



## OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the August 15, 2018, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Dea, Morris, Snyder and Torres. Also in attendance were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Assistant Manager Jeff Eastburn and Secretary Sharon Norris. Two members of the public arrived at 7:20 p.m.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There will be an Executive Session after tonight's meeting to discuss potential litigation.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Supervisor Morris, 2nded by Supervisor Dea the July 18, 2018 minutes were approved. Motion carried 5-0.

**Disposition of Records:** On motion by Supervisor Dea, 2nded by Supervisor Snyder, Resolution 2018-19 was approved 5-0. The motion authorized the erasure of the audiotapes from the July 18, 2018 BOS meeting and the June 6, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** On motion by the Chairman, 2nded by Supervisor Torres, the July 2018 Treasurer's Report was approved 5-0. The report includes the following disbursements and transfers: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$110,103.99; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$5,258.39; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,768.42; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$41,458.47; the Highway Aid Fund with disbursements of \$10,502.06; the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$1,157,966.80

**Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report:** Mr. Snyder reported that during the month of July, 5 Permits were issued and 41 building inspections took place. \$809.57 was collected in building fees, \$0 in Rec, Open Space, Impact Fees and \$500.00 was collected in miscellaneous fees. There are 3 ongoing zoning issues. The entire report can be reviewed on the Township website ([www.franklintownship.us](http://www.franklintownship.us)).

**PC Report:** Mrs. Dea summarized the August 2 meeting where the PC met with the Applicant's Engineer for the property at 476 Chesterville Road. The Applicant has submitted a Land Development Plan to build an additional residence with a detached garage on this 19+ acre parcel. The Applicant's Engineer wanted to review waivers and discussion points with the PC before submitting their official plan. Discussion included the following possible waivers: waiver to allow for a combined preliminary/final plan submission; waiver of financial security and waiver of the developer's agreement. They also discussed whether sidewalks and street lighting would be required. Additional discussion included whether or not an impact fee will be required. Once the minutes are approved, they will be posted to the Township website.

**HARB & Historical Commissions** – Mr. Lagasse was not in attendance but provided a summary of the Historical Commission's August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting which was read by Supervisor Morris. The HARB has not yet met in August. At their meeting, the HC discussed the Kennedy House (3327 Appleton Road), and the

feasibility of having a traffic study done to see if the livability of the Village might be improved. Upcoming local talks include one on the 1918 influenza epidemic (scheduled in November 2018) and the other relating to the history of milling (scheduled for May 2019). A local resident is interested in becoming involved with the HC.

**117 Peacedale Road** –The owner of this parcel contacted the Board, asking that the Township purchase this 2.280 acre parcel for open space since she didn't think it was saleable as the Chester County Health Department couldn't find a suitable spot for a septic system. She has owned the property since the late 1970s and recently tried to sell it after being widowed suddenly. Her son and daughter were in attendance at the meeting. Supervisor Morris explained why this parcel is not a good open space investment. The Board named several septic system options and an idea of how to move forward with selling the property.

**Bamboo in the Township** – the Board reviewed the revised draft ordinance and authorized the Solicitor to advertise it for enactment at a future meeting. This ordinance restricts the planting and growing of bamboo and enforces its maintenance within 40' of the road's edge and 10' from the property line. The motion was made by Supervisor Dea, 2nded by Supervisor Morris and carried 4-1 with Mr. Auerbach voting nay. Mr. Auerbach was in favor of the 40' setback from the road's edge, but felt that enforcing a 10' setback from the property line is overregulating.

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

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:50 p.m.

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