

**NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP
299 STARR ROAD
LANDENBERG, PA 19350
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2016**

Present:

Richard Ayotte, Chairman
J. Patrick Little, Vice Chair
Randy Geouque
Michael Loftus
Stephen Allaband

Tony Scheivert, Township Manager
Lewis Gay, Secretary/ Treasurer
Vince Pompo, Solicitor
Gerald Simpson, Police Chief
Ken Reed, Public Works Director
Jon Martin, Airport Manager
Randy Lieberman, OSRB
Stan Lukoff, OSRB
Chris Robinson, OSRB

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ayotte called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for Eugene Oates, a longtime Township activist, who died yesterday.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Ayotte announced that an Executive Session was held on Monday, May 16, 2016, regarding legal matters.

D. PUBLIC HEARING- presided over by Solicitor Pompo opened at 7:37pm.

1. Consider entering into a Conservation Easement for Sinclair/ Morris property- Parcels 60-1-5, 60-1-6, 60-1-5.7 and 60-1-5.8 Easement to cover approximately 23 acres of the 28.3 acre property.

Solicitor Pompo stated that the hearing has been properly advertised.

Stan Lukoff, Chris Robinson and Randy Lieberman from the Open Space Review Board made a power point presentation regarding the subject property explaining

- a. The Board's land preservation priorities
- b. A description of the property

- c. Appraisal and Funding for the project (value \$156,669; Twp costs \$170,000 including fees
- d. Summary- OSRB highly recommends the easement.

Several questions and comments from the Board of Supervisors and the public were addressed.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to enter into a conservation easement agreement for 23 acres of the subject property to be signed by June 30, 2016 and settlement by September 15, 2016 was unanimously approved.

The Hearing was closed at 7:56pm.

E. RESOLUTIONS/ ORDINANCES TO BE CONSIDERED

1. PEMA Declaration of Agent Resolution #752 for winter storm Jonas reimbursement.

Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to approve/ appoint Tony Scheivert, Township Manager, as the Township's Agent for PEMA assistance was unanimously approved as presented.

2. PSDLAF pooled investment- Resolution #753 authorizing the Township to become a member of PSDLAF. Allows Township to use this fund for investments and other financial activity.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to approve the Township joining PSDLAF and designating Township Treasurer, Lewis Gay, as the primary contact person for the Township was unanimously approved.

F. 1. PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD- None

2. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED

a. Carol Bernard regarding trash collection and the recent survey stated that she would like to make her own decision on trash service.

b. Richard Bernard- Tree island on Skyline Drive. He mows the island and was recently informed that the plan is to eliminate the island. He requests that the Township not rush into any action. He will continue to maintain the island and wants to be notified before action is taken.

Manager Scheivert explained that arborists have inspected the trees. The projected cost to cut down some trees and trim those that can be saved is \$1,500.00.

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Little to fund this project up to \$1,500 was unanimously approved. Mr. Allaband recused due to this being a part of his neighborhood.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. St. Gabriel's Church- Permit Fee waiver request pertaining to its building project to erect a chapel adjoining the existing church building.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to waive the permit fees for building and stormwater management, but associated professional fees must be reimbursed was unanimously approved. Mr. Loftus recused since he is a member of this church.

2. Appointment of Representative to the Kennett Library Board.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to appoint James DiLuzio as the Township's representative on the Kennett Library Board was unanimously approved.

H. New Business

1. Request for Proposals- New Garden Flying Field Engineer/ Consultant Airport Manager Martin requested permission to solicit proposals to fulfill the requirements of FAA Advisory Circular

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to solicit proposals for Airport Engineer/ Consultant was unanimously approved.

2. St. Rocco and ABVM churches Special Event application to hold a carnival on July 5-9, 2016 from 6pm-10pm at 313 Sunny Dell Road, Avondale, PA 19311.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Loftus to approve the special event application of St. Rocco and ABVM was unanimously approved.

3. Betterment Holding Company- ZHB application. Company is seeking a special exception to expand the non-conforming buildings by demolishing the existing eight (8) foot wide breezeways and constructing new fourteen (14) foot wide breezeways. The applicant is also seeking variances to encroach the minimum 100 foot setbacks to the lot lines. Also, if need be, variances from Section 200-19.D.(1) and 200-117.A(3) which permits 35% and 15% coverage.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by MR. Little to support the application with one condition to acquire, comply and maintain a MFEMP within a year was unanimously approved.

I. FUNCTIONAL AREA UPDATES

1. Administration

a. Manager

1. Sewer Sale- Asset purchase agreement should be available within the next ten days

- Upcoming meetings pertaining to the sale will be held on June 2, 2016 and June 16, 2016.

2. Historical Commission- Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to appoint Lynn Sinclair to the Historical Commission was unanimously approved.

b. Jon Martin- Airport

1. Request waiver of Ordinance 49.2 to allow wine and beer sales at the Airshow

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Loftus to grant waiver of Ordinance 49.2 to allow wine and beer sales at the airshow was unanimously approved.

2. Hangar construction is on schedule.

3. Tree removal was started this morning
4. Runway widening will begin in September. This will shut the airport runway for 15 days and nights.
5. Fly the Ford event June 9-12; 9th- 12th Flights; 10th Swing Dance; 11th Pancake Breakfast; 12th Antique Cars and Aircraft
6. Future Aviators Summer Camp July 11-15 & August 8-12
7. Airshow with 5K run/walk August 20 & 21
8. Chester County Balloon Festival June 24-26

c. Police Chief Simpson announced this is National Police Appreciation Week

1. Police Facilities project is moving forward
2. Regional Policing Terms of Agreement are back from West Grove Borough with minor changes to consider.
3. Contract Policing with Avondale- Chief Simpson met with Borough to possibly take on policing services for Avondale (they currently use Parkesburg Borough Police)
4. Part Time officer update- Recently hired Ben Brown to be a part-time officer.
5. Police Intern- Will be getting an intern for approximately 120 hours.
6. Police Explorers Program- Request from Octorara District BSA to work with youth- probably a bi-monthly camp.
7. Server Project- Budgeted \$21,000. Proposal from Ridge Technologies is for \$20,980.00

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to purchase server for an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 using the Costar State Purchasing Program.

d. Public Works- Director Ken Reed

1. Spring Clean Up was held April 15-17. Township had 152 drop offs. Collected 42 tons of material and 5 tons of scrap metal.
2. Capital Items- will provide prices for a new truck at the June meeting.
 - New roller has been delivered and is already in use.
3. Annual street sweeping was completed two weeks ago.

2. Solicitor- No items

3. Treasurer

a. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Loftus to approve list of disbursements in the amount of \$384,898.86 was unanimously approved. Mr. Allaband recused on Richard Crossan and Jenkins and McMahan invoices.

b. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to ratify payment of the bills on the Paid Bills Report totaling \$5,901.22 was unanimously approved.

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- None presented.

K. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Little stated that at the June 20th meeting he will make a motion to reconsider the \$2.3 million conservation agreement on Green Valley Farms.

Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Geouque to advertise a "notice to take action" that the Board of Supervisors will reconsider the Green Valley Farm conservation easement agreement at the June 20, 2016 meeting was unanimously approved.

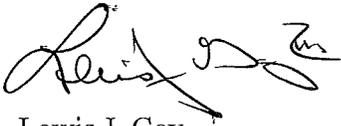
L. OTHER BUSINESS- None

Chairman Ayotte announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:30pm.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Lewis J. Gay,
Township Secretary

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