

MINUTES FROM MARCH 21, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of Valley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building, 890 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patrice Proctor at 7:47 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisors Christopher Lehenky, Kathy O'Doherty, and Patrice Proctor. Supervisor Joe Sciandra was absent. Also in attendance were Ed Rasiul of Pennoni Associates, Inc. (Township Engineer) and Alan J. Jarvis (Township Solicitor). An executive session was held at 6:40 p.m. prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues and items on the agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. O'Doherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting as presented. Mr. Lehenky seconded the motion. Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS:

Mr. Lehenky made a motion to pay bills as presented. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O'Doherty – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

BOARD GENERAL COMMENTS:

Ms. Proctor announced that the Vacancy Board will hold a Special Meeting on April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to petition the Court of Common Pleas to fill the vacant supervisor seat along with the Vacancy Board's recommendation. She also noted that the annual Easter Egg Hunt would be held on April 14th at 3:00 p.m. at Rainbow Elementary School. The annual Shredding and eWaste event will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Kmart Shopping Center. It was also announced that the Parks and Recreation Authority will be sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino on Saturday, August 12. Cost is \$25 per person and the Casino will provide each person with a \$15 voucher.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Friel reported on the Department's activity for the month of February. Estimated hours on duty were 2,113; miles logged were 7,368; traffic citations issued were 53; parking tickets issued were 18; warnings issued were 6; non-traffic citations were 2; criminal arrests were 5; and complaints answered were 357. Arrests year to date are 15. The Police Department vehicles have received new in-car computers. Chief stated that he and Brian Myers from the Public Works Department attended a PECO seminar on March 20. An officer from the Department will attend the Juvenile Justice Committee meetings being held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Officers have been doing their mandatory Act 180 training online. The Town Watch meeting for March is canceled. The next meeting will be held on April 26.

FIRE/AMBULANCE:

Chief Sly reported that the Ambulance Fund Drive was mailed and is being well received. He thanked the Road Crew for their assistance during the recent storm. He mentioned that Joshua Waldrop, who also recently joined the Westwood Fire Department, responded with the plow trucks when a call was dispatched. He also reported that the recent "St. Patrick's Day Bingo Marathon" was a success with 92 people attending. Chief Sly also reported that the annual banquet would be held on May 19, 2017 at the Downingtown Country Club. The "new" ambulance should be in service by mid-Spring. He also reviewed the recent Fireman's Relief Audit.

EMS:

No report

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Mr. Jarvis reported that there will be a zoning hearing on March 23 for the City of Coatesville for the property located at 123 Mt. Airy Road. The Board concurred that the Township will not enter into the hearing.
- Mr. Jarvis reported that he received authorization from the City of Coatesville and the Horowitz estate to permit Pennoni on the property to conduct wetland testing for the Manor Road Rehab Project.
- Mr. Jarvis reported that he drafted a Resolution for the Board's consideration regarding increasing residential zoning hearing application fees.
- Mr. Jarvis reported that he reviewed the Township Secretary's eMail regarding the Hillview Bonds in response to a Right to Know requested. He noted that he would be meeting with the Secretary to review the bonds.

The Board reviewed the next steps required for a permanent easement on the “City of Coatesville/Horowitz” property.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Mr. Rasiul read and submitted the engineer’s report which is on file at the Township Office.

Ms. O’Doherty inquired about the start of the Hayti Wall Replacement Project and the Mt. Airy Road Bridge Rehab project. Mr. Rasiul advised that pre-construction meetings for both projects, as it is the same contractor, are scheduled for next Tuesday. Timeframe of projects will be reviewed at that time.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

The Planning Commission did not meet on March 14, 2017, due to weather. Their meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, March 22.

OLD BUSINESS:

Consideration to ratify Snow Emergency Declaration effective March 13 at 8:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. on March 14 – Ms. O’Doherty made a motion to ratify the Snow Emergency Declaration effective March 13, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. on March 14, 2017. Mr. Lehenky seconded the motion. Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to authorize advertisement for the Solid Waste Ordinance amendment – Mr. Jarvis noted that he needs to review with Mr. Lenhart. Mr. Lehenky made a motion to table the decision to authorize the advertisement for the Solid Waste Ordinance amendment. Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

The Board discussed when the enforcement for compliance would begin. The Board agreed if the amendment is adopted at the second meeting in April, that setting enforcement to begin on June 1 would enable the residents to ensure they had the proper trash containers.

Discussion regarding floodplain ordinance – It was noted that this was covered during the Engineer’s Report. Mr. Rasiul added that his office is preparing a list of questions for the Board of Supervisors to answer relative the draft ordinance currently distributed for their review which may assist.

Discussion/consideration regarding paving of Highland Drive per quote obtained from West Caln Township through Long’s Asphalt – Mr. Lehenky made a motion to table any decision regarding paving of Highland Drive until more information can be obtained. Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion. Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/consideration to adopt a Resolution setting the application fee for a residential zoning hearing – A resolution was presented whereby the application fee for a commercial zoning hearing would remain at \$1,000; the application fee for a residential zoning hearing would be increased to \$750; an additional fee in the amount of \$550 would be required if the hearing would be continued which would require re-advertisement and \$150 if no re-advertisement was required. **Ms. O’Doherty made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-08, a Resolution adopting zoning hearing application and other zoning hearing related fees. Mr. Lehenky seconded the motion.** Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

Discussion/consideration to change the Board of Supervisors Meeting Date of May 16, 2017 – **Mr. Lehenky made a motion to change the May 16, 2017 meeting date of the Board of Supervisors to Wednesday, May 17, 2017 due to the Primary Election. Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion.** Question: Mr. Lehenky – yes; Ms. O’Doherty – yes; Ms. Proctor – yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Recreation – Ms. Proctor reported that this year Valley Day and the Chester County Airport Air Show will be combined on the same date of October 7.

Special Projects – Ms. O’Doherty reported that the new building is moving along and that it is anticipated that bids will be advertised by May 1.

Public Works – Mr. Lehenky reported that the snow event of March 14 was well handled. The monthly report was also distributed to the Board of Supervisors and is on file at the Township Office.

Work Place Safety Committee – The February 8, 2017 Work Place Safety Committee meeting meetings were distributed.

Administration Report – Monthly written report was distributed and is on file at the Township Office.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Tammy Chiesa, 1108 West Lincoln Highway – Ms. Chiesa stated that she has a problem with her neighbor who pushes snow onto her yard and driveway. She stated that she had filled out a complaint form that was forwarded to the Police Report. She noted that Officer Parker had made an attempt to talk with her neighbor who was not responsive. She also noted that the neighbor, Eby’s Auto Shop, has a pile of tires that are in the open which fill with water and then draws mosquitos, etc. The Board requested that she fill out a complaint on this issue. The Board also stated that they would also look into seeing if the pushing of snow onto her property is in violation of a Township Code.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was properly adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Township Secretary