

**NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP
299 STARR ROAD
LANDENBERG, PA 19350
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MAY 4, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

Present:

Stephen Allaband, Chairman

Richard Ayotte, Vice Chair

Patrick Little

Randy Geouque

Michael Loftus

Tony Scheivert, Manager

Solicitor Compos

Spence Andress, AICP

Gerald Simpson, Police Chief

Kenny Reed, Public Works Director

Lew Gay, Secretary/ Treasurer

Matthew Seavey, District Justice

Mike Pia, Kaolin Mushroom Farms

Jennie Pannell

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allaband called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited

C. OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Loftus was sworn in as a Township Supervisor by District Justice Matthew Seavey.

D. RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS/CITATIONS – Public Works Director Reed presented recognition plaques to Public Works employees Conrey Clemens, Andrew McCann and Jeffrey Stewart for the quick action after the recent explosion incident at the Public Works Garage.

E. 1. PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

a. No persons were scheduled to appear.

2. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED

a. Ms. Jennie Pannell, of 1277 Newark Road and Polo Road, expressed concerns and complaints about the Public Works Department cutting a tree on her property about 1 or 2 years ago and also about blacktop thrown in her yard. She will provide

copies of photos she took to the Township. The Manager and Public Works Director will visit the site, review the photos and then respond to Ms. Pannell.

b. Mike Pia, Kaolin Mushroom Farms, made a brief presentation regarding Kaolin's proposed composting expansion. Kaolin will submit subdivision land development plans in a few weeks.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Nunan Sewer Bill Relief Request Update- Manager Scheivert stated that Nunan has made a payment on the past due bills. The Township will wait until after the next billing cycle to get more information about normal usage and then make a decision regarding any adjustment.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Advertisement and Adoption of International Property Maintenance Code 2012 Edition- On motion by Mr. Ayotte, second by Mr. Geouque, it was unanimously decided to table action on this item. Solicitor Compos was directed to review the Code and make recommendations for any changes to the Board.

2. CO-OP Bid Award- Bids were received and opened by the Co-Op with the following being the lowest acceptable bidders:

- a. Fuels from Superior Plus Energy Services in the amount of \$63,744.84
- b. Stone from New Enterprise Stone and Lime in the amount of \$14,768.25
- c. Line Painting from Alpha Space Control, Inc. in the amount of \$24,245.00.

On motion by Mr. Little, second by Mr. Loftus, the Board unanimously decided to award the bids as presented.

3. Anholt Technologies Proposed Temporary Work Office Trailer- On motion by Mr. Little, second by Mr. Loftis, the Board unanimously decided to support Anholt Technologies Zoning Hearing Board appeal.

H. FUNCTIONAL AREA UPDATES

1. Administration

a. Township Manager Scheivert presented an agreement with Deerfield Mowing and Property Maintenance, Inc. to mow the area around the Township Building and the East End Sewer plant to be used as hay. They will pay the Township \$1,000. Mr. Little made a motion, second by Mr. Loftus, to approve the one year agreement with Deerfield for mowing with them paying the Township \$1,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Police Chief Simpson reviewed several current and upcoming police activities as follows:

1. Update on Regional Policing proposal
2. May 16th Emergency Services event
3. PFC Gibson will be recognized on May 21st for performing a clinical save.
4. Grants have been received from the Chester County District Attorney's Office. Also, pending is a grant through the Bullet Proof Vest Program.
5. The police and administrative offices will have unpaid interns during the summer months.
6. Two new police patrol vehicles have arrived and are being prepared to be put into service.
7. The Chief has joined a committee of the Holcomb Behavior Health Systems Community Care Group, which is strategically targeting youth at risk.
8. National Law Enforcement Memorial Week is May 10th through May 16th.

c. Manager Scheivert gave a presentation for Jon Martin, reviewing upcoming activities at the airport.

1. Runway Reconstruction Project
2. New Hangar Development
3. Future Aviators Summer Camps
4. Chester County Balloon Festival- June 19-21
5. Air Show- August 22-23

d. Public Works Director Reed presented an update on finished and upcoming projects

1. The Co-Op held a pre-bid meeting for paving projects.
2. Township has already used the recently installed security system at the garage on two occasions.
3. Street Sweeping program for the year is completed.
4. The recent Township Spring Clean Up generated 72 tons of material from 175 vehicles.

2. Solicitor Updates

Solicitor Compos confirmed that public notice was made and complied with regulations for the open space transaction.

3. Treasurer

a. Approval of Listed Disbursements- A motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the list of disbursements in the amount of \$107,937.70. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board with Mr. Allaband recused on Jenkins and McMann invoices.

b. Ratify Payment of Listed Paid Bills- On motion by Mr. Little, second by Mr. Loftus, the Board unanimously ratified payment of the bills on the Paid Bills Report totaling \$90,217.75.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. On motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Little, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting.

2. Motion was made by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Geouque to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 special meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

J. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Mr. Little acknowledged thanks from Kennett Parks and Recreation for annual contribution.

2. Mr. Allaband reminded Board members about Kennett Library's invitation to attend its Grand Opening event.

3. Mr. Geouque suggested having a special workshop to set priorities and a plan for going forward.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS(S) HELD OR SCHEDULED:

Chairman Allaband announced the Board will recess to hold an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

The Board recessed at 7:54pm and reconvened at 9:03pm. Chairman Allaband announced that an executive session was held this evening to discuss personnel and legal matters.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ayotte presented a sewer system sale committee update. The committee met with the special counsel and financial consultants and are moving forward with the project.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Allaband announced that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, June 1, 2015, starting at 7:00pm.

On motion by Mr. Little, seconded by Mr. Geouque, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis J. Gay,
Township Secretary