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NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP
299 STARR ROAD
LANDENBERG, PA 19350
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 16, 2015

Present:

Stephen Allaband, Chairman
Betty Gordon
Richard Ayotte
Randy Geouque
Patrick Little

Spence Andress, AICP
Vince Pompo, Solicitor
Lew Gay, Secretary/ Treasurer
Gerald Simpson, Police Chief
Richard Gaw, Reporter
Jon Martin, Airport Manager
Barbara Underwood, Recreation Director
Ken Reed, Public Works Director
Brian Roberts, Historical Commission
Peg Jones, Historical Commission

A. CALL TO ORDER- Chairperson Allaband called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

C. NEW GARDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL AWARDS
Mr. Allaband opened the awards ceremony where Chief Simpson presented DUI Enforcement Awards to P.O. Ryan Kushner, P.O. Michael King, P.O. Matthew R. Jones, Corporal Joseph F. Greenwalt, and P.O. Joseph P. Versagli, III. Chief Simpson and Officer John Gibson gave special recognition to former Chief Gerald W. Davis and announced that the Officer of the Year Award would be named the Chief Gerald W. Davis Award. Chief Davis accepted his recognition. Chief Simpson awarded Cpl. Joseph Greenwalt with the 2014 Chief Gerald W. Davis Award. And the award ceremony was closed at 8:44.

D. 1. PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD
a. Brian Roberts and Peg Jones – Historical Commission Annual Report-
Mr. Roberts reviewed the 2014 activities which included the Lamborn House rehabilitation and restoration, and the New Garden Township 300th Anniversary Celebration. Plans for 2015 include work to the Lyceum House, preservation ordinance, March 22nd Open House, and a new display for the showcase in the Township Building. Dr. Jones gave a historical background on the Lamborn House.

2. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED (submit 3 x 5 card to Chairman)
There were no cards to be recognized.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Thompson Lot Line Change –

a. Motion by Mr. Little, second by Mr. Geouque to approve the 1st waiver request; a waiver of section 170-20 B(2) to provide a site context map. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Motion by Mr. Little, second by Mr. Geouque, to approve a 2nd waiver request; a waiver of section 170-20 B(4) to provide a site analysis plan. Vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

c. Motion by Mr. Little, second by Mr. Ayotte, to approve a 3rd waiver request; a waiver of section 170-20 B(9) to provide a natural resource plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

d. Motion by Mr. Little, second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the 4th waiver request; a waiver of section 170-21 D(8) to provide the locations of permanent reference stone monuments, instead provide iron pipes or equivalent with the condition that the monuments shall be located at the exact location of all streets, street curves and street intersections.

Motion by Mr. Little, second by Mr. Geouque to approve the Thompson Lot Line Change with stated waivers. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. John D'Amico, 1703 Baltimore Pike, Avondale, PA 19311 –

a. Motion by Ms. Gordon to approve the special exception waiver request, with a second by Mr. Ayotte. The motion was passed with four votes, as Mr. Allaband recused.

b. Ms. Gordon motioned that the Board take no position on the Zoning Hearing Board application for Land Development Waiver, with a second by Mr. Little. The motion was passed with four votes, as Mr. Allaband recused.

3. Leo Friel & Son 9125 Gap Newport Pike, Avondale, PA- ZHB application appeal for a use variance-

a. Motion by Mr. Geouque, second my Mr. Little, to support a twenty five (25) foot dimension variance from section 200-36.E instead of minimum fifty (50) foot setback. Board approved motion unanimously.

b. Motion by Mr. Geouque, second by Mr. Ayotte, to take no position on the property use variance. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

4. Stephen Grob 157 Sheehan Road, Avondale PA 19311- Mr. Allaband motioned to support the special exception. Mr. Ayotte seconded and the vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.
Ms. Gordon motioned to take no position on the ZHB variance application. Mr. Ayotte seconded and the vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

5. David Markle 230 Landenberg Road, Landenberg, PA 19350 –Mr. Little motioned to approve the request for exception for home occupancy permit application, with a second by Mr. Geouque. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

6. Agreement with AUS Consultants – Sewer Sale Valuation – Motion by Ms. Gordon, second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the proposed agreement with AUS consultants, as needed, to prepare the original cost study for the wastewater assets of the Sewer Authority on a time and materials cost basis. The motion was unanimously approved.

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7. Engagement Letter from Steven A. Goldfield, Esq. – Analysis of Sewer Sale – Mr. Geouque motioned to approve the engagement letter for assistance with the sewer sale as needed. Mr. Ayotte seconded and the vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

8. Runway Expansion Project Bid – Jon Martin explained the project and stated that the Bureau of Aviation is reviewing the request to advertise bids and is expected to approve the program this week. Motion was made by Mr. Geouque, second by Mr. Ayotte, to advertise for bids on the Airport Runway Expansion project contingent on approval of the project by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

9. 2015 Street Sweeping Contract – Ken Reed reviewed the proposed contract. Motion by Ms. Gordon, second by Mr. Ayotte, to award the 2015 street sweeping contract to Reilly Sweeping, Inc. with rates of $888.00 per day (8 hours); each additional hour (over 8 hours) $111.00; Saturday work an extra $20.00 per hour. Motion was unanimously approved.

10. McMahon Proposal for updated traffic engineering conceptual plan for the intersection of Newark Road and Baltimore Pike – Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Ms. Gordon to approve the McMahon proposal for an amount not to exceed $8000, plus $150 for expenses. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

G. FUNCTIONAL AREA UPDATES

1. Administration (Airport-Code Enforcement-Engineer-Manager-Police-Public Works-Secretary-Zoning)

a. Police – Chief Simpson gave a review on the Regional Policing Meeting held on Feb. 28th and stated that the Police will hold an outreach program on May 16th.

b. Public Works –

1. Winter update- Mr. Reed stated that there were 27 call outs for winter storms, 1542 Tons of salt used and 530 tons of anti-skid.

2. Security Camera Update- Director Ken Reed provided an update on the request for a security camera system for the Public Works area. The proposed cost is $4,442.85. Public Works employees can perform some of the installation work to reduce the costs by $960.00 to $3,482.85. Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the request for a security camera system for the public works area for an amount not to exceed $3,500.00. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

2. Solicitor

a. Mr. Pompo stated that the Commonwealth Court affirmed the lower court decision favoring the Township in the Avondale sewer legal matter.

3. Treasurer

a. Approval of Listed Disbursements- Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Ms. Gordon to approve list of disbursements in the amount of $174,182.70. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

b. Ratify Payment of Listed Paid Bills- A motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Ayotte to ratify payment of the bills on the Paid Bills Report totaling $439.88. The vote as unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

J. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion by Ms. Gordon and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the minutes of the February 23rd, 2015, meeting. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented. A discussion was held on how long the meeting recordings are kept. Mr. Andress stated that they will be kept indefinitely.

K. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Gordon presented a letter of resignation effective 12:01 am, April 1, 2015. Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Little, with regrets, to accept the resignation. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented. An announcement was made that a notice will be placed on the website and advertised for interested candidate to fill Ms. Gordon's term as Supervisor.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS(S) HELD OR SCHEDULED:

Mr. Allaband announced the Board will recess to hold an executive session to discuss litigation and personnel issues.

The Board recessed at 9:00 pm and reconvened at 10:14 pm.

Mr. Allaband announced that an executive session was held this evening to discuss personnel and litigation.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Geouque to adjourn the meeting at 10:16pm. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Gay,
Township Secretary