibility, the site distances in certain areas, the bus route with stops. He indicated that this was a good location for the roundabout to be placed at. Also, good for bike and pedestrian paths that we have in the area.

Ms. Herring indicated that the study ended in 2016 but that the Township had improvements done to the area since then. The information that the Township has is that we have not had significant crashes since 2017 when the striping was done.

Mr. Mastaglio indicated that the information that they were using was from PennDOT and prior to those improvements.

Mr. Colello asked about how many fatalities occurred. Mr. Mastaglio indicated that there were zero and only two severe crashes. He has indicated that based on the data and information that were in the report that fatalities along with the crash data blend values and therefore the methodology pushes the intersection to look worse than it really is. Therefore it's not balanced data. And with the cost, he doesn't see the cost benefit analysis having the value to lead to the conclusion to put the roundabouts in. He continued that you're trying to solve a problem and perhaps just improving site distance and slowing the speed down would have the same results as the installation of roundabouts with millions of federal dollars being spent. He also questioned if the Township doesn't want it will it go away or will PennDOT install it regardless of our concerns.

Mr. Mastaglio indicated that is a question he can't answer that would have to be addressed to PennDOT.

It was also indicated that this is a gateway and you have understand roundabouts and this would be a good way to improve the safety according to PennDOT's desires the consultant said. It was one that rose to the top and he believes with the data and information.

Mr. Colello said he's not for it. He made a MOTION to not go through with recommendations from PennDOT.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Chief Logan indicated that he liaisons to the Township's Traffic Advisory Committee and he has worked with PennDOT to make improvements and questioned whether this would be a true improvement and decrease levels of accidents moving forward. Any amount of future development say in 10 year or more that the roundabouts should be considered for a safety improvement long term and it is an improvement that the Township will not have to bare.

Mr. Mastaglio indicated that this is a single roundabout capacity allows for fire departments, travel, pedestrians and looking 20 years out. The federal money is there. It is directed for this particular project.

Matt Comley, 578 New Britain Road, commented that he is glad to see something being done. He questioned where it is in the process.

Mr. Mastaglio indicated that funds were awarded to PennDOT in December 2017 and that began planning in earnest in January 2018 so we are at the infancy stages right now. There is probably about 1 1/2 years of design schedule and eventual clearance, public meeting and input, engineering to eventually lead to construction sometime in 2020 or 2021.

Bernadette Wiley, 566 New Britain Rd., indicated that she has difficulty getting out of her driveway due to the crest of New Britain Road and the speed of the cars. She wondered if this improvement would decrease the speed with the roundabouts.

The response was that the roundabout speed would certainly bring down in the area approaching the roundabout also speed is reduced. So there is potential that will assist.

Mr. Snyder asked how far back are changes incorporated from the roundabout. Mr. Mastaglio indicated that those are all taken into consideration in the design process.

Peter Dubro owns a business on Easton Road. He indicated that he recently obtained a driveway permit and was surprised at the 45 mph speed limit and was hoping for PennDOT to slow traffic down and possibly change the speed to around 25 mph and feels the roundabout has merit to do that.

Mark Shagenea, owner of the Heritage Building, referenced that the report provided he indicates that while under construction either a full detour of both north and southbound would be incorporated or there by shutting the roadways or daytime closures would be used while construction is going on. He suggested that shutting down the roadways completely while constructing will negatively impact the businesses in the office buildings surrounding the intersections and indicated that construction will need to go on and access to the various properties will need to be maintained.

Suggestion a followup with PennDOT on endorsements or condoning moving forward and contact PennDOT.

Paul Saluski, a resident and former business owner in Feasterville, indicated that he saw a roundabout go in an area and hurt businesses.

3. Stormwater – Richard Burns and Russell Mehalick from GHD

Mr. Burn and Mr. Mehalick provided the Board an update on our public information meeting on our compliance with MS4 Stormwater Sampling.

Mr. Mehalick indicated that hot spots are identified 72 hours after a storm to see if the flow is still taking place. He indicated that the Township's notice of intent and permit positive hits go back a number of years for fecal coliform affecting high quality streams. The last few years we have been able to do DNA samples and continue to find areas with fecal coliform and detergent. Because the streams are impaired the Township is responsible to assist with water quality improvement.

At the conclusion of the presentation Mr. Snyder indicated that there is a decrease of 200 colonies and higher, how is the Township in compliance.

Mr. Mehalick indicated that the compliance is the fact that the Township is testing for these occurrence's and looking at the outfalls and collecting data and doing things such as the Septage Management Program and the installation of public sewers in area where high levels of high levels of fecal coliform have been detected. So, you are in compliance with program because of the work you are doing elsewhere. It doesn't reflect on the data collected.

Mr. Snyder also asked Mr. Colello how does the Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board (PWSAB) deal with this information. Mr. Colello indicated that the information collected by GHD is shared with the PWSAB and they put it into the data that they are collecting and assist them in going forward and recommendations regarding needs for sewers in various areas.

Mr. Snyder asked what happens when you have a suspected area. Mr. Mehalick indicated that Bucks County Health Department is notified and dye testing is done. Although residents we ask for compliance they are not required to participate in allowing access to their properties.

C. Visitors/Public Comment - None

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 5:00 PM.
- B. The Doylestown Township Administration offices will be closed on Friday, March 30, 2018 in observance of Good Friday.
- C. The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors and the Ways and Means Committee will have a Budget Work Session on Tuesday April 17, 2018 at 3:00 PM. The Public is welcome to attend.
- D. Washington DC Cherry Blossom Trip – 4/7/18- \$55 per person. To sign up for this trip go to our website – www.doylestownrec.com
- E. RED CROSS SPRING BLOOD DRIVE! – Monday, April 16, 2018 – 10:00AM – 3:00PM at the Red Cross Bloodmobile located by tennis courts in Central Park. To sign up please go to www.redcrossblood.org.
- F. The Annual Doylestown Township Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 4th, 2018 at Doylestown Country Club. Please contact the Administration offices or www.doylestownrec.com to register.
- G. Upcoming Bicentennial Celebrations:
5/6/18 – Dedication of Native Plant Demo Garden Party – 3pm – 5pm.
5/28/18 – Bicentennial Float in Doylestown Memorial Day Parade
- H. Bicentennial Memorabilia for sale: Mercer Tiles, T-Shirts, Bricks, Oak Trees
- I. Create a New Flag for Doylestown Township Contest win a \$1,000 prize – Design submissions are due by May 15th, 2018. Guidelines can be found on the Township's website.
- J. Movie and Ski Tickets are available. Please contact the Administration Offices for prices and availability.
- K. Got Pot Holes??? For State Roads call 1-800-FIXROAD - For Township Roads, call 215-348-9915
- L. Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling – the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9AM – 11AM – Drop off site is located at the New Britain Rd. entrance of Central Park. Please visit our website for more information.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL: March 6, 2018

On MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Herring with a correction on page 5, paragraph 2, "emergency response team" should be changed to "emergency operations center" was suggested by Chief Logan.

The MOTION passed 5-0.

IV. CORRESPONDENCES

None

V. REPORTS**A. Solicitor**

Mr. Garton indicated that at the last meeting the Board recommended expanding the Ways and Means by two more people. After looking at the resolution, although it indicated that two members could be from the Board of Supervisors, to clarify the resolution does not need to be reviewed. Therefore, you could just go ahead and advertise and appoint two residents.

The consensus of the Board was to authorize advertisement for 2 additional member of the Ways and Means.

B. Police Chief –

None

C. Township Engineer –

None

D. Dir. of Operations –

None

E. Manager

Training Requests - Manager and Director of Operations to attend the PSATS Conference and that the Manager attend the APMM Conference and that Mr. Schea be able to go to Fire Investigation Training.

On MOTION of Ms. Manion, seconded by Mr. Snyder the training requests were unanimously approved.

Ms. Mason also indicated that the Gilmore and Associates on behalf of Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority opened the Clearing and Grubbing and Pump Station bids

on March 15, 2018. Anticipation of recommendations will be available for the Board's April 17th meeting.

Ms. Mason reviewed the Bristol/Upper State Road trail project indicating that New Britain Township had received a \$1.6 M TAP grant and that while construction occurs there will be some either detours or possibly signal allowing traffic one way during construction on Upper State Road.

New Britain Township will host a meeting on April 16, 2018 at their building in the evening and residents from the Cedarcrest Farms development will be invited to attend.

The Board also reviewed a memo from Director of Parks and Recreation Director Karen Sweeney with the 2018 Thompson Performing Arts Series. The various list of performances between May 18th - Oct. 19th. Indicating that over \$27,000 has been raised for these performances.

Ms. Lyons indicated that the Bicentennial is contributing significantly to the July 15th performance and fireworks.

On MOTION of Ms. Manion, seconded Ms. Herring the Board approved the performance scheduled as outlined in Ms. Sweeney's memo dated March 16, 2018.

Before the vote Mr. Snyder indicated that as always he would appreciate receiving all of the expenses associated with the Performing Arts Program. He believes knowing this information is important for the Board, not just what is fund raised and used for the performances, but also what other expenses are incurred. In addition, he questioned how the Township planned on getting more people to come to the events and performances.

Ms. Mason indicated that the Township will once again utilize the Government Access Channel, the Township's website, the Park and Recreation website, social media outlets available, posters, press releases, the Recreation Program Guide, the Township Newsletter, and of course announcements at Board's meeting. In addition, word of mouth is also a way to remind residents and the public of these performances.

MOTION passed 5-0.

F. Supervisors

Trash Haulers

Ms. Lyons referenced correspondence in the packet regarding trash haulers. She indicated that residents, businesses contract privately with trash haulers that we allow pick up of trash and recyclables in the Township. This is a private exchange between the hauler and the property owner, since we do not contract trash haul in the Township. She suggested that we add that to the website that the exchange is private. And that the haulers have the ability to change rates, times and places and that the residents have the ability to negotiate for a better deal. In addition, the haulers can charge for removing trash bins etc.

Mr. Snyder and Ms. Ryan made comments that this is free enterprise and should continue.

School Safety

Ms. Lyons indicated that the conversation that the Board had previously was a good one and from that the Chiefs of Police, Municipal Managers and chief elected officials will be getting together with school representatives. The School District is taking action to try to do improvements within buildings to make them more secure. In addition, residents have contacted her with an interest to improve school safety.

She asked Ms. Herring to coordinate with the residents that are interested in working to develop school safety concepts.

Ms. Lyons indicated that she wasn't sure what form that would take but that she will work with Ms. Herring and together working with residents they will figure it out.

Ms. Herring indicated that there was joint meeting with the EAC and the Park and Recreation Board. One of the things they discussed was the pond at Sauerman that is currently fenced off due to bacteria/algae that has formed. She indicated that a Growing Greener Grant had been applied for but had not been received and that the EAC and the Park Board were looking into other solutions. They will possibly apply for another grant in the coming year.

Ms. Herring also wanted to thank the teachers and staff regarding the walkout that occurred in support of the school shooting in Parkland Florida. She indicated that so many people think young adults are apathetic and it is nice to see children have passion and concerns and that they should grow up to be wonderful adults.

Mr. Snyder indicated that he attended the Bicentennial event hosted by Doylestown Historical Society on the Dr. Geil presentation last Tuesday at Delaware Valley University. He said the video is on DTV but it was a fascinating meeting and an educational experience and very informative.

Mr. Snyder indicated that Mr. Tomko, Ms. Mason and he met with another vendor regarding the Asset Management Program and wanted the Board of Supervisors to know that that topic is moving along.

Mr. Snyder encourages residents to attend the April 17, 2017 Budget Workshop with the Ways and Means Committee and the Board of Supervisors at 3:00pm. Not many organizations start their budget process so early and it is important to have people involved.

Mr. Colello indicated that the Dr. Geil was not only born and raised here but he was also buried in the Doylestown cemetery. He is certainly a favored son of China for his exploration and documentation of the Great Wall. The video was very worthwhile.

Ms. Manion had no comments.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING**A. Pension Advisory Committee Ordinance**

Mr. Garton indicated that the Board authorized the Pension Advisory Committee Ordinance to be duly advertised. This was done so in the Intelligencer.

Ms. Lyons asked for any public comments regarding the proposed ordinance and any comments from the Board.

Hearing none on MOTION from Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Herring the MOTION carried unanimously.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Hydraulic Drilling (tabled from 3/6/18)**

Ms. Lyons indicated that this proposed resolution that was brought forth by the EAC was re-written by herself, Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Garton. Ms. Mitchell indicated that she appreciates the work of the Board and that the EAC is in support of the resolution as drafted.

Being no further discussion, on MOTION of Ms. Herring, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the resolution regarding Hydraulic Drilling was passed on a vote of 3-0-2, with Mr. Colello and Ms. Manion abstaining. MOTION carried.

B. Request Hook Up to Public Sewers – 1636 Turk Road (tabled from 2/20/18)

Ms. Mason indicated that the Township had received a request from a resident that had moved into a home in the Pebble Ridge /Woodridge area in January of this year. The home has a failing on lot septic system with sewage backing up into the home. At the February 20, 2018 meeting, it was requested having the Bucks County Health Department return to the home as well as our Director of Code Enforcement. Both incidences took place in late February and early March. Both indicate that there is raw sewage coming into the home making it an unsafe condition for the residents of the property. There was also indication from the Bucks County Health Department that they would not allow any repairs or additional sewage disposal to take place onsite and recommended the public sewer system that is accessible to the home be utilized.

In addition, Ms. Mason checked with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority, who indicated that no other property has access to what is referred to the Warrington Line that was built over 10 years ago except for those along the Castle Valley Line on Almshouse.

Ms. Manion raised concerns regarding the ability for this property owner to connect. She indicated that this would cause a hardship to the other property owners in the Pebble Ridge area that they would have to pay additional costs for the line in the street. She wondered if he could participate in the line in the street cost but still be able to hook up to the Warrington Line and pay his private costs now.

Mr. Garton indicated as did Ms. Lyons that legally that was not appropriate.

Being no further discussion on MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Herring the Board agreed to allow the property owner at 1636 Turk Road to connect to the existing public sewer line known as the Warrington Line. MOTION carried 4-1, with Ms. Manion voting nay.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Road Materials Bid 2018

Mr. Tomko presented the results of the Road Materials Bids participating with the Bucks County Consortium. On MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Herring the Board of Supervisors authorized the purchase of roadway materials from Eureka Stone Quarry, Hansen Aggregates, HEI-WAY LLC and Plumstead Materials in accordance with the Bucks County Consortium bids for 2018-19.

Mr. Snyder questioned the price amount and whether the bid was to hold the pricing or quantity. Mr. Tomko indicated that it was for the pricing, quantity is flexible.

MOTION carried unanimously.

B. Sign Materials and Post Bid 2018

Mr. Tomko shared the results of the Sign and Post bids and on MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded Ms. Herring the Board of Supervisors authorized the purchase of sign materials and posts for Chemung Supply Corp. and Garden State Highway Products, in accordance with the Bucks County Consortium 2018- 19 Sign Materials and Post Bid.

MOTION carried unanimously.

C. Zoning Hearing Board Applications

1. 149 New Rd – Matthew and Marie Nicastro – Requests a special exception
The consensus of the Board was to leave this matter to the Zoning Hearing Board.
2. 350 W. Sandy Ridge Rd. – John and Heidi Shiver – Requests a variance
The consensus of the Board was to leave this matter to the Zoning Hearing Board.
3. 233 Edison Furlong Rd. – Thomas Clayton – Requests a variance
Ms. Mason, as Manager and Zoning Officer, recommended to the Board that the Solicitor should be sent in opposition. The reasoning is that the variance request would permit the subdivision of a conforming lot into two non-conforming residential properties.

On MOTION of Ms. Manion, seconded by Ms. Herring the Board authorized sending the Solicitor in opposition to the Zoning Hearing Board for 233 Edison Furlong Road. The MOTION carried unanimously.

D. Treasurer's Report –March 20, 2018

On MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Colello the Treasurers Report for March 20, 2018 was approved unanimously.

E. Bills List –March 20, 2018

On MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Herring the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the March 20, 2018 Bills List in the amount of \$466,651.13.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the inclement weather occurring Ms. Lyons dispensed with the announcements.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason
Secretary