



OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the March 15, 2017 Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting. Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Dea, Schenk, Snyder and Torres. Also in attendance were Solicitor Mark Thompson, PC Chairman Dave Hoffman, HC/HARB Chairman, Paul Lagasse, Manager/Treasurer, Joan McVaugh and Secretary Sharon Norris. There were 2 members of the public present and a Court Reporter.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

The Chairman announced there would be an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

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

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Supervisor Dea, seconded by Supervisor Snyder, the February 15, 2017 minutes were approved 5-0.

Disposition of Records: On motion by Supervisor Schenk, seconded by Supervisor Dea, Resolution 2017-06 was approved 5-0. The motion authorized the erasure of the audiotapes from the February 15, 2017 BOS meeting and the February 2, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

Treasurer's Report: On motion by Chairman Auerbach, seconded by Supervisor Torres, the Board unanimously approved the February 2017 Treasurer's Report which included the following disbursements: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$137,729.75; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$1,687.00; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,974.10; the Emergency Services Fund with disbursements of \$4,241.99; the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$635,143.40. Supervisor Torres asked about the current real estate tax account which involved a transfer to the Fire Hydrant Fund.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report: Supervisor Snyder reported that during the month of February, 4 permits were issued and 15 building inspections took place. \$753.90 was collected in building fees and no Recreation, Open Space, or Impact Fees were collected. \$435 in miscellaneous fees was also collected. There are 3 ongoing zoning issues. Regarding 308 Heather Hills Drive, the homeowner has 30 days to comply with removing the trailer. Regarding 1620 New London Road, the Zoning Officer will send a violation letter. And regarding 419 Chesterville Road, a health issue was the reason that no further progress has been made. A copy of the Zoning Officer's report is available on the Township website (www.franklintownship.us).

PC Report: PC Chairman Dave Hoffman summarized the March 2, 2017 PC meeting where the PC made a recommendation to the BOS that they approve the CU application of Flint Hill Handshake Partners. The PC

continued to review the mini cell tower ordinance. For more details please see the minutes from that meeting when they are approved.

Historical Commission/HARB Report: These 2 commissions did not meet in March. Chairman Lagasse reported that PennDOT was moving along with their Historical Assessments along Route 896 and they are looking at a major realignment of the road in the Village and at the intersection of 841 and 896.

Paradocx Vineyard LLC/Flint Hill Handshake Partners LP Public Hearing – the owners of the winery submitted a Conditional Use application to convert a 2nd floor area into an event room, add a patio and additional walkways and a parking area at the winery. At the time this winery was built, the Winery/Brewery as Accessory to Agriculture section of the Zoning Ordinance was not yet enacted and therefore, the owners were subject to a Stipulated Agreement. The Solicitor opened the public hearing and noted exhibits for marking which included the proof of publication, the application and plan and the letter from the Zoning Officer. No member of the public asked to be made a party to the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Chairman made a motion, 2nded by Mr. Snyder that the Board approve the Conditional Use Application, waive the land development requirement for the project and extinguish the Stipulated Agreement since no other winery is governed by a similar agreement as they follow the winery ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2017-09 – On motion by Mr. Snyder, 2nded by Chairman Auerbach, the Board adopted Resolution 2017-09, issuing a hunting license to the Franklin Sportsman’s Association (FSA) to allow for hunting on the Township Preserves during the 2017-2018 hunting season. The motion passed unanimously. The Chairman noted that the FSA provides a tremendous benefit to the Township by not only being great stewards of the land but also performing numerous public service projects during the year. Because of the FSA, many preserve-related projects get completed without spending Township funds. The Board members thank the FSA for their service to the community.

ADA Bathroom Update – the Chairman presented a materials list and noted that he and Jeff Eastburn were shopping for the material this week. Work is to begin the weekend of March 18th.

2017 Road Program update – The Board has identified the following roads as part of this year’s road program: Laurel Bridge Road, S. Guernsey Road and guiderails on both of these roads will be completed using Liquid Fuels monies. Auburn Road will be repaired using Impact Fee monies; the balance of Auburn Road, Conard Mill Road, Parsons Road, Hilltop Road and Hess Mill Road are also part of this year’s road program. As with all projects, as problems are uncovered, priorities change; however, at this time, the Board will move forward with the Liquid Fuels roads as soon as we receive PennDOT approval. We will post all road closures on the Township website and on the Facebook page. We also post signs on the affected roads to notify residents in advance that road construction is going to take place.

Public Comment: Ms. Suzie Harris of Kemblesville West asked about pipeline safety, and emergency plans in case of a pipeline malfunction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.