



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, December 3, 2013

7:00 PM

Public Meeting Room

I. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman; E. Thomas Scarborough, Supervisors; Richard F. Colello, Shawn Touhill and Ryan Manion.

Township Staff in attendance included Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations; Richard E. John, Township Solicitor; Jeffrey P. Garton and Sgt. Don Lawson

Absent: Township Engineer; Mario Canales

A. Pledge to the flag

The Board met prior to the meeting to interview candidates for Boards and Commissions vacancies

The Board met in Executive Session, prior to the meeting to discuss matters of Personnel and Real Estate matters.

B. Visitors/Public Comments

None

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2013

B. Don't forget - Doylestown Township is on Facebook and Twitter. Just visit our website at and click on the Facebook or Twitter icon.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL – Regular Meeting – November 19, 2013

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill to approve the November 19, 2013 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0

IV. REPORTS

A. Solicitor

No Report

B. Police Chief

No Report

- C. Township Engineer
No Report

D. Manager –

1. Commonwealth Financing Authority Act 13 – Project Awards

Ms. Mason reported Doylestown Township is the recipient of the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Grant from the Commonwealth of Financing Authority. The award is a matching grant of \$221,190.00 towards the Sensory Trail.

2. 2014 Reorganization Meeting – Set Times for Board and Auditors meetings

The Board agreed by consensus to schedule the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting at 4:00pm on Monday, January 6, 2014. The Board also agreed to schedule the Doylestown Township Auditors Reorganization Meeting at 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2014.

3. Dart Update

Ms. Mason reported on her attendance at last week's the Doylestown Dart Committee meeting, where it was recorded passengers utilizing the Dart rose to 1,200 up to 1,300 per month. This will enable the program to benefit from the State Transportation funding, where they will be receiving \$250,000.00 with the assistance from state legislators.

Special bus services were held last Friday, November 29th and Events for the Borough transportation service is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th and Friday, December 13th. Some of the ridership for special events have not been successful, but the committee will continue to review options to improve by seeking additional advertising and marketing ideas.

Mrs. Lyons recognized State Representative; Marguerite Quinn and State Senator; Charles T. McIlhinney on their hard work to add funds towards the Doylestown Dart program and Sensory Trail.

E. Supervisors

Ms. Mason reported in response to Clyde and Betsy Payn's December 2, 2013 letter regarding traffic noise and lights from the Route 202 Parkway becoming an increasing nuisance, she will share the information with Penn Dot so they may consider adding a sound barrier to the realignment along the section of Poole's Corner.

Boards and Commission Appointments:

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor appoint **Mr. Kevin Jameson** as a member of the **Central Bucks Regional Aging Force**.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor appoint **Mr. Paul DiNella** as a member of the **Parks and Recreation Board**.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor appoint **Ms. Rachael Ford** as a member of the **Kids Castle Committee**.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor appoint **Mr. Kevin Green** as a member of the **Traffic Advisory Council**.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor appoint **Ms. Emily Rehmet** as a member of the **Performing Arts Liaison to the Park and Recreation Board**.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor appoint **Mr. Ed Harvey** as a member of the **Planning Commission Meeting**.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

1. Notice of PD Retirement- Cpl. Boettger – B. Lyons

Mrs. Lyons reported Corporal James C. Boettger will be retiring from the Doylestown Township Police Department, effective January 7, 2014. As of November 2013, he entered the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). This will create two down positions in the police department. As per Police Chief Logan's request, he'd like to offer a conditional offer of employment to one candidate currently in the pipeline. Upon completing the hiring process and background checks, the candidate will begin service in January, 2014. The officer intended to replace Corporal Boettger will begin his services midyear of 2014.

2. Request for Replacement Officer – B. Lyons

The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor agreed by consensus to acknowledge the retirement of Corporal James C. Boettger, effective January 7, 2014. Further, the Board will authorize Doylestown Township Police Chief A. Dean Logan to fill police officers vacancies in due course.

Supervisors:

Ms. Manion thanked candidates who expressed their interest in joining the township's Boards and Commissions. She then congratulated and welcomed newly appointed members.

Mr. Colello reported the Planning Commission review an application from Hallmark Group for 98 Shady Retreat Road. The application is going smoothly with one issue pending regarding a connection for the bike and hike trail. The applicants will meet with the Bike and Hike Committee to review prior to Board approval. A connection will represent a successful opportunity for a trail connection between the township with Doylestown and New Britain Boroughs.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Traffic Signal Application – State Street & Burpee Road

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors authorize the Application for Traffic Signal approval be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn Dot) to modify the traffic signal along State Street and Burpee Road, in order to activate a pedestrian crossing with regards to the proposed bike and hike trail.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

B. Curbside Waste Management Evaluation – Discussion

Mrs. Lyons reported the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) has been working on the Curbside Waste Management Evaluation for years, where a project report was produced by the Department of

Environmental Protection (DEP) and models of single trash hauling used by While Marsh and Chalfont were submitted. The EAC reviewed all models and Project 504 report. They also surveyed 489 (individuals) residents in the township. The results determined 83% of residents are either satisfied or very satisfied with their particular trash hauler. The EAC began this project for environmental concerns with regards to emissions and wear and tear of the roads from multiple trash haulers vehicles. They also proposed uniformity for pick-ups, drop offs and recycling.

Public \ Board comments:

Upon reviewing all materials, Mrs. Lyons commented although there may be positives in having a single trash hauler, she is unsure of the totality of benefits. Ms. Lyons agreed with a previous comment that any residents who would prefer a single trash hauler should band together and seek out a service without the assistance of the township.

Mr. Scarborough commented on the many occasions the topic of a single trash hauler has been presented to the Board and denied. He then noted on his own experience in researching a trash hauler resulted in a savings of 50%. He believes most residents like to ability to choose a company on their own.

Mr. Touhill commented the EAC intentions for the survey was not just cost driven, but environmental.

Resident; Keith Peters of 116 Steeplechase Drive commented on how he didn't understand how the Board can make a decision without evaluating proposals from single trash haulers to review options. He defends his statement by indicating the 83% residents noted on the survey as being satisfied don't know what options are supplied.

Ms. Manion responded; the survey is not only about costs and the general consensus is most residents don't want their decision dictated. Although she appreciates the EAC's survey regarding the environmental impact, she agreed with Mrs. Lyons comments that neighboring residents should join together and choose one trash hauler as she did with her neighbors.

Mr. Colello commented on the positive result of the survey where it was very informative. With the survey indicating 83% residents are satisfied with their current service and the consultants review, improvements noted can be accomplished without dictating on a single trash hauler. He then encouraged the EAC to begin attacking the deficiencies of the short falls to make improvements.

Mr. Garton noted with a single trash hauler there is no control on who bids on the contract. News reports from other municipalities complain of declining service, because the trash haulers have no reason to be courteous to customers due to a three year contract. Mr. Garton then suggested creating a newsletter alerting residents of their options and possibly limiting traffic, improving service and saving money.

Township Assistant Manager; Sandra Zadell reported of some issues in the township's current ordinance, where changes may be needed with regards to trash removal. She suggested beginning a comprehensive review to address green issues for a possible incentive to utilize a greener hauler, as per the EAC concerns. Mr. Garton stated is difficult to deal with issues regarding bio-fuels and trucks, because the township has no ability to regulate.

Resident; Ken Snyder of 50 Foxcroft Drive encouraged everyone not to be fooled by statistics. As an example; with recycling, a family of two may have more recyclable items than a family of four or six. It's not a matter if a person recycles, but what they are recycling and how much. Also, if the trash haulers recycle. Mr. Snyder then commented the data behind the survey needs to be understood. Mrs. Lyons agreed and stated many of the issues can be addressed with a review of the township's ordinance and the education in a newsletter.

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor agree not consider a single trash hauling service for the township.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

C. ZHB Application – 73 Old Dublin Pike – Request a Variance

Ms. Mason recommends Mr. John Lister of West Chester, PA request for variance regarding 73 Old Dublin Pike be forwarded to the Zoning Hearing Board along with a letter from the Board advising of the color scheme and signage proportion needs within the uniformity of the area.

Mrs. Lyons requested clarification of how many signs are to be installed. Ms. Mason answered; two signs are requested to be installed on the side and front of the building. At the present time, there is no sign located on the side of the building. They are also requesting to increase in sign size, where the color will clash.

The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors agreed by consensus the request for variance regarding signage on 73 Old Dublin Pike be forwarded to the Zoning Hearing Board without a letter from the Board advising of color scheme but on number of signs.

D. DTMA 2014 Budget - Acknowledgement of Receipt

The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors acknowledged receipt of the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) 2014 budget in the amount of \$224,866.

E. DTMA Intermunicipal Agreement – Addendum No. 5

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the Fifth Amendment to the Tri-Party Intermunicipal Agreement between Doylestown Township and Doylestown Borough to operate an independent water system with the ability to supply water to one another.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

F. Bills List – 12/3/13

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the December 13, 2013 Bill's List in the amount of \$118,302.80.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

The December 3, 2013 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by