

**New Garden Township
Board of Supervisors
November 2, 2009
General Meeting**

Supervisors Present

James Neal, Chairman
Stephen Allaband, Vice Chair
Barclay Hoopes

Others Present

Carmen Raddi, Manager
Pownall Jones

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Neal called the meeting to order with a pledge to the flag. He stated that an Executive Session was held on October 13, 2009 to discuss personnel issues.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

With none the meeting moved to discuss New Business.

III. NEW MONTHLY BUSINESS

A. Monthly Updates

Chairman Neal announced the news updates as follows:

- The Landenberg Bridge has been removed and the structure disassembled to be painted colors approved by the Historic Commission and Board.
- There were 14 bids submitted for the Wollaston Park Expansion project which are being reviewed by the Township staff and engineer.

B. Financial Report for October 2009- *Vice Chairman Allaband motioned to approve the Financial Report dated October 22, 2009. Supervisor Hoopes seconded the motion to a unanimous vote.*

C. Approval of October 2009 Disbursements- *Chairman Neal motioned to table the disbursements due to requested clarification of the two separate reports showing a significant amount difference. Manager Raddi stated that he would compile the reports. Vice Chairman Allaband seconded the motion to a unanimous vote.*

D. Consideration of approval of October 5, 2009 Minutes- *Vice Chairman Allaband motioned to accept the October 5, 2009 minutes as presented. Supervisor Hoopes seconded to a unanimous vote.*

E. Consideration of approval of October 12, 2009 Minutes- Chairman Neal requested that the amount of the Kennett Consolidated School District road contribution be changed from \$550,000 to \$555,000. *Vice Chairman Allaband motioned to accept the October 12, 2009 minutes with the change. Supervisor Hoopes seconded to a unanimous vote.*

F. Recreation Report- In the absence of Supervisor Perrotti, Chairman Neal gave the recreation report as follows:

- The animal rescue event had a great turn out on its rain date of October 24th. Vice Chairman Allaband stated that it was well organized. Supervisor Hoopes stated that more and more people are finding advantages of the park and it was a great success with the Boy Scouts selling hot dogs and chicken.
- October 31st was the fall yard sale which also had a great turn out despite the rain.
- November 14th the park will host Amelia's diabetes dash.
- December 4th will be the Township tree lighting in the park from 6:30-8:30pm.
- Relay for Life is beginning meetings for next year's event and anyone interested in participating should contact Barbara Underwood.

G. Historic Report- Mr. Jones stated that History Night will be held on this Friday the 7th featuring a presentation of the Johnston Gang. They will also award the History Preservation Award.

H. Police- Chairman Neal requested that the Manager distribute the proposal for the scales, which is to be discussed at the work session. The Corporal testing begins this week and the Chief ad is out there. Manager Raddi stated that the results of the regional study will be presented to the participating municipalities this month so that any budgeting can be accounted for.

I. Consideration of Traffic Signal Easement and Maintenance Agreement for the proposed signals at Route 41, Sharp Road and proposed Driveway "B" of the proposed Development by PREIT- Manager Raddi stated that the Solicitor reviewed the Agreement and it would be appropriate for adoption. *Vice Chairman Allaband motioned to adopt the Traffic Signal Easement and Maintenance Agreement for the proposed signals at Route 41, Sharp Road and proposed Driveway "B" of the proposed Development by PREIT. Supervisor Hoopes seconded the motioned to a unanimous vote.*

J. Consideration of recommendation for traffic signal modifications at Route 41 and Newark Road- Manager Raddi stated that Supervisor Norris spoke to Chris Williams of McMahon Associates and asked that they look to see what can

be done with the existing condition to improve the safety of the intersection. McMahon has made recommendations and if the Board agrees than McMahon can move forward with preparing something that PennDOT can work with. The Board concurred that the intersection needs interim safety. *Vice Chairman Allaband motioned to approve moving forward with McMahon's recommendation of traffic signal modifications at Route 41 and Newark Road not to exceed \$7,500. Supervisor Hoopes seconded to a unanimous vote.* Manager Raddi is to contact McMahon to get started.

K. Police Relocation- Supervisor Hoopes stated that if the police were to move to the Township Building and the Lycium house to move to the park as a community center than there may be a possibility of the police building being used as a temporary farmers market.

L. Airport Taxiway- Supervisor Hoopes stated that he hoped to get the taxiway expansion underway and Manager Raddi stated that the issues have been resolved and the project is moving along.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review or consideration of recommendation for the remediation of stucco/ water intrusion projects- The matter was tabled until Supervisors Norris and Perrotti could be present. Vice Chairman Allaband requested also that the Solicitor review.

B. Budget Work Session- Vice Chairman Allaband requested information on how the budget is reflecting extra money for roads. He requested that the Manager set up a work session with the Board to be advertised. Chairman Neal suggested 7:30pm on the 16 or the 18th. Manager Raddi is to call around and confirm.

C. McDonald's- Chairman Neal questioned the status of the McDonalds contribution and Manager Raddi stated that he is to give a report.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Regional Police- Supervisor Hoopes stated that the Township is a step ahead by conducting its study.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

By a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Parlier,
Township Secretary