

**NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP
299 STARR ROAD
LANDENBERG, PA 19350
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2014**

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Present:

Betty Gordon, Chairman
Stephen Allaband
Richard Ayotte
Randy Geouque

Spencer J. Address, AICP, Interim Manager
Lewis Gay, Secretary/Treasurer
District Justice Matthew Seavey
Chief Simpson
Kenneth Reed, Public Works Director
Vince Pompo, Solicitor
Barbara Underwood, Recreation Director
Richard Gaw, Reporter

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

C. POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Chief Simpson offered greetings to all in attendance.

1. Opening remarks were made by Chairperson Betty Gordon.
2. Judge Matthew Seavey gave the Oath of Office to new part-time officers Jose G. Reyes and Ryan D. Kushner. Chief Simpson presented recognition coins to the new officers.
3. Chief Simpson presented DUI Enforcement awards to Officer Matthew R. Jones and Officer 1st Class John M. Gibson, II and 2nd year awards to Officer Joseph P. Versagli and Corporal Jeffrey Call.
4. Life Saving Awards were presented by Chief Simpson to Officer Matthew Jones and Officer 1st Class John M. Gibson, II.

5. 2013 Officer of the Year Award was presented to Officer 1st Class John M. Gibson, II by Chief Simpson.

6. Chief Simpson presented Letters of Commendation to Officer Kristin Menna and Officer 1st Class Joseph Cooper.

Closing remarks were presented by Chief Simpson.

The Board recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

D. 1. PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

a. Recreation Director Barbara Underwood presented the proposed 2014 Events Schedule and the associated hours the Director will dedicate to each event. Also noted the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission to appoint Jenna Forte as a new member of the Commission.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to appoint Jenna Forte as a new member of the Park & Recreation Commission. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the Director's 2014 Events Schedule. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

Mr. Geouque mentioned the Historical Commission's proposed 300th Anniversary Celebration and it was agreed that the Historical Commission and Park & Recreation Commission will work together on the celebration.

b. John Tucker, President and Doug Hostetler from KAU made a presentation to the Board explaining the programs for youth ages 4 to 18. They presently serve about 600 players. They maintain the park fields that they use. There have been some issues with participants moving the fences.

Following the presentation there was discussion with the Board regarding several issues including outside organizations using the fields, charges for usage and availability of fields for citizens of the Township. Mr. Robert Perrotti was asked and agreed to work with KAU to address these concerns.

c. Ms. Margie Forrest from White Clay Soccer Club presented an update to the Board on the club's use of the soccer fields. They have about 220 players. They provided a schedule for spring use of the fields.

2. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED

There was no one who wished to be recognized.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Motion by Ms. Gordon and second by Mr. Geouque to adopt Ordinance #204 related to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Kennett Township and the Sidewalk Project. Solicitor Pompo commented on the Agreement and Interim Manager Andress commented on the cost estimates. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Allaband to adopt Ordinance #205 related to incurring non-electoral debt for Capital Purchases in the amount of \$186,000. A roll call was taken with the following results:

Mr. Allaband	Yes
Mr. Ayotte	Yes
Mr. Geouque	Yes
Ms. Gordon	Yes
Mr. Little	Absent

By roll call vote the ordinance was adopted four (4) yes, Zero (0) no and one (1) absent.

3. Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Ayotte to accept and implement the Solicitor's recommendation that he send a letter to the Jeanette J. Zebley Residuary Trust informing the Trust that it is not in compliance with the conditions imposed by the Zoning Hearing Board and the extension granted by the Board of Supervisors. The vote was approved three in favor to adopt the motion as presented; Mr. Allaband abstained from voting since he was on the Zoning Hearing Board pertaining to the matter.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Ayotte to accept the resignation of Mike Adams as a member of the Park & Recreation Commission. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Motion by Ms. Gordon and second by Mr. Allaband to exonerate the property tax lien on parcel 60-5-203A in the amount of \$17.92. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

3. Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the bids for material that were received from the Municipal Cooperative as follows:

Stone	Martin Limestone
Line Painting	Alpha Space Control
Fuels	Superior Plus Energy Services
Road Oils	Asphalt Mason Solutions

The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

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G. FUNCTIONAL AREA UPDATES

1. Administration.

a. Mr. Allaband provided comments pertaining to the 2014 Budget and various proposed projects; i.e. Sharp Road & Route 41 and the Walkway. He also explained the use of and accumulation of beginning cash in prior years.

b. Ms. Gordon commented on the need to update the Township's Comprehensive Plan. Last update was in 2005.

c. Mr. Andress commented on alternatives to address ownership, operation and maintenance of the sewer system.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to have the Interim Manager and Solicitor move forward with pursuing the option to sell the sewer system. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Solicitor Updates.

The Solicitor prepared an updated draft of the Special Events Ordinance and explained changes to the proposed ordinance.

3. Treasurer.

a. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the list of the disbursements in the amount of \$54,359.22. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

b. Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Geouque to ratify payment of the bills on the Paid Bills Report totaling \$-780.13. The credit amount was due to some voided checks and refunds. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

H. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

I. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairperson Gordon commented on the 2014 Proposed PSATS Resolutions. Each Board member should get back to the Township's voting delegate with their preferences prior to the PSATS conference.

Mr. Robert Perrotti suggested a possible Pipe Line Ordinance to regulate lines. Solicitor Pompo commented about the availability of model ordinances as a starting point.

Mr. Perrotti also asked about an Artesian Water update. Solicitor Pompo presented the response from DEP to Senator Dinniman.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) HELD OR SCHEDULED

Chairperson Gordon announced the Board will recess in order to hold an executive session pertaining to Acquisition of Development Rights.

The Board recessed at 9:07 p.m. and reconvened at 11:20 p.m.

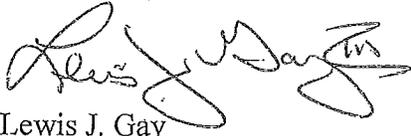
Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to extend the terms of the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor Winifred Moran Sebastian, the Codes Inspectors BIU and Township Engineer Pennoni Associates until December 31, 2014 or until a successor is appointed whichever is sooner. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

Chairperson Gordon announced that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, April 21, 2014 starting at 6:30 p.m.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 p.m. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

Respectfully submitted,



Lewis J. Gay

Secretary

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