



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

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~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

7:00 PM

Meeting / Activity Trailer

I. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairperson; Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman; Richard F. Colello with Supervisors; Ken L. Snyder, Jennifer V. Herring and Ryan Manion.

Township Staff in attendance included Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations; Dave Tomko, Township Solicitor; Jeffrey P. Garton, Chief of Police; A. Dean Logan and Township Engineer; Mario Canales.

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Appointment and Swearing in of new Police Officer– Daniel W. Naftulin

Chief Logan requested Board approval to appoint Daniel W. Naftulin as the 21st police officer of the Doylestown Township Police Department and conduct a swearing in ceremony. Officer Naftulin completed all the phases of the testing process. As a background, Chief Logan informed; Daniel is twenty two years old, resides in Philadelphia, PA, graduate of Father Judge High School, and 2015 graduate of the Montgomery Police Academy.

Officer Naftulin began working as a part time police officer and received strong recommendations from Police Chief of New Hope; Michael Cummings.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Snyder the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors appoint Officer Daniel W. Naftulin as an officer of the Doylestown Township Police Department and approve a swearing ceremony.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

Magisterial District Judge; Maggie Snow commented on Officer Naftulin's character as, professional, pleasant, hardworking, good attitude, eager to learn, not arrogant, wise, knows when to push and when to stop, treats the community with respect, humble and never personalizes situations.

Judge Snow officiated the swearing in of Officer Naftulin as his parents; Sam and Michelle looked on.

C. Presentation –Stormwater -Richard Burns and Russell Mehalick from GHD

Removed from the agenda.

D. Visitors/Public Comment

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- H. Create a New Flag for Doylestown Township Contest win a \$1,000 prize – Design submissions are due by May 15th, 2018. Guidelines can be found on the Township's website.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL: February 6, 2018

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the February 6, 2018 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting minutes be approved.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

IV. CORRESPONDENCES – N/A**V. REPORTS**

- A. Solicitor
- B. Police Chief
- C. Township Engineer

Mr. Canales reported; in September, the Board approved the Quinlan property's subdivision land development along New Britain Road. However, approval is needed for a street name. The previous name of Brandan Way was denied by Chief Logan, due to currently being utilized in another area. The applicants submitted a new street name as Oxford Lane for approval.

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Snyder the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the street name for the Quinlan property land development along New Britain Road as Oxford Lane.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

Mr. Canales reported; applicant of the Quinlan property's subdivision land development along New Britain Road offered for dedication, an ultimate right of way along New Britain Road and a new cul-de-sac roadway to the Township. To date, no action has been taken and currently an outstanding issue for Board's consideration.

Ms. Mason reported; the Director of Operations; Dave Tomko recommends the Township accept the ultimate right of way along New Britain Road, but not the new cul-de-sac roadway. The cul-de-sac will remain with the homeowner's association (HOA) for maintenance.

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Snyder the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors accept the ultimate right of way along New Britain Road of the Quinlan property's subdivision land development at New Britain Road. Further, the Board denies dedication of the new cul-de-sac roadway and have it remain the responsibility of the homeowner's association (HOA).

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

D. Director of Operations

2018 Road Program:

Mr. Tomko reported; Pickering, Corts and Summerson prepared a bid package for the 2018 Road Program paving contract. The package includes a base bid and a number of add alternate items. Depending upon the bid pricing as they are submitted, the staff has the ability to add or deduct items at Board's discretion. The bid advertisements are scheduled for February 26th and March 1st with the bid opening scheduled for April 9th. Board's recommendation for bid award is scheduled at the April 19th Regular meeting

Mr. Snyder questioned what is the reason for the change with add alternates. Mr. Tomko answered; in 2016, a number of add alternates items were noted in the bid. It's also an option to maximize the budget and avoid returning to the bid process.

Pothole Reporting:

Mr. Tomko informed; with increasing pot holes due to the fluctuating weather, anyone can contact either the Township Administrative offices or PennDOT at 1(800) Fix Road to inform of any roads which need attention. Listing of state roads are available on the Township's website. As per Mrs. Lyons request, Mr. Tomko will investigate on providing a link for easy access.

E. Manager

Ms. Mason reported; in October the Board received information from the Bucks County Planning Commission regarding Southeastern Road, New Britain Road and the Highway and Safety Improvement Program (HSN), managed by the Pennsylvania Transportation Department (PennDOT). The program noted the recommendation of roundabouts along Easton, Sauerman and New Britain Roads.

Recently, the Township received notice that the project has received approval to move forward. Ms. Mason recommended the Board review all materials for questions to address with PennDOT at a future meeting. The project is scheduled to begin approximately in the year 2020.

Mr. Snyder commented; for the past few years, the Township has made several improvements to decrease the traffic issues. As a result, the Township has shown a significant reduction in accidents. Chief Logan agreed and added a reduction was shown for several consistent years. The study included in the Board's packet notes only one accident recorded in 2017. However, the study only shows angle accidents and not rear end or animal related accidents.

Mr. Snyder suggested asking PennDOT if roundabouts were the only resolution or was there other options evaluated. Additionally, will PennDOT change their plans once informed of the reductions in accidents recorded. Mr. Colello then recommended to contact Doylestown Borough.

Mr. Colello commented on his confusion as to why PennDOT proposes to spend \$2.2 million on the project with one accident recorded in 2017. He then questioned; if PennDOT's evaluation includes the current data.

Mr. Snyder questioned what will be the repercussions if the Township denies PennDOT's proposed improvements. Mr. Garton answered; the project will not be funded. Additionally, PennDOT may decide to move forward without approval, because the project will be completed on a state road. However, if a reasonable basis is submitted, there is no liability to the Township.

Chief Logan commented; the township initiated the project many years ago due to the amount of accidents. When stripping was implemented as a resolution, the Traffic Advisory Committee was not convinced the issue would be fully resolved. Stripping has reduce the traffic issue, but not eliminated it.

Ms. Mason questioned; does the project warrant traffic signals versus the roundabouts. She would also like to question why was the proposed roundabout chosen as an option as opposed to signalization. Mr. Tomko responded; with the Highway Improvement Program, high crash areas have been identified and PennDOT recommends roundabouts to eliminate the basic angle crashes. The project will be funded by PennDOT by 100% and no cost will be expected by the Township. If the Township denies the plan and improvements, the township will have to bear the costs, such as signalization. Signalization has a lifetime maintenance attached.

Chief Logan suggested informing PennDOT of future, potential developments of the northwest corner of the intersection. It may impact the decision.

Ms. Manion commented; the issues has been an ongoing discussion with the Traffic Committee and it's continues to be a confusing area.

Mrs. Lyons commented; if the Township denies the plan, the Township will be sued. Mr. Colello suggested informing the Borough and residents once the meeting with PennDOT is confirmed.

F. Supervisors

Ms. Herring reported; the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) has scheduled a Native Plant Garden work day on March 24th. The meeting time and location of the March 13th meeting has been changed to 5:00pm at Delaware Valley University. Ms. Mason advised; she will advertise the change.

Mr. Colello reported; the Public Water and Sewer Authority Committee continued discussions regarding the upcoming public connection project.

The Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) awarded a bid for the Edison Furlong area, where currently residents and businesses have a partnership with Buckingham Township for water supply. The completion date of the project is expected during the end of June, 2018.

Ms. Manion requested on behalf of the Telecommunications Advisory Board, the Board have any Committees submit ideas to produce content to be broadcast.

The Bike and Hike Committee is discussing the feasibility study for Turk Road, where the meeting was attended by many residents who had mixed feelings regarding the project.

With the recent school shooting in Parkland, Florida, Mrs. Lyons opened the floor for ideas and suggestions on how to make schools safer for students in our community. Mrs. Lyons questioned; should the Board take a stand on background for gun control or have rapid gun attachments under control. When children were affected by opioid use, the Board took a position and should also take a stand for their safety and welfare. She requested the Board to think about it and submit ideas during a future meeting.

Mr. Snyder agreed and commented; is the township doing enough, not just with gun safety. He indicated; the township should view all areas, such as, stormwater, sewers, bike and hike and other departments to ensure they are provided the correct strategic direction.

Ms. Herring indicated; Pennsylvania makes it's difficult to have Township Officials pass ordinances that might provide safety to residents. It's important for the Board to speak with the State's legislator requesting measures be considered to better protect the community.

Ms. Manion indicated; the discussion should not only be a gun debate and other factors should be considered.

Mr. Garton suggested having Chief Logan speak with the School District, as per a current agreement. Chief Logan added; the discussion should not be specifically about guns, but communication regarding troubled children and privacy laws. It's important to have an open discussion with people who can make a difference.

Mrs. Lyons reported; after the Sandy Hook school shooting, a Joint State Commission was appointed. The Commission created recommendations for school programs, safety and studies. To date, Pennsylvania has been doing well following recommendations, except for limiting available guns. She then questioned; what should this government body be doing different for safety. She suggested, as with the opioid epidemic to begin with education, programs and changing the culture. Chief Logan added; from the history of past school shooting, a mental health evaluation should also be considered to change the stigmatism of a family who deals with the issue.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Central Bucks West Athletic Fields Preliminary Land Development – Review Extension

Ms. Manion made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Colello the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors grant applicants; Central Bucks West Athletic Fields an extension to submit a Preliminary / Final Land Development plan until April 15, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

- B. Hydraulic Drilling -Removed from the agenda

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Exonerate Tax Collector

Ms. Herring made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors exonerate the Doylestown Township Tax Collector and have the unpaid tax collection remitted to the Bucks County Tax Claim Bureau with comments.

Mr. Colello questioned what is the cap amount on liens. Mr. Garton answered; there is no limit and the first billing is scheduled in September. Any unpaid amount, the home will be subject to a tax claim sale. The first sale is subject to any liens. The second is a juridical sale with a court order, where a home is sold free and clear of liens.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

- B. Request Hook Up to Public Sewer – 1636 Turk Road

Ms. Mason referenced resident; Pavel Selitskiy of 1636 Turk Road in Warrington letter received on February 14, 2018 indicating he purchased the property in the fall as a bank sale and is requesting a connection to the Turk Road sewer line. In early 2000, approximately thirty (30) homes received approval to connect on to the Warrington sewer connection. Mr. Selitskiy's home will be considered the thirty first property to receive a connection in the Turk Rd sewer project. The home is listed on the Pebble Ridge \ Woodridge public connection project. However, due to septic sewage backing up into the home, Mr. Selitskiy is requesting an emergency connection.

Mr. Garton indicated; if Mr. Selitskiy receives approval for an emergency connection, the home will be excluded from the Pebble Ridge \ Woodbridge project.

Resident; Colleen Mullen questioned; would Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority recognize the current EOC costs for the project be increased. Mr. Garton answered; the cost will increase proportionally. Ms. Mullin questioned; how many properties can potentially hook up into the Warrington line and requested the Board look into the matter. Ms Mullen noted; each time a resident drops from the project, it will potentially cost the participating homes an additional \$150.00. Ms. Mason indicated; there are some homes located along Bristol Road that are eligible to be recaptured into the project, which may provide a wash.

Mr. Colello commented; the Health Department may have not realized the property is currently on the Pebble Ridge \ Woodbridge project. Additionally, the environmental firm indicated further evaluation and testing is needed to determine the overall condition of the septic system. He indicated; more information is needed to determine if Mr. Selitskiy's request is an emergency situation. Mr. Colello suggested the resident pay for additional testing to locate the issue or have the tank pumped.

Ms. Mason indicated Mr. Selitskiy was invited to attend tonight's meeting and was unaware of the upcoming project. He also informed; the home was purchased vacant and has been for several years. Resident; Ms. Mullen suggested the Board work with Bucks County Sewer Authority to place a cap on the project to prevent other residents from leaving the EOC. Mr. Garton responded; the decision to place a cap on the project comes from the Board.

Ms. Mason offered to contact Mr. Selitskiy and have him provide more information on the septic system. Mr. Snyder requested; to verify if other residents are able to hook up to the Warrington interceptor.

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors TABLE Mr. Pavel Selitskiy of 1636 Turk Road in Warrington request for an emergency sewer connection with comments.

Mr. Colello suggested having Director of Code Enforcement Sinclair Salisbury provide an evaluation. Ms. Mullen requested the Board provide an update on a possible discount of tap in fees offered to residents who pay cash for the public connection. Ms. Mason answered; the township is currently waiting for an answer from the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority. Ms. Mason agreed to have Mr. Salisbury evaluate the property.

A resident; suggested Mr. Selitskiy install a holding tank until the project begins in the summer. Ms. Mason answered; a holding tank will be an option, if approved by the Health Department.

Ms. Herring seconded Mr. Snyder's MOTION.

MOTION CARRIED 4 to 1 with Ms. Manion voting nay.

Ms. Manion made a MOTION the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors consider hold Mr. Pavel Selitskiy of 1636 Turk Road in Warrington request for an emergency sewer connection over until the Pebble Ridge \ Wood bridge public sewer connection project, unless the residence is deemed inhabitable.

MOTION DENIED.

C. Treasurer's Report – February 20, 2018

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the February 20, 2018 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

D. Bills List – February 20, 2018

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Herring the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the February 20, 2018 Bill's List in the amount of \$468,957.36.

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Herring the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors adjourn the February 20, 2018 meeting at 8:04pm.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason
Secretary