

**NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP
299 STARR ROAD
LANDENBERG, PA 19350
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2014**

Present:

Betty Gordon, Chairman

Stephen Allaband

Richard Ayotte

Randy Geouque

Patrick Little

Spencer J. Andress, AICP, Interim Manager

Lewis Gay, Secretary/Treasurer

Vince Pompo, Solicitor

Tony Scheivert

David Yake

Jim DiLuzio

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:33 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. David Yake – Save Our Water Committee – presented a slide presentation and handout.

2. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED

a. Jim DiLuzio – Comments

- Thank you for completion of the roadwork at Baltimore Pike/Newark Road
- Sale of certain airport property should be pursued
- Wires along Newark Road should be put underground
- Should form an Airport Authority
- Regional policing is a good idea. Headquarter in this building; move administrative office to Route 41
- Living within our means – size of budget. Is it sustainable?

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Kristman and Quantum Environmental Enterprises Conditional Use Application. Solicitor Pompo gave an overview and read the conditions of approval. Mr. Allaband – add screening by June 1st.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to approve the Conditional Use Application with Mr. Allaband's amendment. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2015 Final Budget – Discussion of the fire company request for \$27,000. Amend the budget to include the \$27,000 and increase use of beginning cash.

Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the 2015 budget with an amendment to increase the fire company contribution by \$27,000 and fund the increase by use of beginning cash. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. 2015 Real Estate Tax Rate – Resolution #727. Interim Manager Andress explained no tax increase and read the breakdown of millage.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to adopt Resolution #727. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

3. 2015 Other Tax Rates – Resolution #728. Interim Manager Andress explained and read the list of other taxes – no increases.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Little to adopt Resolution #728. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

4. PSATS Unemployment Tax issues – Ordinance #2014-214. Solicitor Pompo explained the purpose of the amendments proposed by PSATS.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to adopt Ordinance #2014-214. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

5. Appointment of Township Manager – Resolution #729. Interim Manager Andress explained the search and selection process and introduced Tony Scheivert, the manager designee, and his family.

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Allaband to adopt Resolution #729 and appoint Tony Scheivert as the Township Manager effective January 5, 2015. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

6. 2015 Fire Hydrant Tax – Resolution #730. Interim Manager Andress explained the minor changes made to the Resolution compared to the one adopted last year.

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Geouque to adopt Resolution #730. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

7. ARRO Proposal – Road Inventory. Interim Manager Andress explained the purpose of the proposal and the goal of completing an inventory of the condition of most, but not all, of the Township roads.

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the proposal with the cost not to exceed \$48,000. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

F. FUNCTIONAL AREA UPDATES

1. Administration.

a. Resignation of Marilyn Becker from the Historical Commission

Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Ayotte to accept the resignation of Marilyn Becker from the Historical Commission. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

b. Appoint Stuart Roberts to the Historical Commission for the term ending 01/01/2018.

Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Geouque to appoint Stuart Roberts to the Historical Commission for the term ending 01/01/2018. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

c. Volunteer of the Year. Interim Manager Andress provided an update about the nomination process and announcement at the 01/05/2015 meeting of the selected person(s).

d. Sale of the Sewer System. Interim Manager Andress and Solicitor Pompo provided an update on the process and timeline. Also noted receipt and opening of three proposals in response to the Request for Proposal.

e. Servpro Proposal. Interim Manager Andress explained the initial concern, study, report and then the proposal by Servpro to perform remediation work.

Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the Servpro Proposal in the amount of \$3,247.23. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Solicitor Updates.
a. Protest of New Garden Township before the PUC. Solicitor Pompo explained the process, focus of the protest and date to file the protest.

3. Treasurer.
a. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Geouque to approve the list of disbursements in the amount of \$175,812.12. The vote was 4-0-1 to adopt the motion as presented. Mr. Allaband abstained from voting on the Jenkins & McMahon invoice.

b. Motion by Mr. Allaband and second by Mr. Ayotte to ratify payment of the bills on the Paid Bills Report totaling \$2,297.43. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

G. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion by Mr. Geouque and second by Mr. Ayotte to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

2. Motion by Mr. Little and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2014 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

3. Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Allaband to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2014 meeting. The vote was unanimous to adopt the motion as presented.

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

H. GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. None.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) HELD OR SCHEDULED

Chairperson Gordon announced the Board will hold an executive session tonight to discuss acquisition of development rights.

J. RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed at 8:08 p.m.

K. RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING

The Board reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

Chairperson Gordon announced that an executive session was held this evening to discuss acquisition of development rights and pending litigation.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mr. Allaband asked that the Comprehensive Plan Task Force appointments be on the January 5, 2015 agenda.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Ayotte and second by Mr. Allaband to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 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, January 5, 2015 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis J. Gay
Township Secretary