



OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the August 16, 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, HARB/HC Chairman Paul Lagasse, Manager/Treasurer, Joan McVaugh, Stormwater Engineer, Linda Cluck of LTL Consultants and Secretary Sharon Norris. There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

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

Announcements: There was an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss a legal issue.

Public Comment: Resident and former Supervisor, Nan Latimer, happily thanked a host of people in achieving the goal of turning the intersection of Appleton Rd. and Strickersville Rd. from a 2-way stop to a 4-way stop intersection. She congratulated Democrats and Republicans for working together with PennDOT to make this intersection safer. She particularly thanked Jeff Eastburn for starting the process back in January, (before the farm was actually sold) the Township staff, the Board of Supervisors, Representative Lawrence and Senator Dinniman and also PennDOT. At a later point in the meeting, Supervisor Schenk reminded the Board that Ms. Latimer had purchased stop signs for PennDOT to use at this intersection and recommended that the Township refund Ms. Latimer's money. Since the Township can use these stop signs in other locations where stop signs are needed, (PennDOT uses specially marked signs at their intersections), the Board was in agreement with Mrs. Schenk's recommendation.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Supervisor Dea, seconded by Supervisor Snyder, the July 19, 2017 minutes were approved 5-0.

Disposition of Records: On motion by Vice Chair Schenk, 2nded by Chairman Auerbach, Resolution 2017-16 was approved 5-0. The motion authorized the erasure of the audiotape from the July 19, 2017 BOS meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Chairman Auerbach made a motion, 2nded by Mr. Torres, to approve the July 2017 Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements and transfers: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$100,166.33; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$3,636.66; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,974.10; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$79,003.16; the Highway Aid Fund with disbursements of \$26,818.45; the Emergency Services Fund with disbursements of \$29.99; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$1,742.10; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$1,059,391.45. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Auerbach noted that some of the large disbursements are due to this year's road program which is finishing up. It was noted that the Guiderail project will be paid with the remainder of the liquid fuels monies (half the cost) and the other half was budgeted from the General Fund.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report: Mr. Snyder reported that during the month of July, 5 permits were issued and 22 building inspections took place. \$804.70 was collected in building fees; \$-0- in Recreation, Open Space, & Impact Fees was collected; and \$550.00 in miscellaneous fees was also collected. There is one ongoing violation at 6 Meadow Wood Lane (The entire report can be reviewed on the Township website www.franklintownship.us.) Manager McVaugh updated the Board on the status of 206 Fox Run Road which goes to sheriff sale this week.

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

Historical Commission/HARB Report: Chairman Lagasse summarized that the Historical Commission and HARB met on August 2, 2017. The HC met mostly to fulfill their quarterly meeting requirement. They discussed the pipeline and noted that the PMHC has signed off on its review of historical properties. They also discussed the proposed 3-way stop at Appleton and 896. Mr. Lagasse was pleased to report that the HC has 4 talks (which are cosponsored with the New London Historical Society) already lined up for the 2017/2018 season. The HARB also met and reviewed the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for 3313 Appleton Road. The new owners of this property were in attendance and are enthusiastic about bringing the home back to its former glory. Mr. Lagasse mentioned that the owners provided the HARB with a very thorough application. The HARB recommended that the BOS approve the COA. On motion by Supervisor Dea, 2nded by Mrs. Schenk, the Board granted the Certificate of Appropriateness for porch, chimney and roof repairs at 3313 Appleton Rd, based on the findings that the application is in compliance with Sections A-G of the Secretary of the Interior's standards and the proposed work is a necessary repair in keeping with, and appropriate to the current appearance of the home. The motion passed unanimously.

MS4 Permit – MS4 is a DEP mandated program for managing stormwater. As part of the Township's MS4 Permit Application (due September 16, 2017), the Township must supply a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Plan for sediment and nutrients in the Christina River Basin. At last month's meeting, the Board authorized that the TMDL Plan be advertised for public comment. To date, the Township has not received any public comment. Township Stormwater Engineer, Linda Cluck, explained to the Board that although the Township has met and exceeded the MS4 requirements in the eastern section of our urbanized areas, we still have percentages that must be lowered in the middle and western sections. The Township can lower these percentages by implementing certain Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as stream bank restorations, tree plantings, and stormwater basin retrofits. The MS4 future responsibilities of the Township depend on the outcome of a meeting Ms. Cluck is attending today. She will report back to the Township Manager once she has a better idea of what our requirement is. On motion by Vice Chair Schenk, 2nded by Supervisor Snyder, the Board authorized Ms. Cluck to submit the MS4 permit application to DEP no later than the deadline of September 16, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Guiderail Bid – On motion by the Chairman, seconded by Vice Chair Schenk, the Board, based on the recommendation of the Township Engineer in his letter dated August 14, 2017, awarded the Guide Rail Project bid, to install guiderails on portions of South Guernsey Road and Laurel Bridge Road, to Morgan Rail, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$48,538. The motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2017-17 – A motion was tabled to pass this resolution which would authorize the WGFC Chief to designate which EMS group should be the secondary responder to EMS emergencies in the Township. Members of the Board had questions that no one could answer and asked Manager McVaugh to get some answers. Ms. McVaugh has since contacted the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator, Harold Walls, and arranged for him to speak on this topic at next month's meeting.

3-way Stop at Franklin and Peacedale Roads – Resident Suzie Harris brought the site distance issue to the Board's attention at last month's meeting when the school's plan to add an additional grade came before the

Board. The Board agreed that turning this intersection into a 3-way stop would be an important safety improvement. The Chairman, Engineer, Manager and Ass't. Manager have all visited the intersection and PennDOT has provided technical advice. The contractor will go out and clear the vegetation that is currently contributing to low visibility and the Engineer will develop a plan for the stop sign placement and road markings to best improve visibility at this intersection. On motion by Supervisor Torres, 2nded by Mr. Auerbach, the Board authorized the Solicitor to advertise for enactment at the next available meeting, an Ordinance regarding the installation of an additional stop sign on Peacedale Road East, and removing the "Except for Right Hand Turn" on the stop sign at Peacedale Road West at its intersection with Franklin Road, making this an all-way stop intersection. Motion passed 5-0.

Brake Retarder signs at 1903 New London Road – a resident had contacted PennDOT and the Township requesting that PennDOT place Brake Retarder signs near their property to help reduce truck noise. PennDOT approved the request, has marked the area and the BOS must enact an ordinance to complete the process. On motion by Mr. Torres, 2nded by Mr. Snyder, the Board authorized the solicitor to advertise for enactment at the next available meeting, an ordinance regarding the installation of brake retarder signs at 1903 New London Rd. The motion was approved 5-0.

Site Improvement Plan: This will be a monthly discussion until the municipal site improvements have been completed. Supervisor Torres reported on his meeting with the Township Contractor and Mr. Tom Kealey, the landscaper who planted Phase 1 of the landscape improvements. Mr. Torres suggested that plantings on both sides of Municipal Lane would best hide the contractor's yard and improve the appearance of the site. The plantings would include Norway Spruce and Emerald Junipers which grow to be very large. Manager McVaugh was approached by a gentleman interested in cutting down the apple trees to use the wood to cook ribs in the international Jack Daniels BBQ invitational. Ms. McVaugh was pleased to oblige since the apple trees were already scheduled to be removed! The question arose whether to do any plantings before Municipal Lane is reconstructed. The contractor has provided a quote for the road repair and members of the Board requested that the Engineer provide an updated drawing.

Additionally, the Manager and Chairman met with PC member, Chuck Phillips, a registered architect, regarding improvements to the back room storage area.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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