

## **Board of Supervisors Regular meeting held Tuesday February 20, 2007**

The Board of Supervisors conducted a regular meeting held on Tuesday February 20, 2007 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Hensel called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Ms. Silvernail, and Mr. Doratt, Mr. Pompo Township Solicitor, Mr. Thompson substitute for Mr. Pompo, Mr. Hawkins Building Inspector, Mr. MacCombie Township Engineer/Zoning Officer and members of the community.

Mr. Hensel announced that the Board met in executive session Monday February 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss police employment.

The moment of silence and pledge of allegiance were observed.

**Township Police report.** Chief Groce reported that he received a recognition letter from Valley Township regarding Patrolman Imhoff assisting Chief Friel with a computer program. The Chief reported that 1 patrolman resigned this month and he received 1 application for employment. Chief Groce made a request to hire Jeffrey Criswell as a part time patrolman at a rate of \$15.05 per hour with a six-month probation period and all final reports is completed.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to hire Jeffrey Criswell as a part time patrolman at the rate of \$15.05 per hour with a six month probation period and contingent upon all final reports being completed. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

**Township Engineer report.** Mr. MacCombie reported that he has prepared a rough calculation of the cost increase of tapping fee to be \$2,541.02, he stated this number is based on gallons per day and the new regulations being 90 gallons per day per household based on 2.72 persons within the home. Mr. MacCombie stated that the current Edu costs are \$2,445.00. Mr. MacCombie stated that he would forward the rough calculations to Mr. Pompo for review to make sure it complies with Act 57. Mr. MacCombie reported that Cowan Estates is waiting for sewer planning module approval.

**Township Solicitors report.** Mr. Thompson stated that his office has reviewed the request from the fire department to have the full time employees that run the ambulance to be placed on the Township's insurance policy. Mr. Thompson stated that the code states no authority for the Township to pay personnel insurance for fire companies it only specifies workman's compensation. Mr. Hensel requested that a letter be sent to the fire company to inform them of the findings.

**Township Zoning report.** Mr. MacCombie stated that he received a complaint from a resident on Strasburg Road regarding a neighbor starting a dog kennel. He will look into the complaint and report back to the Board.

**Township Building Inspector report.** Mr. Hawkins reported that he is issuing permits under the new schedule of fees. He reported that he has reviewed 15 contractors' license registration applications.

Susan Franco requested a copy of the licensed plumber list.

**Tabled business:**

The Board discussed an agreement from Terry Muto, which represents Bellaire Business Center to have the road crew salt the roadways within the business center, and Bellaire will pay \$75.00 for each time the crew drives through the center. Ms. Silvernail stated the agreement is not clear as to whether or not Bellaire will pay \$75.00 per snowstorm or \$75.00 per trip in the industrial center? Mr. Muto answered by stating he meant the agreement to be every trip in the industrial center. Mr. Thompson stated he would review the agreement with Mr. Pompo. No action was taken, this item was tabled.

The Board discussed participating in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's annual statewide contract for sodium chloride. The Board stated that when the contract appeared on the agenda in January the weather was still very mild and no salt was being used at the time, however since that the weather has changed and the Board agreed to get on board with the agreement.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to agree to participate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania annual statewide contract for sodium chloride. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

John Jaros representing Lafayette Square made a request to purchase the available EDU's needed for the Lafayette Square Project. Ms. Silvernail stated that a letter was received from SSC stating that they want approval before the sale of any Township Edu's. Ms. Silvernail added that she is not comfortable making any decisions until the Township Solicitor has reviewed and commented. Mr. Thompson stated that he has reviewed the SSC letter and states it is not acceptable. Mr. Jaros asked the Board do we continue to come back each meeting to make the request to purchase the available Edu's. Mr. Doratt stated that he is in favor of selling available Edu's to Lafayette Square. Mr. Jaros asked the Board if it was alright if he can discuss the terms of this letter with Mr. Pompo and bring it back to work out a solution with the Board. The Board replied yes. Mr. Reading representing All County Partners stated that he is in need of (33) Edu's as well if the Board would consider his request when its time to make the decision. The Board stated that yes they will consider his request once the terms get ironed out between Sadsbury and SSC.

Ms. Silvernail discussed a complaint that she received regarding Mr. Florians grading issues at the end of Belvedere Avenue and Mr. Florian encroaching on other resident's property. Mr. MacCombie stated that he did a cease and desist on the property. Mr. MacCombie stated that he has reviewed Mr. Florian's plan and suggested that a time

limit be placed on the grading permit extension, Mr. MacCombie added that in the past no time limit was placed and it was treated as an open grading permit. Ms. Silvernail stated that some of the complaints were a drainpipe blocked, and trees broken. Mr. MacCombie stated that previous inspections with previous Board members said the pipe was draining ok and that it was fine the way it was. Mr. MacCombie will re-inspect the pipe again and report back to the Board.

Mr. Hensel announced that Alicia Blair representing PenDot would meet with the Board to discuss the Coatesville/Downingtown bypass reconstruction project at 10:30a.m. so since they were not present yet he will proceed with the public comment portion of the meeting, all are invited to stay for the meeting with Pen Dot.

Susan Franco stated that she attended the last meeting regarding the by pass expansion and stated that each Township will be effected by the construction and Pen Dot is seeking each of the Township's support.

**Public Comment:**

Susan Franco made a request to have the January 16, 2007 minutes changed to reflect Mr. MacCombies comments made at that meeting to state that no incurred costs to the Township applied when Ms. Franco made a request for Mr. MacCombie to copy documents for a Planning Commission meeting as it was additional data needed for the Planning Commission's meeting. Mr. MacCombie stated that he did not charge for the data. Ms. Silvernail stated that the minutes are not recorded testimony but a synopsis of each meeting and she felt that Ms. Myers goes above and beyond what other Township's minutes contain.

Susan Franco stated that she received numerous phone calls regarding the icy conditions at the entrances at Quarry Ridge. Ms. Franco added the entrance off of Old Wilmington Road is shaded and does not melt well. Mr. Hensel asked Chief Groce if there were any accidents or complaints from residents being stuck over the last snowstorm. Chief Groce stated no accidents or people being stuck on Township roads, he did receive calls for accidents on State highways. Mr. Doratt stated that our road crew made the best of a bad situation. Mr. Hensel added that he appreciates a great job well done for our road crew. Ms. Franco added that she appreciated them as well.

Terry Muto stated that he wanted to make a comment for Pen Dot that he is in support of the additional ramps be placed on Route 30, it will help with truck traffic and get truck traffic out of the center of town.

John Lymberis commented that he is in favor of the bypass project and would like the Board to support the additional ramps that are to be constructed on Route 30 in the future. Mr. Lymberis added that at the last Township meeting Mr. Pompo requested a letter from SSC and if Mr. Pompo tells them what he wants to see in this letter they will respond.

Jim Reading commented that he is in favor of the bypass project ramp issue.

John Newton commented that he is in favor of the bypass project and would like the Board to support the additional ramps that are to be constructed on Route 30 in the future.

Mr. Scott Sibley Project Manager for Gannett Fleming stated that the purpose of the meeting with the Board today was to re establish contact with Municipal Officials adjacent to the US 30 corridor and to discuss projects and scope. Mr. Sibley stated that the bypass project consists of many additions such as adding capacity lanes, widening bridges, additional paving, noise walls, purchasing right of way. Mr. Fleming stated that the construction period should be approximately 4 years. Mr. Hensel stated his concern is once the project is done how will traffic increase in our area. Mr. Fleming stated to expect a 50% increase in traffic Mr. Fleming stated that 2002 daily traffic flow is 20,400 Airport Road, 27,500 Manor Avenue, 33,400 Reeceville Road, 41,100 Bondsville Road (340). Future traffic increase will be: 31,700 Airport Road, 41,600 Manor Avenue, 47,800 Reeceville Road, 55,800 Bondsville Road (340). The Board stated that they are in favor of the ramp project at Airport Road. Mr. Hensel stated that it will help keep truck traffic out of Sadsburyville with the current Village Enhancement Project that is happening in the Township to narrow the lanes down to calm traffic. Mr. Lymberis added that by adding the ramps would help with safety issues as well. The Board expressed concerns with traffic back up at Route 10 & 30. Mr. Fleming showed possible future drawings that show the merger of the traffic and changes along the 10 & 30 corridors. The Board states the Western end of the bypass is a major concern with all the bypass traffic dumping into to a double lane the Board added that a lot of fatalities have occurred at the end of the Township. Mr. Fleming stated that they would research and study that portion of the roadways. The Board asked if the Airport Road ramp project could be marked as a priority? Mr. Fleming stated no they cannot separate the project which currently it is in the preliminary stage.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Myers  
Secretary/Treasurer