

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP
299 STARR ROAD
LANDENBERG, PA 19350
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2014

Present:

Betty Gordon, Chairman

Stephen Allaband

Richard Ayotte

Randy Geouque

Spencer J. Andress, AICP, Interim Manager

Lew Gay, Secretary/Treasurer

Vince Pompo, Solicitor

Gerald Simpson, Police Chief

Ken Reed, Public Works Director

Frank Manfredi, OPPY

Mary Paul, Candlewyck HOA

Ron Dungy

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:33 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. Frank Manfredi – Presented an update on the OPPY expansion project related to plan changes to address the front building and landscaping. The Board supports the proposed changes. No action needed.

2. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED

a. No persons requested to be recognized.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Candlewyck Maintenance Bond. Release of escrow per Township Engineer Pennoni Associates' recommendation for TechniVate. Mary Paul from the Candlewyck Homeowners Association had comments and is not comfortable with the release because the basin is filling with water.

Motion by Ms. Gordon and second by Mr. Geouque to approve the release of escrow in the amount of \$15,811.41. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission Vacancies. Board decided to table this item.

2. Open Space Review Board.

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to amend the Ordinance to increase the number of board members from five (5) to seven (7). The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

3. Approval of 2014 Road Projects for portions of Penn Green Road, New Garden Road, Bucktoe Road and Sharp Road for an estimated cost of \$443,692.08.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the list of Road Project improvement projects for 2014 for an estimated cost of \$443,692.08 and also to approve approximately 800 feet of curb milling for an additional \$4,000.00. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

4. Paving Contract to Long's Asphalt, Inc.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to award the 2014 Paving Contract to Long's Asphalt, Inc. for an estimated of cost \$374,613.90. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

5. Truck Purchase – F-350 from Hondru Ford.

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to authorize purchase of a new Ford Super Duty F-350 Truck and Accessories for approximately \$52,000.00 from Hondru Ford per Costars Contract 25-006, Municipal Work Vehicles. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

6. Fuel Tank Pump Repairs. The pumps for the underground fuel tanks at the garage are not working properly and the repairs are estimated to be \$7,500.00.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to advertise and obtain quotes for the required repairs to the Public Works fuel dispensing system. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

7. Reynolds Road Signage. Ken Reed explained the need for signage that will be installed on Reynolds Road.

8. Budget Resolution. Resolution #718 amending the 2014 Township Budget. Interim Manager Andress and Finance Director Gay presented the resolution to adjust various line item accounts within the 2014 Township Budget.

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Allaband to adopt Resolution #718 amending the 2014 Township Budget. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

F. FUNCTIONAL AREA UPDATES

1. Administration.

a. Farmland Preservation Grant Opportunity. Interim Manager Andress noted that the Township has until August 14, 2014 to submit an application. No action was required.

b. Fuel Tank and Pump Repairs. Moved up on the agenda.

c. Reynolds Road Signage. Moved up on the agenda.

d. Health Insurance Coverage Update. Interim Manager Andress explained that the renewal price for the Township's health insurance coverage had a 54% increase in cost. The Township reviewed several proposals; IBC saves 33% over the renewal price. Township will also use Difference Card proposal.

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to move forward with the IBC and Difference Card health insurance coverage. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

e. Vision Zero – Traffic Calming. Chief Simpson made a power point presentation of innovative approaches for slowing traffic in neighborhoods including a new type of speed bump. Mr. Dungy asked if Homeowners Associations can buy and install the new type of speed bumps. Solicitor Pompo said they would require an ordinance. No action was taken.

f. Firearms Range. Chief Simpson presented an update on the Firearms Range; it is about 90-95% done. The Township will need to approve an Intermunicipal Agreement.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to have Solicitor Pompo prepare and advertise an Ordinance related to an Intermunicipal Agreement for using the police range. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

g. Regional Policing. Chief Simpson explained that the Borough of Kennett Square, Kennett Township and New Garden Township will each be submitting information to DCED for a Feasibility Study on Regional Policing. No action was taken.

h. Viva tu Vida. Chief Simpson explained that there will be a Community Day in the Borough of Kennett Square on September 27, 2014.

i. SWAT Membership. Chief Simpson recommended that the Township join and participate in the Chester County Regional Emergency Response Team (CCERT).

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the Chester County Regional Emergency Response Team Mutual Aid Agreement in the amount of \$2,500.00 per year and a prorated amount of \$1,250.00 for 2014. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Solicitor Updates.

a. PMRS Plan Changes (Non-Uniformed Plan). Solicitor Pompo explained the necessary changes to the Township's Non-Uniformed Pension Plan contract with PMRS. The changes will require an ordinance to be adopted.

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to advertise an ordinance to change the PMRS Retirement Plan retroactive to January 1, 2014 for Non-Uniformed personnel. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

b. PMRS Plan Changes (Uniformed Plan). Solicitor Pompo explained the necessary changes to the Township's Uniformed Pension Plan contract with PMRS. The changes will require an ordinance to be adopted.

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Ayotte to advertise an ordinance to change the PMRS Retirement Plan retroactive to January 1, 2014 for Uniformed personnel. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

3. Treasurer.

a. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the list of disbursements in the amount of \$ 50,824.55. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

b. Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Allaband to ratify payment of the bills on the Paid Bills Report totaling \$<331.00>. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

G. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. There were no minutes submitted to the Board for approval.

H. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to have Chairperson Betty Gordon sign a letter to PNC Bank to give the Township time to explore the possibility of saving the McCann House. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

Randy Geouque – Invite PRIET to the July 21, 2014 meeting.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) HELD OR SCHEDULED

Chairperson Gordon announced the Board will hold an executive session tonight to discuss Open Space Development Rights and Personnel.

The Board recessed at 9:23 p.m. and reconvened at 10:28 p.m.

Chairperson Gordon announced that an executive session was held this evening to discuss Open Space Development Rights and Personnel.

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

Respectfully submitted,



Lewis J. Gay
Township Secretary

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