

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP
299 STARR ROAD
LANDENBERG, PA 19350
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2016

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Present:

Richard Ayotte, Chairman

Patrick Little

Mike Loftus

Stephen Allaband

Randy Geouque

Tony Scheivert, Manager

Lewis Gay, Secretary/ Treasurer

Vince Pompo, Solicitor

Ken Reed, Public Works Director

Jerry Simpson, Chief of Police

Brian Roberts, Historic Commission

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ayotte called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Proclamation- Chairman Ayotte read the 2015 Volunteer of the Year proclamation that was awarded to Brian Roberts for his dedicated service to the Township, especially with the Historical Commission and the efforts to restore the Lamborn and Lyceum Buildings.

D. 1. PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

Brian Roberts gave a report on the 2015 efforts of the Historical Commission and on its 2016 projected activities. He requested \$30,000 for repairs to the Lyceum House.

2. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED

None

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Candlewyck Agreement- Manager Scheivert stated the agreement has been revised with minor grammatical and wording changes. There is no change to the monetary amounts.

Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the Candlewyck Agreement with the changes was unanimously approved.

2. Green Valley Farm Conservation Easement- Mr. Little will consider a motion to withdraw the Township offer of \$2.3 million for the Green Valley Farm if the various Reynolds partners do not reach agreement to proceed by February 23, 2016, one year after approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Tom Johnson, representing John Michael Reynolds, and George Elsor, representing Warren Reynolds, explained the progress and delays in the process to get all the parties and the various Trusts and Guardians satisfied with the Agreement. They expect to be prepared to go to Orphans Court possibly in early March. Solicitor Pompo provided information to the Board also on the difficulties when so many parties are involved. Erin McCormick from Natural Lands Trust spoke regarding the significance of preserving the property. She also briefly explained what steps occur after the Orphan's Court decision is rendered.

Mr. Little withdrew his consideration for a motion to withdraw the Township offer. The property owners are to keep the Township informed on the progress being made with the project.

3. Boards and Commissions Appointments- Manager Scheivert and Solicitor Pompo are to review all Boards and Commission regarding qualifications of membership and report back to the Board of Supervisors.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Investing of Township Funds- Finance Director Gay reviewed all the Township funds and proposed amounts that are available to invest for various periods of time. He also explained different options available to the Township for investing funds such as PLGIT and PSDLAF, as well as Banks, CDs and Government Bonds.

Solicitor Pompo stated that the Township should have a written Investment Policy prior to investing funds.

Manager Scheivert was directed to prepare an Investment Policy for the Board to consider hopefully by the next meeting in February.

G. FUNCTIONAL AREA UPDATES

1. Administration

a. Manager

(1) Kennett Consolidated School District Liaison Committee- Manager Scheivert stated a meeting will be held on February 22, 2016 at 7:00pm.

(2) Sewer Sale Update- Manager Scheivert and Solicitor Pompo stated that addendums have been sent out. Addendum #2 is for a second request for proposal. Addendum #3 allows for additional time to respond.

(3) Heating System- Manager Scheivert briefly explained the problems with the Township Building heating system.

Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Loftus to repair/replace two (2) compressors in the Township Building heating system for an amount not to exceed \$16,000 was unanimously approved.

b. Public Works- None

c. Police

(1) Chief Simpson provided a brief update regarding moving towards regional policing.

(2) The Chief announced that Sgt. Keith Cowdright just graduated from the Command and Leadership Academy in New Jersey.

(3) The second annual Police Awards Ceremony will be held on March 21, 2016.

d. Airport- None

2. Solicitor- None

3. Treasurer

a. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to approve list of the disbursements in the amount of \$115,599.29, was unanimously approved.

b. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Loftus to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 reorganizational meeting was unanimously approved.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Loftus to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Reorganizational Meeting was unanimously approved.

I. GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Mr. Allaband- 1. Requested update on Road Opening Ordinance. The Manager and Solicitor will have a sample ordinance to consider at the next meeting.

2. Thompson Road Bridge Update- Study is complete and area is clear of bog turtles. Engineer can now proceed with work on the project.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) HELD OR SCHEDULED

Chairman Ayotte announced the Board will recess to hold an executive session to discuss Personnel and Legal Matters.

The Board recessed at 8:28pm and reconvened at 9:19pm.

Chairman Ayotte announced that an executive session was held this evening to discuss Personnel and Legal Matters.

Chairman Ayotte announced that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:00pm.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Loftus and second by Mr. Little to adjourn the meeting at 9:22pm was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Lewis Gay,
Township Secretary