

# **DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**October 5, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 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 Richard Colello. Others in attendance included Township Engineer: Mario Canales; Township Solicitor; John Koopman; Director of Operations: Richard E. John; Township Manager: Stephanie J. Mason and Chief of Police: Stephen J. White.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Joe O'Malley, Rogers Road, inquired about the Grasso Tract and wanting to know if meetings had occurred with the Township regarding a proposal from the Grasso Organization. He indicated that the developer recently met with the residents to review a proposed plan. He was also concerned that Mr. Shafkowitz is no longer involved. Mr. Koopman pointed out that he is still council of record.

Ms. Mason indicated that the Staff as part of the litigation had been requested to meet with the applicant to discuss a potential plan and stipulated settlement as they had done with the tree issue previously. Ms. Mason also indicated that the Staff directed the applicant to begin dialog with the residents in the area regarding the proposed Plan.

Mr. O'Malley requested to be included in future meetings the Staff has with the developer. Ms. Mason indicated that would be deferred to the Solicitor.

Mr. Bingler indicated that he attended the meeting but is not in favor of the proposal by the developer. He also questioned the depth of the involvement by Township Planner in designing the plan.

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**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to approve minutes of September 15, 2009 with changes to page 7 regarding the termination of the lease with Del Val College as recommended by Mrs. Lyons for clarification, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Warrington Township Zoning Map and Comprehensive Plan Amendments:

Ms. Mason indicated that the Township had received it, acknowledged receipt and suggested to the Board that this be forwarded to the Planning Commission for comment. The Board directed this correspondence to be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review at a future meeting.

**TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR:** No Report

**POLICE CHIEF:**

Chief White indicated that the "Drug Take Back" initiative was very successful and that 54 pounds of medications were turned in. He also indicated that at a subsequent event on November 13<sup>th</sup> is being planned. As we get more information we will publicize that event as well.

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:** No Report

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER:**

Boards and Committee Vacancies:

Ms. Mason indicated that to date the Township has received five (5) inquiries of interest regarding Boards and Commission vacancies.

Ms. Philo indicated that she would like more people to participate in Boards and Commissions and not allow those currently serving to assume that they will just be reappointed.

Ms. Eisenhardt suggested that the Board consider the people currently serving, but they should not assume that they will be automatically reappointed. She believes that they should apply for the position and that the letter that is always sent should be revised to indicate that the Board will consider their request for reappointment.

Ms. Eisenhardt suggested that we review policy and just not do it across the board appointments and that we open it to the community and that we revise the letter.

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Ms. Lyons raised concerns about the number of positions available vs. the number of people interested and re-interviewing everyone could be cumbersome. We should interview the people that have not been met by the Board previously.

Ms. Eisenhardt made a MOTION to review the policy and revise the letter to existing Board and Commission members indicating whether they would like the Board to "consider" their application for reappointment, seconded by Ms. Philo.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3 to 2, with Ms. Lyons and Mr. Scarborough voting nay.

Mr. Gash indicated that he has served on the Senior Task Force since its inception and would like the Board of Supervisors to consider allowing him to serve on that.

#### **SUPERVISORS:**

##### **Mr. Colello**

He welcomed everyone who was watching the Board meeting after the EAC Hour which has been created on the DTV. He believes better communication is important.

Mr. Colello indicated that Keith Peters, EAC, attended the Planning Commission and it's important to send representatives to different boards and share information.

He also indicated that the Bike/Hike Committee went on a tour of the White Eagle Lab property and that will be helpful when that project moves forward.

##### **Ms. Philo**

Ms. Philo commented that Howl-O-Ween on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 AM – 12 PM, is a wonderful opportunity with a lot of rescue groups participating. A great event to help.

Ms. Philo also suggested that we contact Ed Wallace, SEPTA, about the graffiti under the train track on the R-5 near Lower State Road.

##### **Mr. Scarborough**

Mr. Scarborough indicated that on Saturday, October 2, 2010 the EAC and the members of the CB West Key Club planted over 250 trees in Central Park near the pond. It was a big job and he commended everyone for their participation.

##### **Ms. Eisenhardt**

Ms. Eisenhardt raised questions regarding having to pay the Township Planner when she attends the Board of Supervisors' meeting to present ordinances but then the ordinance is either tabled or the issue is not further

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addressed.

**Ms. Lyons**

Ms. Lyons indicated that on October 2, 2010 the Park and Recreation Department held a Yard Sale. Twenty-two tables were filled and hot dogs and chili were served and hopefully a little money was raised for our Parks and Recreation Department.

She also indicated that the Open Space Board met on Monday night and have made a request that the Board have an appraisal of the Touhill property on Sandy Ridge Road done. Although there was a plan approved, the owner is not moving forward with the plan and has planted 3,000 blueberry bushes and is interested in preserving the property.

Mr. Colello made MOTION, to have an appraisal done on this property, seconded by Scarborough.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Ms. Lyons indicated that the residents of Colonial Heritage met on Saturday, October 2, 2010, with Senator McIlhinney and she attended and Senator McIlhinney's office is going to assist the residents to the best of their ability regarding issues of concern and act as a go between the residents and the property owner.

Ms. Eisenhardt said she too was asked to attend the meeting but arrived late and asked Ms. Lyons if she knows about the meetings ahead of time to alert her.

Ms. Lyons also indicated that there is also a scam on the internet. It comes in the form of an email. Looks like it's from someone you know regarding sending money to help them overseas. She suggested that people not open it.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2010 Loan Ordinance**

Mr. Koopman indicated that the appropriate paperwork associated with the 2010 loan ordinance had been properly advertised.

Mr. Paternostro inquired about the interest rate on the loan.

Ms. Mason reviewed the banks that sought to participate and bank being recommended for the award of the loan is TD Bank at 3.25 with no fees associated. Several of the other banks that submitted RFPs had fees associated with them.

Ms. Eisenhardt indicated that she was not in favor of the Budget and therefore would not approve the loan as well.

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It was indicated that the Debt Service Fund has a reserve built in it and that it can only be used for debt and the Ways and Means Committee recommended the loan as a way to pay for capital projects in 2010 Budget and use the money in the Debt Service Fund that is accumulated to pay the loan payment back.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to approve the ordinance for the 2010 loan, seconded by Mr. Colello.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 -1, with Ms. Eisenhardt voting nay.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### Authorization to Advertise – Proposed Ground Water Ordinance

Ms. Eisenhardt made a MOTION to authorization to advertise the proposed ground water ordinance, seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

##### Training Authorization Request – Tax Collector

The Board reviewed a request from the Township Tax Collector to attend the PSTCA 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, Gettysburg, PA, October 21 – 22, 2010 in an amount of \$658.05. The 2010 Budget had \$1,500 budgeted for the convention. The tax collector provided additional information. This is for tax collector training and certification.

Ms. Eisenhardt indicated that 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Township requires attendance at the county association training, however training such as this is discretionary by the Board as to what expenses would be covered. She is not in favor of authorizing the amount for this training and feels the tax collector is a sub-contractor should pay her own expenses and take the expenses off on her tax returns.

Mr. Colello indicated that there should probably be a policy especially if the item is in the 2010 Budget.

Mr. Colello made a MOTION to approve authorizing the Tax Collector to be paid for attending the PSTCA Convention in the amount of \$658.05, seconded by Ms. Lyons.

MOTION FAILED 2 – 2- 1, with Ms. Eisenhardt and Ms. Philo voting nay. Mr. Scarborough abstained.

##### Resolution – Waiver of Building Permit Fees

Ms. Eisenhardt commented that Mr. Garton did a good job of putting it together and made a MOTION to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Colello.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 1 with Mr. Scarborough voting nay.

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Development Agreement – Eves Tract

Ms. Eisenhardt made a MOTION to approve the Development Agreement for the Eves Tract, seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason

Secretary