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## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES April 19, 2017

### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Supervisors Dea, Snyder, Torres and Schenk. Also present were Township Solicitor Max O'Keefe, HC/HARB Chairman Paul Lagasse, and Manager/Treasurer Joan McVaugh. There was 1 member of the public in attendance and a Court Reporter.

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

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- a. BOS Minutes of March 15, 2017: Mrs. Dea moved, seconded by Mr. Auerbach, that the Board approve the March 15, 2017, v2 Minutes, as presented by the Township Secretary. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Disposition of Records – Resolution 2017-10: Mrs. Schenk moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, that the Board approve Resolution 2017-10 regarding the Disposition of Records for the Board of Supervisors' meeting of March 15, 2017 and the PC meeting of March 2, 2017. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Reports:**

- a. Treasurer's Report for March 2017: Chairman Auerbach moved, seconded by Mr. Torres, that the Board approve the March 2017 Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$162,396.27; the Park & Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$53,730.01; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,974.10; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$25,968.15; 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 \$810,663.36. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Zoning Officer's Report: Supervisor Snyder reported that during the month of March, 7 permits were issued and 19 building inspections took place. Building Fees collected were \$500.00. Miscellaneous Fees collected were \$575. No Recreation, Open Space or Impact Fees were collected. There are three ongoing zoning issues. Mrs. McVaugh updated the Board on 1620 New London Rd.
- c. Planning Commission Report: Vice Chairman Schenk summarized the April 6, 2017 PC meeting at which the PC met with representatives of the Avon Grove Charter School and discussed their proposed addition and also discussed the Conditional Use Application submitted by 1620 New London Rd. The Charter School will come back before the PC in June and 1620 New London will be on the May PC agenda. Details may be found in the approved minutes of the meeting.
- d. HARB/HC Report: Chairman Paul Lagasse reported on the April 5, 2017 meeting of both the HARB and the Historical Commission at which they reviewed the annual reports for both organizations which have now been submitted to the Board. They also discussed the PennDOT road work on 896 and its effects on the historic district as well as the Eastern

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Shore Pipeline project. Specific details may be found in the approved minutes of the meetings. Chairman Auerbach thanked Mr. Lagasse for his continued reporting on the PennDOT and Eastern Shore Pipeline projects. Mr. Snyder inquired about a public comment at the last Board meeting regarding pipeline safety. Mr. Auerbach advised that the Emergency Management Coordinator is planning to make a presentation on pipeline safety in the near future. Mrs. McVaugh and Mr. Lagasse advised that contact information for Eastern Shore Pipeline has been provided to the concerned resident.

### **Business:**

- a. Ordinance 2017-02 – Act 172: Solicitor Max O’Keefe opened the public hearing to consider the enactment of Ordinance 2017-02. The purpose of the Ordinance is to create a tax credit for individuals who reside in the Township who volunteer as firefighters or emergency medical personnel. Solicitor O’Keefe named the following Board exhibits:
- Exh. 1 – Draft of Ordinance 2017-02;
  - Exh. 2 – Public Notice;
  - Exh. 3 – Proof of Publication on March 20, 2017.

The Solicitor asked for comments or questions from the Board. Chairman Auerbach commented on the importance of the services provided by the volunteers and expressed his total support for approving this ordinance. Hearing no further comments, Solicitor O’Keefe closed the hearing and called for a motion.

Mr. Snyder moved, seconded by Mrs. Dea, that the Board of Supervisors enact Ordinance 2017-02, amending Chapter 24, Taxation Special, and adding a new Part 4, Volunteer Service Tax Credit, and amending Part 1, Earned Income Tax. Motion passed 5-0.

- b. Avon Grove Library Board: Mr. Auerbach introduced this topic which involves the resignation of the current Township representatives on the Library Board and the appointment of Township resident, Ms. Shelly McCoy as their replacement. Ms. McCoy gave a brief summary of her qualifications which includes 18 years of library experience. Mr. Auerbach moved, seconded by Mr. Torres, that the Board appoint Shelly McCoy to be the Township’s representative on the Avon Grove Library Board for an unexpired term. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Auerbach questioned the relevance of the library in today’s electronic age and suggested that perhaps Ms. McCoy could provide some insight after she gets settled in as a board member. Ms. McCoy was happy to do that, but also expressed her opinion, based on her knowledge and previous experience, that the expertise and ability of a trained library staff to help determine the true and relevant facts in any research project, is extremely valuable. Also the library serves as a resource for the public who otherwise do not have access to computers and to students who attend schools that do not offer library services. She also suggested that the library is a good resource for those in need of career guidance and resume preparation, and serves as a community center for meetings and presentations on various subjects.

- c. Abel Extension through October 2017: Mr. Torres moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, that the Board grant an extension to the review clock for the Abel Subdivision to October 19, 2017. Motion passed 5-0.

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- d. Township Site Improvement Plan Update: The Board discussed the completion of the ADA compliant restroom in the meeting room and the planned improvements to the storage area adjacent to the current office area. Mr. Auerbach stated that he does not plan any additional construction this year but intends to engage the assistance of an architect to help in developing the conceptual plan into an actual construction plan for the proposed improvements. The Township Mgr. is working with the Township Engineer regarding external improvements including stormwater management and driveway improvements.

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

**Adjourn**: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sharon Norris*  
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Township Secretary

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