



OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the May 18, 2016 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 Planning Commission Chairman, Dave Hoffman, Historical Commission/HARB Chairman, Paul Lagasse, Manager/Treasurer, Joan McVaugh and Secretary Sharon Norris. There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: On motions by John Auerbach, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the March 16, 2016 minutes and the April 20, 2016 minutes were unanimously approved.

Disposition of Records: On motion by Chairman Auerbach, seconded by Supervisor Schenk, Resolution 2016-16 was approved 5-0. The motion authorized the erasure of the audio tapes for the April 7, 2016 PC meeting and the above mentioned Board of Supervisors meetings.

Treasurer's Report: On motion made by Mr. Auerbach, 2nded by Supervisor Torres, the Board approved the April Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$378,752.64; the Park & Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$17,255.74; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$7,172.61; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$911.00; the Highway Aid Fund with disbursements of \$3,200.00; 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 \$1,098,932.37. The motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report: Chairman Auerbach reported that during the month of April, 6 new permits were issued and 32 various inspections were performed. Building/zoning fees collected: \$2,861.95; Recreation and Impact fees \$0 and \$805.00 in miscellaneous fees. There are 5 zoning issues. One has been resolved, three are being addressed by the property owners and one letter was sent.

PC Report: PC Chairman, Dave Hoffman, reported that the PC continued discussion on the draft ordinance, "Brewery as Accessory to Agriculture" which will be discussed again at the June 2, 2016 PC meeting. Please see the minutes from that meeting when they are available for more details.

Historical Commission/HARB Meeting Report – These committees did not meet in May. Chairman Paul Lagasse reported that Eastern Shore Natural Gas (ESNG) must finalize the pipeline route by July. He also reported that 50+ people attended the May 12th program, cosponsored with the New London Area Historical Society. The program was presented by local historian Emily Kilby. Ms. Kilby spoke about the former residents of Fair Hill.

Mr. Lagasse reminded everyone that TONIGHT (May 19th) the Kennett Township Historical Commission will present Catherine Quillman, who will talk about "Agricultural Roots: How We Grew What We Grew." This program will be held at the Kennett Township Building (801 Burrows Run Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317) at 7 PM.

Old Business:

Township Office Renovation – The Board discussed the plan to renovate the Township Office in stages. Top priority is to renovate the meeting room bathroom into an ADA-compliant restroom. The Board would like to work toward making the meeting room the only public area in the building. Second on the list is moving the manager from the meeting room into the existing back office. The office would need work completed before moving the desk from the meeting room. Next would be the repair of the wall separating the back room storage area from the former salt storage area. As has been discussed, this wall is disintegrating due to the properties of the salt. It is not a load bearing wall. In time, the Assistant Manager and the Zoning Officer would move into the back room where there would also be an area for file cabinets. Finally, a separate storage area would be added for all of the subdivision files. Mr. Auerbach has been speaking with a local contractor who has previously performed work at the office. Mr. Auerbach also suggested contacting the Township Engineer, LTL Consultants, regarding these ideas.

New business:

Land Use Zoning Discussion –the Board discussed two issues – 1) a perspective buyer is looking to build an additional house on a 19.3 acre parcel which already contains an existing house, pool and barn. The current Zoning Officer has interpreted our zoning ordinance for the AR district to allow this use. It is the duty of the zoning officer to administer zoning ordinances in accordance with their literal terms. 2) This has brought up the need to re-write vaguely written areas of the zoning ordinance to make them more literal so they would be easily understood by anyone who reads the Zoning Ordinance.

Public Comment: Mr. Lagasse discussed creating a Historical Commission Facebook page, similar to other municipalities' Historical Commissions' Facebook page. The Board is supportive of this endeavor. Mr. Lagasse also said that he was pleased the Board was making improvements to the inside of the township office; however, he and other Kemblesville residents have been waiting patiently for 2 years for the Township to improve/clean up the outside of the municipal site. Mr. Auerbach said the Township was getting rid of one of the dirt piles and Mr. Lagasse asked that the Township revisit the site plan prepared by LTL Consultants. Mr. Auerbach agreed to put more time into that effort and it would be an agenda item at the June BOS meeting.

Mr. Zach Elwyn commented on the bad state of Chesterville Road (from the intersection of 841 to Creek Road) which is a PennDOT road. Ms. McVaugh informed everyone that Jeff Eastburn has repeatedly contacted and sent PennDOT pictures of the poor condition of the road. We are told that we are "on the list." Mr. Elwyn then discussed the difficulty he has getting out of his driveway safely. He lives on Gypsy Hill Rd. at the crown of the hill and visibility is zero. Drivers on that road travel at high speeds. He would like to widen the bottom of his driveway and remove a tree and wondered if this was allowable. Mr. Auerbach said he would come over and help him figure out what to do, but that Mr. Elwyn would be responsible for any permit fees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. (a new record!)