



OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the April 19, 2017 Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting. Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Dea, Schenk, Snyder and Torres. Also in attendance were Solicitor Max O’Keefe, HC/HARB Chairman, Paul Lagasse, and Manager/Treasurer, Joan McVaugh. There was 1 member of the public present and a Court Reporter.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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

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

Disposition of Records: On motion by Vice Chairman Schenk, seconded by Supervisor Snyder, Resolution 2017-10 was approved 5-0. The motion authorized the erasure of the audiotapes from the March 15, 2017 BOS meeting and the March 2, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: The Chairman made a motion, 2nded by Supervisor Torres to 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 and 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; the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$810,663.36. The Report was unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report: Supervisor Snyder reported that during the month of March, 7 permits were issued and 19 building inspections took place. \$500.00 was collected in building fees and no Recreation, Open Space, or Impact Fees were collected. \$575 in miscellaneous fees was also collected. There are 3 ongoing zoning issues. Manager McVaugh updated the Board about 1620 New London Rd. A copy of the Zoning Officer’s report is available on the Township website (www.franklintownship.us).

PC Report: Vice Chair Schenk summarized the April 6, 2017 PC meeting where the PC met with representatives of the Avon Grove Charter School to discuss their proposed addition and also discussed the Conditional Use Application submitted by 1620 New London Rd. The Charter School intends to come back before the PC in June and 1620 New London Rd. will be on the May PC agenda.

Historical Commission/HARB Report: Chairman Lagasse submitted these two commissions’ annual reports to the Board. The HC discussed Eastern Shore (no progress), and PennDOT road work on 896. The HARB also discussed the PennDOT road work and pipeline safety.

Ordinance 2017-02 – Act 172 Ordinance: Act 172 permits municipalities to decrease the EIT and Township tax rate by a certain percentage for active fire and EMS volunteer responders. Solicitor O’Keefe opened the public hearing, noted the ordinance was duly advertised in the Daily Local News, and asked for public comment (there was none). He then closed the public hearing. On motion by Mr. Snyder, 2nded by Supervisor Dea, the Board unanimously enacted this ordinance which amends Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances “Taxation Special and adds a new Part 4, Volunteer Service Tax Credit and amends Part 1 Earned Income tax.

Library Volunteer: On motion by the Chairman, 2nded by Mr. Torres, the Board unanimously appointed resident Shelly McCoy to serve as the Township’s representative to the Avon Grove Library Board. Ms. McCoy is a librarian with 18 years of library experience. She discussed the relevance of the library in today’s electronic age, the expertise of the library staff, how the library serves as a resource for the public who otherwise do not have access to computers and that it is also a good resource for those in need of career guidance and resume writing assistance. The motion passed unanimously and the Board thanked Ms. McCoy for her service to the Township.

Abel Extension: On motion by Mr. Torres, 2nded by Mr. Snyder, the Board unanimously granted an extension to the review clock for the Abel Subdivision to October 19, 2017. The motion carried 5-0.

Township Office Site Improvement Project: The Board discussed improvements to the storage area adjacent to the office and outside improvements including the driveway.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.