

# DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## REGULAR MEETING

*April 1, 2008*

The Regular Meeting of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road, Doylestown, PA. Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Barbara Lyons, Chairman, E. Thomas Scarborough, Jr., Vice Chairman, Barbara Eisenhardt, Cynthia Philo and Jeffrey Bennett. Others in attendance included Jeffrey Garton, Township Solicitor, Lt. Dean Logan, Police Department, Mario Canales, Township Engineer and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Ms. Lyons announced that Ms. Eisenhardt and Liz Vile, Recording Secretary are taping tonight's meeting.

### Doylestown Hospital – Requesting waiver of building permit fees:

Jim Brownlow, Chief Operating Officer of Doylestown Hospital introduced Rich Reif, Chief Executive Officer, Pat Berry, Chairperson of the Board and Ernest Werner, Plant Operations Director and gave a brief overview of the national and local statistics for emergency departments and explained the expansion project for the hospital in detail to the Board.

He asked the Board for consideration of waiving part of the building permit fee. The estimated cost for the building permit fee for the ED addition and parking garage is \$730,000 and, if the second floor is bid out, there will be an additional fee of \$90,000 so the total cost for the building permit fee will be \$820,000. He asked the Board for a waiver of half of that in the amount of \$410,000.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Eisenhardt to grant the waiver request of a 50% reduction which amounts to \$410,000 +/- in building permit fees for the emergency department expansion, parking garage and the second floor of the emergency department expansion for an estimated gross cost of \$820,000.

Ms. Eisenhardt mentioned that the local ambulances that bring a lot of patients to the hospital have financial needs as well and she asked members of the hospital to take that into consideration.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Mr. Brownlow commented that in recognition of the Township's support, they will designate the area in front of the emergency department to the Township with a plaque.

**VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Ms. Lyons announced that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION, seconded by Ms. Eisenhardt to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Comments were made by the Board about the minutes regarding the title of a person who is also a resident not being noted each time they speak and concerns were raised about whether the minutes should include more or less details of the meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-1. Ms. Philo opposed.

**REPORTS:**

**Solicitor -**

Solicitor Garton noted that the Board will hold an Executive Session at the conclusion of tonight's meeting to discuss a matter of litigation regarding the Gross Tract, and he does not anticipate that any public action will take place after that discussion.

**Township Engineer** – There was no report.

**Police Chief –**

Lt. Dean Logan announced that Detective Matthew O'Connor has been recognized by the BARC organization for his efforts relating to an investigation in November, 2005. He will receive a community award and be recognized at a reception on May 1, 2008 at BARC's Annual Meeting.

**Township Manager** – There was no report.

**Supervisors –**

Ms. Eisenhardt asked if the Township is aware that there is a possible voting district issue at Doylestown 5 for the upcoming election. What is the protocol?

Solicitor Garton replied the Board of Elections should be contacted as the Township does not have any control over elections other than providing facilities.

Ms. Eisenhardt asked that a letter be sent to the Intermediate Unit that there is no parking on Election Day. She clarified that the \$6,000-\$8,000 that was allocated for the sewer on-lot inspection was not a budgeted item.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Proposed Renaming of E. Butler Road:

Ms. Mason noted that we received a letter from Robin Trymbiski, Manager of New Britain Borough regarding a request made by Barbara Jo Childs to rename East Butler Avenue between Burpee Road and Route 202 in memory of her late husband, Robert F. Childs. The Borough objected after being informed that the Foundations Behavioral Health does not support the renaming of East Butler Avenue due to the financial impact of changing all of their documents.

Mr. Scarborough suggested writing a letter to Barbara Childs informing her that New Britain Borough does not support the renaming of East Butler Avenue at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none at this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Mason. Township Manager

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