



OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the October 18, 2017, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Schenk, Dea, Snyder and Torres. Also in attendance were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Historical Commission and HARB Chairman, Paul Lagasse, Manager/Treasurer, Joan McVaugh, and Secretary Sharon Norris. There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment: Mr. and Mrs. Kim of Crossan Estates voiced their concerns regarding an issue with their neighbor's solar panel project that they feel will negatively impact their quality of life. They are questioning the Zoning Ordinance as it would apply to solar panels. The Solicitor explained that the Zoning Officer, not the Board of Supervisors, makes zoning determinations and that his decision is the final answer.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Supervisor Dea, seconded by Supervisor Snyder, the September 20, 2017 minutes were approved 5-0.

Disposition of Records: On motion by Vice Chair Schenk, 2nded by Mrs. Dea, Resolution 2017-20 was approved 5-0. The motion authorized the erasure of the audiotape from the September 20, 2017 BOS meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Chairman Auerbach made a motion, 2nded by Mr. Torres, to approve the September 2017 Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements and transfers: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$94,526.57; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$5,700.13; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,974.10; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$771.01; and the Emergency Services Fund with disbursements of \$34,889.20; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$902,753.20. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report: Mr. Snyder reported that during the month of September, 11 permits were issued and 25 building inspections took place. \$2,970.60 was collected in building fees; \$650 in Recreation, Open Space, & Impact Fees was collected; and \$1,620.00 in miscellaneous fees was also collected. Manager McVaugh updated the Board on the following 4 zoning issues: 6 Meadow Wood Lane - the new owners are working hard on the property and mowing is in process. 308 Heather Hills – the bank has taken back the house and unfortunately no improvements have occurred. The property is a mess with weeds growing almost as tall as the house. The Solicitor said that the Township could hire someone to mow the grounds and place a lien against the property to recoup the costs. The Manager will have the Zoning Officer send a violation letter immediately. 534 Church Hill Road – the owner is continuing to work on getting the chicken coup resituated to the back yard. The issues in Lexington Point have been resolved. The entire report can be reviewed on the Township website www.franklintownship.us.

PC Report: Having no business before them, the PC did not meet in October.

Historical Commission/HARB Report: These Commissions did not meet in October. Chairman Lagasse reported that the Historical Commission will cosponsor (with the New London Historical Commission) a program about the new Landenberg Mill and Rail Museum. Joseph Birmingham, of the Landenberg Trust, is the speaker. The talk will be held on November 9, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m. at the New London Academy. Mr. Lagasse also mentioned that a local resident has spent several years updating and expanding the information on burials in the Kemblesville United Methodist Church cemetery online at findagrave.com. She would welcome help in her work from members of the community and the Historical Commission will be posting more information on the Township website soon.

Franklin Sportsman's Association (FSA) Report– Jim German from the FSA gave the 2nd report of the season. He reported that 2 doe have been harvested from the Franklin Preserve. Jim also noted that the rainy, warm weather is not ideal hunting weather. One more member has passed their archery proficiency test. The FSA has a full complement of 35 members. Archery Season began on September 16 and closes Nov. 25th. It reopens on December 26 and closes January 27th. Shotgun season opens November 27 and closes Dec. 9th. It reopens on Dec. 26th and closes on January 27th.

Shelly McCoy – Avon Grove Library Representative – Ms. McCoy gave a presentation on what is happening at the Avon Grove Library and their plans for the future. She provided the Board with the Library's Annual Report. For 2018, the library is asking municipalities for a \$5/per capita contribution. The Township, based on the 2010 census numbers, contributes 100% of the requested amount. Chairman Auerbach asked for a copy of a workable budget and Ms. McCoy said she would provide that. Mr. Auerbach is concerned that with the internet, the library's purpose is not as important as it once was. Ms. McCoy explained that as times change, so has the library's function. It is becoming a community hub, an information and resource center, with daily activities for community members. The library is looking to improve their limited space and provide for more quiet areas for people to read and study. They have taken on the ESL training since the neighboring Garage Community and Youth Center has lost some of its funding. The Board thanked Ms. McCoy for her volunteer efforts.

Abel Extension to the Review Clock – On motion by Mrs. Schenk, 2nded by the Chairman, the Board accepted an extension of time to the review clock for the Abel Subdivision through April 19, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2017-21 – Master Casting Agreement - On motion by the Chairman, 2nded by Mrs. Schenk, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2017-21, authorizing Franklin Township to enter into an agreement with PennDOT, entitled "Master Agreement for Casting Adjustments." This is a standard PennDOT agreement that is renewed every three years, that covers the replacement of certain facilities such as manhole covers.

Keen 3 Lot Escrow Release – On motion by Supervisor Snyder, seconded by Supervisor Torres, the Board authorized Escrow Release #3 for the Keen 3-Lot Subdivision in the amount of \$19,480.72 as recommended by the Township Engineer. The motion carried unanimously.

Morgan Rail Invoice – On motion by Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the Board authorized payment to Morgan Rail Inc. in the amount of \$43,772.75 for the installation of new guiderails on Laurel Bridge and South Guernsey Roads. The motion carried unanimously.

Site Improvement Discussion – the Board discussed revised plans to improve the municipal building. The new plan will include renovating the area that was formerly used to store the antiskid/salt mixture into office space. This negates the need to shore up the existing wall that was undermined by the salt. It also eliminates some of the obstacles the Township would face if it were to add a mezzanine level for filing storage. The

Manager will seek a revised scope of work from the architect. No work will take place any time soon but the general feeling is that it is good to have a plan in place. The Board also would like to move forward with a scope of work to fix the driveway and building to solve the problem with water entering the building. The Board agreed this is a higher priority than the office renovation and will be a part of the 2018 road program.

Initial Budget Discussion – Manager/Treasurer McVaugh presented the Board with a draft budget for discussion and notified the Board that the Preliminary Budget must be approved and authorized to advertise at the November 15, 2017 meeting. Topics included during this discussion were the need to fix the Hess Mill Bridge in the next 3-4 years and how to fund that project, the 2018 road program, improvements to Crossan Park and the upcoming winter.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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