

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP
299 STARR ROAD
LANDENBERG, PA 19350
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 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
Claire Finfrock, KAPRB
Donna Browrick
Scott Mengle, SECCRA General Manager
John Hendricks
Dan Coppens
Anthony DiFrancesco
Richard Gaw, Reporter

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:35 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. Maggie Schubert – Scout Project – Fire Hydrant Marking. Not present.

b. Claire Finfrock – KAPRB Presentation. Claire Finfrock and Donna Browrick presented an overview of programs and funding. Requesting \$11,000 in 2015 funding plus \$5,000 for the bleachers and Herb Pennock Park renovation projects.

c. Andy Mazzeo - SECCRA. Andy Mazzeo was not able to attend so Scott Mengle, General Manager, explained the history of SECCRA and its activities (solid waste disposal). The current tipping fee is \$56/ton. Provided an information handout.

2. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED

a. John Hendricks – Bayard Taylor Memorial Library. John Hendricks explained the children's programs.

b. Dan Coppens – NGT/Avondale Water Agreement (Anholt). Discussed critical nature of his expansion project and working out the Agreement.

c. Anthony DiFrancesco. Explained stormwater drainage problems he is experiencing that he believes are caused by a neighbor's property. Solicitor Pompo made comments about the situation. Mr. Allaband stated he is a neighbor and will not participate in the discussion.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. McCann House – Issuance of Demolition Permit. Ms. Gordon went over the background of the application. Mr. Allaband commented the Township tried to find a way to preserve the structure. Mr. Geouque had similar comments. Richard Gaw asked what steps did the Township take to preserve the property. The Board announced that various inquiries for funding to save the historic structure have been unsuccessful and a demolition permit will be issued on Tuesday, October 21, 2014

2. Resolution #723 – Dedication of Chambers Road Sewer Force Main. Interim Manager Andress explained that the Basciani family has paid for the completed work. This action transfers ownership to the Sewer Authority. One EDU, in the amount of \$8,112.59, is to be returned to the Bascianis. Once the Board acts, the Sewer Authority acts.

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve Resolution #723 – Dedication of Chambers Road Sewer Force Main. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

3. Summers Conditional Use Application. Solicitor Pompo explained on October 13, 2014 the applicant's attorney withdrew the application.

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Geouque to acknowledge withdrawal of the application and conclusion of the hearing. Return the filing fee after deducting fees and expenses related to the application as normally allowed (½ costs of court reporter and ½ advertising costs). The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

4. Vacancies on Boards and Commissions. Appointments are to be made at the January, 2015 reorganizational meeting. Interim Manager Andress will contact incumbents whose terms expire to determine if they will continue to serve.

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Allaband to appoint Stan Lukoff to the Open Space Review Board to the term ending January 2017. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Geouque to appoint Dave Rickerman to the Open Space Review Board to the term ending January 2017. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

5. Comprehensive Plan Updates. Ms. Gordon gave an update on the process. The Assessment Committee will be coordinated by Mr. Andress with two members of the Board of Supervisors, two members of the Planning Commission and one citizen at large.

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Ayotte to establish membership of the Comprehensive Plan Assessment Committee as follows: Coordinator Spence Andress, two members of the Board of Supervisors, two members of the Planning Commission and one citizen at large. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2015 SPCA contract proposal for \$1,500.

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the Full Contract with the SPCA for the amount of \$1,500. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

F. FUNCTIONAL AREA UPDATES

1. Administration.

a. Resolution #724 – Third Quarter Budget Adjustments. Interim Manager Andress presented the resolution to adjust various line item accounts within the 2014 Township Budget General Fund 01 Budget.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to adopt Resolution #724 amending the 2014 Township Budget. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

b. Resolution #725 – Third Quarter Budget Adjustments. Interim Manager Andress presented the resolution to adjust various line item accounts to all funds other than the General Fund 01 Budget within the 2014 Township Budget.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to adopt Resolution #725 amending the 2014 Township Budget. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

c. PennDOT Notification Letter regarding improvements to the bridge on Baltimore Pike west of Bancroft Road.

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Geouque to acknowledge the Township received notification of the Baltimore Pike bridge project with no objections. Mr. Allaband mentioned that the detour plan should be put on the Township website. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented

d. PennDOT Notification Letter regarding Improvements to the intersection of Newark Road, New Garden Road and Bucktoe Road; this adds painted lines.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to acknowledge the Township received notification of the Newark Road, New Garden Road and Bucktoe Road improvement project with no objections. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

e. Library Referendum – Ballot Question. Chairperson Gordon explained the ballot question and read the referendum pertaining to a dedicated library tax.

f. Regional Police Study Results. Chief Simpson gave an update on the Regional Police Study. Bob Norris asked the Chief if he thinks it is the right thing to do and how will it improve public safety services.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to move forward to the next phase of this study. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

g. Trick or Treat Night.

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to set Trick or Treat night for Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Solicitor Updates.

a. Quantum Environmental Enterprises Conditional Use Application pertaining to 125 Maple Lane.

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Geouque to schedule the conditional use hearing for Monday, November 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

b. Eugene Dale Powers – Application for a Zoning Hearing Board Variance.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to support the Application for a Zoning Hearing Board Variance. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

3. Treasurer.

a. Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Geouque to approve the list of disbursements in the amount of \$546,608.72. The vote was approved 3-0-1 to adopt the motion as presented; Mr. Allaband abstained from voting on the Jenkins & McMahon and Richard M. Crossan invoices.

b. Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to ratify payment of the bills on the Paid Bills Report totaling \$67,735.98. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

G. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

H. GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Sharp / Route 41 / Sheehan update. Mr. Geouque requested a Sharp Road reconstruction update. Interim Manager Andress stated the Township traffic engineers, McMahon Associates, Inc., are working on the submission to the state. The timetable is next spring for construction.

2. Sunnysdell / Route 41 Intersection left turn issues. Mr. Geouque is receiving complaints about morning traffic. Interim Manager Andress stated that Sunnysdell Road is a state road. Interim Manager Andress will ask McMahon Associates, Inc. for a quote to do a study to determine possible improvements.

3. Earnings on Open Space Fund – Better Investment. Mr. Ayotte expressed concerns about investment income especially in the Open Space Fund. Finance Director Gay will explore options for investing municipal funds and report at the October 27, 2014 meeting.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) HELD OR SCHEDULED

Chairperson Gordon announced the Board will hold an executive session tonight to discuss personnel, potential land acquisition and litigation.

J. RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed at 8:37 p.m.

K. RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING

The Board reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

Chairperson Gordon announced that an executive session was held this evening to discuss personnel, potential land acquisition and litigation.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

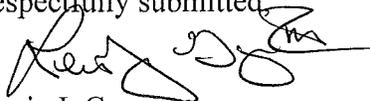
None

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 p.m. 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, October 27, 2014 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lewis J. Gay

Township Secretary