



OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the November 15, 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 2 members of the public in attendance.

Announcements: The Chairman announced that there would be an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss personnel issues. He also announced that Resolution 2017-23, authorizing the submission of the Paradox Sewage Planning Module to DEP, has been removed from the agenda. At meeting time, the Township had not yet received the Chester County Planning Commission and Chester County Health Department review letters. In an update received today, the letters are expected to arrive next week and this item should be on the December 20 agenda.

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

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Chairman Auerbach, 2nded by Supervisor Dea, the October 18, 2017 minutes v2 were approved 5-0.

Disposition of Records: On motion by Supervisor Snyder, 2nded by Supervisor Torres, Resolution 2017-22 was approved 5-0. The motion authorized the erasure of the audiotapes from the October 18, 2017 BOS meeting and the July 6, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Torres made a motion, 2nded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the October 2017 Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements and transfers: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$147,120.08; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$6,419.92; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,974.10; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$75,337.40; the Highway Aid Fund with disbursements of \$20,500.00; the Emergency Services Fund with disbursements of \$29.99; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$787,515.98. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report: Mrs. Dea reported that during the month of October, 12 permits were issued and 21 building inspections took place. \$49,531.25 in building fees; \$49,148.40 in Recreation, Open Space, & Impact Fees and \$2,475.00 in miscellaneous fees were collected. Manager McVaugh updated the Board on the following zoning issues: 308 Heather Hills – the bank has started their cleanup work. It is not 100% completed, but they are making progress. 539 Church Hill Road – the issue with the chicken coup is resolved. 1762 New London Road – the Township filed a civil complaint against the owner with the District Court. The Manager updated the Board on another issue on that property regarding a vehicle that has been parked there for some time and is causing concern for the daycare and schools. 1620 New London Road – the owner is complying with the conditions of the Conditional Use Decision except for the trash removal and he has been asked to ensure that trash does not get picked up before 7 a.m. Mr. German remarked that the mowing is complete at 6 Meadowood and it looks great. The house has been remodeled and will be going up for sale

shortly. The Zoning Officer continues to follow up with the barking dog complaint at 1798 New London Road. The entire report can be reviewed on the Township website www.franklintownship.us.

PC Report: Supervisor Schenk summarized the 11.2.17 PC meeting where the PC considered the Paradox Sewage Planning Module Component 4A and began the discussion on revising the Ordinance to allow for in-law suites. Please refer to the approved PC minutes when they are available.

Historical Commission/HARB Report: Chairman Lagasse reported that these two Commissions met, mainly to meet their requirement of meeting quarterly. The Historical Commission discussed the Eastern Shore Natural Gas Fair Hill Loop. Work will begin on that shortly. The group was surprised that PennDOT has not moved forward with any 896 improvement updates. Additionally, PennDOT has made no progress on the Section 106 review which is a key component to the 896 road improvements as it deals with the historical properties which will be affected. The Manager will follow up with PennDOT.

Mr. Lagasse relayed that the program the HC cosponsored with the New London Historical Society featuring Joseph Birmingham and his quest to start a Landenberg Mill and Rail Museum was well attended and well received. The HC is also considering cosponsoring a program on the 1918 Flu Pandemic which was met with great enthusiasm when the Oxford Area Historical Society presented it.

The HARB similarly discussed the upcoming ESNG work and the PennDOT progress with regard to 896.

Franklin Sportsman's Association (FSA) Report – Jim German from the FSA reported that one more member has passed the shotgun proficiency test. The FSA has harvested a total of 8 deer: 6 doe from Franklin Preserve, 1 buck from Banffshire and 1 buck from White Clay Crescent. Their next road cleanup is scheduled for December 10th at 9 a.m. The FSA is also sponsoring a family in need for the holidays. As a reminder: Archery Season closes November 25th and reopens December 26 through January 27, 2018. Shotgun season opens November 27 through December 9th and then reopens on December 26 through January 27th.

Resolution 2017-24 - On motion by the Chairman, 2nded by Vice Chair Schenk, the Board adopted this resolution which prohibits the location of a Category 4 licensed facility (otherwise known as a mini casino) within the Township. The Solicitor advised that a mini casino is no less than 300 and no more than 750 table games and slots. The Township has until December 31, 2017 to notify the State of the Township's position. The motion passed unanimously.

2018 Preliminary Budget – Mr. Snyder made a motion authorizing the staff to advertise the latest version of the 2018 Preliminary Budget and make it available for public review. The motion was 2nded by Mr. Torres and the motion carried 5-0. Supervisor Elect, Nancy Morris, contributed to the impact fee discussion.

Site Improvement Discussion – the Board recognized that before any more improvements can be made to the inside of the Township office or to the site, Municipal Lane will need to be re-sloped and repaved. Water coming into the building continues to be a problem and the Board would like to continue to improve the overall look of the municipal site for the neighbors. This improvement to the Lane has been postponed for many years and the Board will consider the work for the 2018 road program.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.