



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

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

Stephanie Mason
215-348-9915

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

7:00 PM

Public Meeting Room

I. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

In attendance: Chairman Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman E. Thomas Scarborough, Member Richard F. Colello, Member Shawn Touhill, Member Ryan Manion, Solicitor Jeffrey Garton, Engineer Mario Canales, Police Chief Stephen White, and Dir. of Facilities Richard John.

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Visitors/Public Comment

Resident; Madeline Rawley of 361 Birdsong Way requested a response to her recent letter regarding the Marcelious Shale Law (House Bill 1950), where the state may gain control over municipalities' gas and oil operations and impose an impact fee.

Mrs. Lyons reviewed all materials and informed Ms. Rawley most of the provisions does not affect Bucks County. Although she understands the issue of local control in zoning, whether it will effect Bucks County is questionable. Mrs. Lyons continued, the bill was signed into law on February 14, 2012 and believes the legislation will see how the law operates first in various parts of the states. Modifications to the law will likely happen within 12 to 18 months thereafter. Ms. Rawley added she believes Bucks County will not be affected, because the Delaware River Basin Commission prohibits drilling along the area. Mrs. Lyons agreed.

Ms. Rawley then requested the Board consider having the Township Solicitor challenge the law and join 40 municipalities who have begun the process. Mrs. Lyons suggested it would be best to wait and see how the law operates and impacts local municipalities first.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2012

B. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11th. Remember to set clocks AHEAD 1 hour. It's a good time to replace batteries on your Smoke Detectors.

C. Annual Mother/Daughter Tea & Craft, Sunday, March 25, 2012 at The Market at Del Val

D. Doylestown Township will host a Bird Town Training Session on March 17th – 9:30AM- 2:30PM, Activity Center. Check out our website www.doylestownpa.org for more details.

E. At the conclusion of the meeting we will be recognizing Chief White on his upcoming retirement. Please stay and join us for refreshments.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL: February 21, 2012

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello minutes of the February 21, 2012 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting be approved with the following

corrections...

Correct spelling of Township Engineer's name to Mario Canales.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

IV. CORRESPONDENCES

A. Colonial Heritage

Mrs. Lyons confirmed the township is in receipt of the February 14, 2012 letter from Colonial Village, LLC's attorney; Peter Nelson Harrison and reported Ms. Mason has responded by outlining the township's participation with regards to the website. Mrs. Lyons believes everyone is satisfied with the results and will provide her response to Mr. Harrison directly.

V. REPORTS

A. *Solicitor*

1. Amendment to Article III, Municipal Solid Waste Management Ordinance

Mr. Garton reported the township regulates with some respect the trash collection in the township. There have been some issues with trash collections beginning at 5:00am instead of 6:00am. Current violations under the ordinance section 100-35 only issue a misdemeanor punishment of \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed 30 days, or both.

In order to better serve the residents and enforce the ordinance, Mr. Garton recommends the violation be a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each and every offense. If there is a failure to pay not caused by indigence or lack of sufficient assets, a subject to imprisonment in the Bucks County Prison for a period not to exceed 30 days is imposed.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the Solicitor prepare the Doylestown Township Amendment to Article III, Municipal Solid Waste Ordinance (Section 100-35) to modify the penalty provisions in order to meet current requirements.

Mrs. Lyons questioned why not revoke the trash hauler's license. Chief White confirmed the first step would be a fine and recommends following with a revocation if the problem persists. Mrs. Lyons asked if three chances can be given within a year. Chief White responded; it's up to the governing body and requested it be considered a summary offense instead of a misdemeanor to provide warnings.

Mr. Garton added the township has been preempted in most of the elements of trash collections by the state. All municipalities can do is regulate certain items and the license is only to recognize the collecting trash haulers instead of enforcement.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

B. *Township Engineer*

1. Temple Judea – Parking Lot Field Adjustment

Mr. Canales reported Temple Judea is proposing certain modifications for the site's parking lot in order to address the tree disturbance issue. Temple Judea's surveyors located all the trees along the woodlands, where engineers established a tree protection area as per the township's ordinance. These modifications includes a section of the parking lot edge has been modified by moving it eight feet away from the

woodlands. The parking count remains the same, however it's now at an angle and the Subdivision Land Development ordinance (SALDO) requirements were met. As a result, the imperious surface has been decreased.

Mr. Canales considers the modifications as a field adjustments, which are typical. But due to the level of interest of the project, he wanted to bring to the Board's attention.

C. Police Chief
No Report

D. Township Manager
No Report

E. Supervisors

Mr. Touhill reminded the public of the March 12, 2011 Alternative Revenue Committee meeting that will be held at 6:00pm in the Municipal Building. He also reported the Bucks County Hero Scholarship Fund will be holding a 5k Race on March 17, 2012. Online registration can be found at www.compucore.com

Mr. Scarborough will miss Chief White upon his retirement and commended him on a great job as Chief of Police.

Ms. Manion thanked Chief White for his work, dedication and long standing commitment as Police Chief of Doylestown Township.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Eagle Scout Proclamation – Pdraig Alexander Kiley – Troop 6

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors award Boy Scout Troop 6 member; Pdraig Alexander Kiley rank of Eagle Scout at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor of March 17, 2012 beginning at 2:00pm at Doylestown United Methodist Church.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

B. Bids

1. 2012 Equipment w/ Operators Rental

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve a one year extension of the Equipment Rental with Operators and Labor Bid Extension for 2012 to P.K. Moyer & Sons, Inc. of 832 Allentown Road, Earlington PA 18918 from March 15, 2012 through March 14, 2013.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

2. 2012 Sign Material and Post

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors award and approve purchases for the Sign Materials and Post Bid beginning April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 from the following ...

Custom Products Corporation

\$1,368.40

*P.O. Box 54091
Jackson, MS 39288*

*Garden State Highway Products \$8,061.44
1740 E. Oak Road
Vineland, NJ 08361*

*Chemung Supply Corporation \$1650.00
P.O. Box 527
Elmira, New York 14902*

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

C. Declaration of Obsolescence – Vehicles

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors declare the following vehicles obsolete and sent to the April, 2012 Equipment Auction for disposal ...

1994 Chevrolet Pick up Truck / Vin #1GCGK24K6RE238791

1999 Ford Sedan / Vin #2FAFP71W9XX179593

2005 Chevrolet Tahoe / Vin # 1GNEK13Z15R227269

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

D. Public Sewer Connection Request – 925 Sandy Ridge Road

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors authorize a public sewer connection at 925 Sandy Ridge Road, Doylestown due to a sewage malfunction of the on-site septic system as recommended by the Bucks County Water and Sewer and Bucks County Health Department.

Mr. Colello commented on the on-going problems with failing septic systems in the township and noted the cost is covered by the property owner.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 1, with Mr. Touhill due to his connection with the property.

E. Neshaminy Greenway – Trail Design Assistance Proposals – Phase I & II

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve Michael Baker, Jr. Inc Trail Design Assistance Proposal for Phase I and II with regards to the Neshaminy Greenway Trail Project.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

F. Health Reimbursement Arrangement – Uniformed Employees

Ms. Mason reported as part of the Police arbitration, each officer was awarded an annual Health Reimbursement Arrangement of \$300.00. It will need to be administered in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code Section 213.

As per Ms. Mason and the Finance Department recommendation, the township will utilize the benefits by setting up the Health Reimbursement with the Doylestown Police Department. The first year will be at a cost of \$1,811.00 and future years will be at a cost of \$1,511.00.

Mr. Colello made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the Health Reimbursement Arrangement between the Township and the Doylestown Police Department with HFS.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

G. Bills List – March 6, 2012

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the March 6, 2012, Bill's List in the amount of \$45,319.84.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE – Dean Logan

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors appoint Lieutenant Arthur Dean Logan as Acting Police Chief of Doylestown Township upon the retirement of current Police Chief Stephen J. White.

Chief White recommends Lt. Logan serve as Acting Police Chief and recognized his achievements since his employment with the Police Department in 1987. He also noted his attendance in the FBI Academy and believes with his training, dedication and leadership he will do well.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors authorize an employment agreement between the Township and Acting Police Chief Arthur Dean Logan with review by Township Solicitor; Jeffrey P Garton.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

IX. RECOGNITION OF CHIEF STEPHEN J. WHITE RETIREMENT – 38 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE

Mrs. Lyons read Resolution #1616 recognizing Stephen J. White 38 years of service to Doylestown Township by noting his achievements to include honors in 1997 Bucks County Bar Association's William Penn 1965 award, 1999 induction into the International Police Association's Police Hall of Fame and 2009 Central Bucks Sertoma Man of the Year award. She also noted Chief White's memberships with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association since 1998, Pennsylvania Chapter of the FBI National Academy since 1998 and President of the Executive Committee on both the Southeast Pennsylvania and Bucks County Chiefs of Police Association.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Scarborough congratulated Chief White and presented him with a plaque. He commented what a great person and well respected Chief White is.

On behalf of Doylestown Township, Ms. Mason presented Chief White with a gift. She commented on what a great pleasure it was working with Chief White for 25 years and how much she has learned from him. She wished him and his family all the best.

Pennsylvania State Representative; Marguerite Quinn presented Chief White with a citation, an American and State Flag. She commented what a role model and mentor he played, especially for senior citizens. She concluded by thanking Chief White on behalf of the 143rd District for his years of work and contribution towards a safe community.

Former Board of Supervisor member; Frank La Rosa told a story of his first meeting with Chief White in the 1970s and commented how impressed he was with his work ethic and background. Mr. La Rosa took pride with his contribution in hiring Chief White as Police Chief and thanked him for their friendship.

Mrs. Lyons introduced Chief White's wife Jeanne, daughter, Michelle and son in law, Kevin. She then informed the public, Chief White will continue as a member of the community by assisting while its committee explores Regional Police Department. She concluded by wishing him all the best.

Chief White began by thanking his wife, Jeanne of 39 years for her support. He then thanked the Board of Supervisors and Doylestown Police Department. He is very grateful for witnessing the leadership of the great men and women who served the public throughout the years. He concluded by stating he will be internally grateful to the township staff, Board of Supervisors and public and thanked everyone for letting him serve as Chief of Police.

Acting Police Chief Logan thanked Chief White for his inspiration, leadership and training. He then thanked the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity and indicated that the Police Regionalization is a good idea. However, if the merger does not go through, he would be honored to continue to serve in the capacity for as long as they will have him.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello to adjourn the March 6, 2012 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.