

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP
299 STARR ROAD
LANDENBERG, PA 19350
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2014

Present:

Betty Gordon, Chairman

Patrick Little, Vice-Chairman

Stephen Allaband

Randy Geouque

Spencer J. Andress, AICP, Interim Manager

Lewis Gay, Secretary/Treasurer

Vince Pompo, Solicitor

Gerald Simpson, Police Chief

Jon Martin, Airport Manager

Donald Suckstorf, Zoning Officer

Ken Reed, Director Public Works

Neil Land, Esquire

Shelly Wolfe

Claire Finfrock

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

C. 1. PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

a. Neil Land, Esquire – OPPY Property – Potential Zoning Relief. Did not speak at this time.

b. Anthony Albench – St. Anthony in the Hills – Summer Concerts. Explained St. Anthony's plan to have concerts, possibly 4 to 10 annually, with anticipated attendance of 1,500 to 2,000 people.

c. John Morris – Avondale Fire Company – Annual Report. Deputy Chief Shaun Carroll made a PowerPoint presentation showing 2013 company activity and financial data. Also explained 2014 projections and anticipated capital needs. Ms. Shelly Wolfe asked questions pertaining to the cost of ambulance use.

d. Claire Finfrock – Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board. Ms. Finfrock gave an overview of the Kennett Area Park and Recreation Programs and various municipalities' usage. Also explained 2014 proposed programs. The Supervisors told her that the 2014 Township Budget provides for a \$5,000 contribution to her organization.

e. Solicitor Pompo commented that he notified Artisan of the Township's position concerning taking water out of the Township. He stated that commercial use is not permitted on the property where the well is located.

2. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED

a. Shelly Wolfe spoke concerning Artisan's plans for using a well in the Township. She read a letter she received from her brother explaining the potential effects on nearby wells of using underground water supplies.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Recordation of Fees and Charges.

Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the 2014 fees, terms and conditions of engagement of various entities providing professional services to the Township. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Neil Land, Esquire granting an extension of time until April 30, 2014 to act upon the OPPY Property, L.P. land development plan. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Geouque to accept the resignation of Stan Lukoff as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Hearing Board. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

3. Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Little to accept notification from Richard Zimny that he will not accept the position of elected Auditor to fill the unexpired four-year term. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

4. Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Little to accept the notification from Edward Donnelly that he will not accept the position of elected Auditor to fill the unexpired two-year term. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

5. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to table authorization for the Interim Manager to secure a proposal from National Penn Bank for a five-year loan in the amount of \$186,000 for various capital purchases included in the approved 2014 Budget. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

After further discussion, motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Ms. Gordon to authorize the Interim Manager to secure a proposal from National Penn Bank for a five-year loan in the amount of \$186,000 for various capital purchases. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

6. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to accept the resignation of Gary Whalen from the New Garden Sewer Authority. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

F. FUNCTIONAL AREA UPDATES

1. Administration.

a. Chief Simpson

1) Chief Simpson explained there is \$96,000 in the Capital Fund Budget to purchase two police vehicles and radio equipment for them. He requested permission to purchase the vehicles and radio equipment. The matter will be discussed again in conjunction with the capital projects borrowing proposal.

2) Chief Simpson requested permission to advertise for proposals to perform a Police Facilities Needs Assessment. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to advertise for proposals, not to exceed \$30,000, to perform a Police Facilities Needs Assessment. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

3) Chief Simpson recommended conditional hiring of two part-time police officers, Jose Reyes and Ryan Kushner. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to authorize the conditional hiring of Jose Reyes and Ryan Kushner as part-time police officers. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

4) General update concerning police operations.

(a) Chief Simpson suggested selling the six surplus shot guns to the New Garden Township police officers. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to sell the six surplus shot guns to the New Garden Township police officers. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

(b) Chief Simpson reported that police commendation presentations will be made at the March 24, 2014 meeting.

b. Interim Manager

1) Administration is looking into options regarding updating the Township's Health Insurance Plan.

2) Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to draft a letter to the Chester County Conservation District pertaining to the MFEMP and Manure Management process. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

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3) The Township received a request from Vintage Base Ball to use fields in the Township Park for some of their games. Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to allow Vintage Base Ball to use fields in the Township Park for some of their games. This is to be coordinated with Parks & Recreation. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

4) Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to ratify the appointment of Robert Norris to continue working with Chief Simpson on matters related to relocation of the police department. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

5) Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to reappoint Mr. Gildo Guizzetti to a five-year term on the New Garden Sewer Authority. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

6) Motion by Mr. Little and second by Ms. Gordon to join with Kennett Township to apply for a grant for the Cypress Street Sidewalk Project. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Solicitor. Solicitor Pompo reviewed several upcoming Zoning Hearing Board applications.

a. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Geouque to send the Solicitor to “support” the application of Jason Anderson. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

b. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to take “no position” on the OPPY Property, L.P. application but “support” a variance for a rear yard setback and screening revisions to the front yard. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

c. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Geouque to “support” the Zoning Officer’s actions on the William & Dianne Chase application and to have “no objection” to the application. The vote was approved three in favor to adopt the motion as presented; Mr. Allaband abstained from voting on this matter.

d. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Ms. Gordon to send the Solicitor to the Keith Kimmel hearing to “support” the Zoning Officer and to take “no position” on the application. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

3. Treasurer.

a. Approval of Disbursements. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Geouque to approve payment of the disbursements list totaling \$227,506.46. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented. Mr. Allaband abstained from voting on the Richard Crossan and Jenkin and McCann invoices.

b. Paid Bills Report. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to ratify payment of the bills on the paid bills report in the amount of \$7,875.00. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

c. Board Resolution. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to approve Resolution #711 establishing signers on various Township bank accounts and providing for two original signatures. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

G. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 6, 2014. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

H. GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) HELD OR SCHEDULED

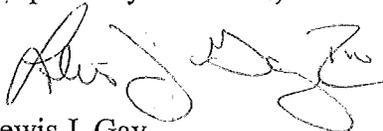
Chairman Gordon announced there will be an executive session following the regular meeting for various legal, personnel and real estate matters.

The Board recessed at 9:43 p.m. and reconvened at 11:37 p.m.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 p.m. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

Respectfully submitted,



Lewis J. Gay

Secretary

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