

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

February 2, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 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 Philo and Jeffrey A. Bennett. Others in attendance included Chief of Police; Stephen J. White, Township Solicitor; Jeffery P. Garton, Director of Operations; Richard E. John and Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason

Absent: Township Engineer; Mario Canales

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROMOTIONS:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept Police Chief White's recommendation for Corporals Donald R. Lawson, Jr. and Charles H. Zeigler promotions to Sergeant and Police Officer James C. Boettger promotion to Corporal, seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

District Judge Mark Doupel swore in Donald R. Lawson, Jr., Charles H. Zeigler as Sergeants and James C. Boettger as Corporal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident; James Bingler of Turkey Lane requested an update regarding the negotiations with Grasso Property land development along Furlong Road. Mrs. Lyons stated only the tree cutting issue will be addressed at tonight's meeting. Mr. Garton added that Grasso has been redesigning a plan in which the Board has not seen.

Resident; Joe O'Malley of Rogers Road requested the status of the Comprehensive Traffic Plan and when residents will be advised. Mr. O'Malley stated the Board discussed at the September 30, 2009 Special Meeting to pay for the comprehensive plan and be reimbursed by developers at a later time. He also indicated that recently Grasso Properties has been in discussions with Township staff and would like the Board to move forward on their decision. Ms. Mason will contact the Township Traffic Engineer regarding their draft comprehensive plan for presentation at the Board of Supervisor's meeting of February 16, 2010.

Resident; John Everett of Turk Road asked when will the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee present their plans. Mr. Scarborough stated the plan will be presented at the February 16, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

Performing Arts Council

Chairman of the Performing Arts Council; Mardi Harrison informed the Board of their successful 2009

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season with well attended, eight shows and currently six shows are scheduled for 2010 pending state grants to assist in funding. Ms. Harrison also informed the public the council is currently accepting sponsorships from \$100.00 to \$5,000.00. Finally Ms. Harrison wanted to thank Parks and Recreation Director; Karen Sweeney and Township Manager; Stephanie Mason for their hard work and support.

Parks and Recreation Board

Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board; John Bray stated in 2009 a Master Plan was created for the expansion of Central Park. In 2010 the Board will expand that plan to include an in-house expansion along the retention basin near the putting green that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors later this year. In 2010, the Board will also focus on maintenance aspects of the parks. A list of parks will be presented at a later time. Mr. Bray concluded by also thanking Karen Sweeney for her hard work and assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Doylestown Township Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010 beginning at 8:00 a.m., located at the Doylestown Country Club.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to approve the January 4, 2010 Board of Supervisors Reorganizational Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Bennett.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to approve the January 19, 2010 Board of Supervisors minutes with corrections, seconded by Mr. Bennett

- 1) Page 1; Paragraph 3 – Change Ken Schneider to Ken Snyder
- 2) Page 2; Paragraph 4 – Delete “Mrs. Lyons suggested she and Ms. Philo sit down and review December 15, 2009 minutes. Paragraph 7 – Change Mary Bigler to Sue Bingler of Turkey Lane.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

SOLICITOR: York & Swamp Associates – Tree Removal Agreement

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept the Tree Removal Agreement between Doylestown

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Township and York & Swamp Associates in regards to removal of trees along Route 263 and Swamp Road and Rogers Road as drafted by Mr. Jeffrey P. Garton, seconded by Mr. Bennett.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

POLICE CHIEF: No Report

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER: No Report

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: Route 202 Parkway Construction

Ms. Mason informed the public that more information regarding the Route 202 Parkway construction is available at www.US202-700.com and refer to the Doylestown Section 721 or call the township building.

Future road closures are scheduled along Bristol, Almshouse and Wells Road and will be posted on the Township's and www.US202-700.com websites.

Ms. Philo, as the Roads and Bridges liaison, will schedule a public meeting to discuss the progress of the Route 202 Parkway construction.

SUPERVISORS:

MRS. LYONS

Mrs. Lyons announced the Board of Supervisors met earlier at 4:00 p.m. for the Pension Meeting and then at 5:00 p.m. for interviews for Board & Commissions openings.

MRS. EISENHARDT

Mrs. Eisenhardt suggested a sign-in sheet be provided to visitors of the Board of Supervisors meeting in order to avoid confusion of resident's names when creating minutes.

The Board by consensus agreed to provide a sign-in sheet for residents who attend the Board of Supervisors meeting.

MR. SCARBOROUGH

With sadness, Mr. Scarborough informed the public that Ag. Council Board member, Joe "Tex" Peters recently passed away and his wife Ruth would like to thank the Board for the flower arrangement.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to nominate Joe Salvati to the TAB Board, seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mrs. Eisenhardt suggested all candidates for the Boards and Commission be interviewed prior to making nominations.

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

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Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to nominate Nina Paratore to the Performing Arts Council, seconded by Mr. Bennett.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3 to 2, with Ms. Philo and Mrs. Eisenhardt voting nay.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to nominate Martha Gasparian to the Performing Arts Council.

MOTION WITHDRAWN due to considerations other candidates

Ms. Scarborough made MOTION to nominate Joe Paternostro to the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee, seconded by Mr. Bennett.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 1, with Mrs. Eisenhardt voting nay. Mrs. Eisenhardt informed the public that her nay votes has nothing to do with the capabilities of the candidates. She feels it's only fair to consider all candidates prior to nominations.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to nominate Daniel Ring to the Parks and Recreation Board, seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Household Hazardous Water Commitment Letter

Ms. Philo made a MOTION to approve the Household Hazardous Waste Commitment letter and participate in a three-year collection program in the amount of \$2,801.25 per year, seconded by Mr. Bennett.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Sweeping Bid Extension – Year 3

Mrs. Eisenhardt made a MOTION to accept RMC Clean Sweep, Inc's street cleaning bid for the spring and fall seasons, in the amount of \$11,600.00 as per the recommendation of Mr. Richard John, seconded by Mr. Bennett

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Declaration of Obsolescence and Request to Send to Auction

Mrs. Eisenhardt made a MOTION to approve that the following items be considered obsolete and sent to auction for disposal, seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

**One Flink UCT salt spreader
Eight Police vehicles roof light bars**

PRESENTATIONS:Bike and Hike Committee – Andy Hamilton

Mr. Hamilton began his presentation by thanking Mr. John and the Township for all of their assistance in the installations of trails along Iron Hill Road. In 2010 the committee will be planning a path along Peace Valley Park and Bucks County will be initializing a bicycle plan as well.

Environmental Advisory Council – Chairman; Keith Peters

In 2009 the EAC reviewed six plans; completed a path along the Environmental Education Grove. The Pennsylvania Conservation Grant was applied but was not received. However, the committee will continue to search for other grants. In 2010 the Committee will conduct many seminars for residents, and continue with Storm Drain programs, Battery, Ink and Toner recycling, child left behind event, Green building, Energy Meter programs and Historic Tree registry.

Municipal Authority – Chairman; Ed Harvey

In 2009 the Authority had a grand total of 4,065 customers include Cross Keys and in Plumstead Township. Although a grant for source of water along the Furlong section was not accepted, the Authority will resubmit their application to DEP in 2010. Doylestown is considered lead agency for a grant of 2.8 million dollars to be used towards Cross Keys water system. In 2010 the Authority is financially sound and projects scheduled are PennDot Parkway agreement to relocate water mains along Wells and Lower State Road by 2011, Sandy Ridge Road water main, DTMA received a H2O Utility Grant in the amount of \$649,776.00 to install water main along Sauerman, Turk to East Roads, Rapid response system installation, and the rebuilding of North West well.

Open Space Committee – Chairman; Dr. Josh Feldstein

Dr. Feldstein informed the Board that the Township consists of 15.54 square miles, which equals to 9,945 acres. The committee has preserved 12.8% of the township area to include 740 +/- acres in the Township. In 2010 the committee has been allocated \$620,408.00 and will make every effort to use toward open space.

Planning Commission – Chairman; Rick Colello

Mr. Colello informed the Board that in 2009 three plans were reviewed to include Temple Judea, Thompson Organization and Doylestown Hospital improvements in regards to the pavilion and signage. One of the main goals of the commission is to review the Township's ordinances and in 2009 several ordinances were passed to include Wind Energy, Adult Entertainment, Home Based businesses, the Dewatering of New Home Foundations and Catch All. In 2010 the commission reviews of ordinance will be minimal, but will be constantly reviewing.

Water and Sewer Committee – Chairman; Ed Harvey

Currently the Water and Sewer Committee has ten board members and with the help of Mr. John, Stephanie Mason and Sandra Zadell, 2009 was a great year. In 2010 the committee will continue its Septic Management program and currently at 98% compliance for the township and will update the 537 Plan by keeping cost down. In July of 2009 the committee voted to pursue a sewer system in the Pebble Ridge area. A presentation will be provided to the Board of Supervisors on February 16, 2010.

Summit on Aging – Chairman; William Lloyd

Mr. Lloyd provided the Board with a summary of programs to include nine communities brought together to provide accurate information and open communication within the senior population and create an awareness of security, health and wellness to enhance the quality of life. In 2010 the sessions will be taped in order that other municipalities can televise them. In March of 2010 a discussion for Alzheimer's

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is scheduled.

TAB Board – Chairman; Kurt Krause

Mr. Krause informed that Board that in 2009 the board began televising the Board of Supervisors meeting, optimizing audio ceiling microphones, added a wireless capability and DVD copies of the broadcasts are now available. The Comcast Agreement will not be viewed until 2012. In 2010 the board will add a fourth camera, character overlays to videos and monitors. Mr. Krause concluded his presentation by stating the board will evaluate a way to present the meetings over the internet.

Traffic Advisory – Chairman; Mark Shiner

In 2009, the board concentrated on traffic calming measures to include a questionnaire provided to the public for concerned areas such as Sauerman Road. The advisory boards two majors project in 2009 were Sauerman and proposed developments on Rogers Road. In 2010 the Advisory Board will continue to reviews traffic concerns on a monthly basis and listen to residents for recommendations.

Zoning Hearing Board – Chairman; Drew McPherson

In 2009 the Board was presented with eight cases, seven resolved and one pending. In 2010 the Board has three applications; the first is regarding the Home Business ordinance.

Ways and Means Committee – Chairman; Mark Glassman

In 2010, the committee will continue to work with township staff to provide input on the township budget. In 2010 the committee will be working with a new Director of Finance. The one major project scheduled for 2010 is the funding for longer term Pension Plan issues.

Dog Park

Mrs. Lyons advised the public that she and Dog Park Committee member, Kathy Brown will explore a license with Turk Park 3 and the county for a dog park. Currently they are in communication with County Planner; Lynn Bush about the potential of the dog park who is in talks with County Commissioners. Mrs. Lyons hopes to have further information for the public in the future.

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason