



## OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the December 20, 2017, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:03 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. Sandi Morgan, the Township Sanitary Engineer, was also in attendance. There were 11 members of the public in attendance.

**Announcements:** The Chairman announced that there would be an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss legal issues.

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

**Public Comment:** Ms. Tracey Travis Lee, Township resident, approached the Board about unsafe conditions on Gypsy Hill Road. Cars and trucks travel at excessive speeds and there are a large number of cars and large trucks that use Gypsy Hill Road as a cut through. She requested that the Board install speed humps and reduce the speed limit to address the issue. She also requested that “No Trucks” signs be posted. The Chairman said he would take her comments under consideration and the Board will get back to her. Matt Deckman inquired if public comments would be accepted during the Lexington Point discussion.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Supervisor Dea, 2nded by Supervisor Snyder, the November 15, 2017 minutes v2 were approved 5-0.

**Disposition of Records:** On motion by Supervisor Schenk, 2nded by the Chairman, Resolution 2017-25 was approved 5-0. The motion authorized the erasure of the audiotapes from the November 15, 2017 BOS meeting and the November 2, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Chairman Auerbach made a motion, 2nded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the November 2017 Treasurer’s Report which includes the following disbursements and transfers: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$156,623.11; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$5,085.88; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,974.10; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$1,000.00; the Emergency Services Fund with disbursements of \$24.99; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$763,678.66. The motion carried unanimously.

**Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report:** Mr. Snyder reported that during the month of November, 5 permits were issued and 21 building inspections took place. \$100.00 in building fees; \$-0- in Recreation, Open Space, & Impact Fees and \$225 in miscellaneous fees were collected. Manager McVaugh updated the Board on the following zoning issues: 126 Carriage Run – DEP visited the site and did not witness any burning. DEP sent the homeowner a registered letter notifying them of the burning laws. 308 Heather Hills – the bank mowed the front yard but has not picked up the trash and debris in the back yard. The Board authorized the Zoning Officer to contact the Bank to get them to continue with their cleanup work. 1762 New London Road – the Township filed a civil complaint against the owner with the District Court. On the day of the Court date, the owners cleaned up the property. It is now in compliance. The Planet Aid collection boxes will be removed. 1620 New London Road – the owner is in compliance with the conditions of the Conditional Use Decision. 6

Meadowood is in compliance. The Zoning Officer continued 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](http://www.franklintownship.us).

Mr. Auerbach took this opportunity to alert the Board and the public that people continue to use the recycling area to dump non-recyclable items like dishwashers and baby furniture. This is not allowed and costs the Township extra money to dispose of. The Chairman sometimes takes trash that is dumped at the recycling bins to SECCRA himself.

**PC Report:** Mr. Lagasse summarized the 12.7.17 PC meeting where the PC continued their discussion on allowing family members and non-family members to live independently in a unit within an existing home or in an additional living unit adjacent to an existing home. Please refer to the approved PC minutes when they are available.

**Franklin Sportsman's Association (FSA) Report** – Jim German from the FSA reported that shotgun and archery season will reopen December 26, 2017 through January 27, 2018. Total harvest to date is: 10 deer: 8 doe from Franklin Preserve, 1 buck from Banffshire and 1 buck from Franklin Preserve. The FSA had to cancel their road cleanup due to the snow and they will reschedule sometime in early 2018. The FSA also sponsored a family in need for the Holidays.

**Harvest Run 2018** – Mr. Dave Berger, race organizer, reported that the inaugural Harvest Run race held in October of this year had a good turnout with 220 participants. The Friday night 5K was run on the Geoghegan Trail which he reported was in great shape. The Saturday half marathon was run on Franklin and London Britain roads and there were plenty of volunteers to direct traffic. There were no injuries and the Brandywine Wine Trail was well represented. Mr. Berger was very appreciative of the Fox Chase Farm owners, the Wilkinson's, with their help and for allowing him to host the event on their property. Mr. Berger requested that he be able to hold the race again next year. The beneficiaries of next year's race will be the Mason Dixon Greenway in London Britain and the Peacedale Preserve in Franklin. The dates are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13, 2018. Mr. Berger hopes to double the number of participants. The Board was in favor of allowing this. The care of the Geoghegan trail was discussed. Supervisor Elect Nancy Morris participated in the discussion.

**Resolution 2017-26** - On motion by the Chairman, 2nded by Mrs. Dea, the Board adopted this resolution which approves the Lexington Point Planning Module and allows the staff to submit it to the DEP for review. This motion passed 4-1 with Supervisor Schenk voting nay. Mr. and Mrs. Deckman, Mr. Beattie, Mr. Kocher and Mr. Gawrysiak, all Lexington Point residents, participated in this discussion. Mr. Auerbach summarized the history of this 38-house subdivision that has 6 houses built. Ms. Sandi Morgan, the Township Sanitary Engineer answered questions as did the Applicant's Engineer, Fred Ebert of Ebert Engineering. Nancy Morris and Bill Briegel from Keystone Custom Homes also participated in this discussion. Ms. Morgan summarized the approval of the Planning Module by noting that approving the Planning Module is approving the "concept" of the wastewater treatment system and the more nuts & bolts of the process where she would be reviewing the blue prints and each and every detail of the design of the treatment system is part of the next cycle.

**Proclamation for Supervisor Schenk** – the Chairman read a proclamation for Mrs. Schenk thanking her for her hard work and dedication during her 6 year term. Her contributions to the Board and to the Township will be sorely missed. The Board wished her well.

**2018 Final Budget** – the Chairman made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-27, approving the 2018 Final Budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Torres and the budget resolution was passed 5-0.

**Tax Levy Resolution** – on motion by Mr. Torres, 2nded by Mr. Snyder, the Board adopted Resolution 2017-28, setting the tax rate for 2018. There is no change from 2017. The motion carried 5-0.

**Fire Hydrant Tax** – on motion by Mrs. Dea, 2nded by Mr. Snyder, the Board adopted Resolution 2017-29, setting the Fire Hydrant Tax of \$36 per parcel for parcels within 780 feet of a public fire hydrant. There is no change from 2017. The motion carried 5-0.

**January 2018 Meeting Schedule** – on motion by Mrs. Schenk, 2nded by Mr. Snyder, the Board authorized the staff to advertise the January 2018 meeting schedule. The motion carried 5-0.

**Site Improvement Discussion** – the Board understands that work needs to be done to improve Municipal Lane and work to the office cannot move forward until the road is repaired. However, if the entire lane is not going to be completed, then only specific areas will be considered for the 2018 Road Program. The Board reviews the 2017 Road Program and considers roads for the 2018 road program at a January Key Learnings meeting (date to be determined). Mr. Auerbach noted that what we do with the 2018 Road Program has a direct correlation with how many winter storms we have to deal with. Supervisor Torres recommended fixing the lane early in the road program so we can move forward with the additional plantings in the Spring.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:50 p.m.

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