

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held Tuesday May 4, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was conducted on Tuesday May 4, 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairwomen Ms. Silvernail called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Ms. Horan and Mr. Walton, Mr. Thompson substitute for Mr. Pompo Township Solicitor, Mr. MacCombie Township Engineer/Zoning Officer, and members of the community.

Ms. Silvernail announced that the Board met in executive session on Wednesday April 31, 2010 at 9:00 am to discuss personnel issues.

The moment of silence and pledge of allegiance were observed.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to waive the reading of the previous meetings minutes. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walton, to adopt the previous meetings minutes. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Township Police report. Chief Groce reported for the month of April a total of 2,592 miles were patrolled and 116 complaints were received for: 5 theft, 7 suspicious persons, 4 911 hang ups, 13 alarms, 10 domestics, 6 accidents, 4 disturbances, 7 assist to other departments, 1 criminal mischief, 4 animal and 1 burglary. There were 6 citations issued for the month, 4 criminal arrests for 1 bench warrant, 1 open traffic warrants, 1 theft, and 1 fraud. Patrol activities included 11 traffic checks and 16 property checks. Chief Groce stated that the police assisted with the road side clean up of Compass Road and Old Wilmington Road this past month.

Township Engineer report. Mr. MacCombie reported that Brandywine Conservancy has contacted the Township regarding plantings required on the Townships 11.43 acres that are within the conservation easement area. Mr. MacCombie stated that the Peco grant that the Township applied for has not been awarded. The Township has already requested and received an extension of time which may need to be extended. Mr. MacCombie stated that the Township can plant in the fall. Mr. MacCombie reported that Dennis O'Neil is in contact with Amtrak regarding an escrow account that the Township established with Amtrak for the past sewer phase easement areas reimbursement. Mr. MacCombie reported that Pennsylvania American Water Company filed for a 200% increase. Mr. MacCombie stated that two years ago the rate was \$2.13 per thousand gallons, last years rate was \$3.77 and this year's proposed rate increase is \$10.51. Mr. MacCombie stated that Pennsylvania American spent 57 million dollars to expand the new plant and is trying to recoup their money back with this increase. Mr. MacCombie stated that with the previous increase Sadsbury joined other bulk user municipalities; West Brandywine, Valley and Caln to oppose the increase. Mr. MacCombie

recommended that the Township join these other municipalities against this increase. Ms. Silvernail stated that herself, Mr. MacCombie, Mr. Walton and Ms. Myers attended a meeting at West Brandywine Township along with Valley and Caln Townships to discuss the costs of joining as a group. Ms. Silvernail stated that the proposed cost is \$120,000 divided by 4 municipalities totaling \$30,000 each. Ms. Silvernail stated that she spoke to Mr. Drozd the Township's accounting advisor regarding the costs and he recommended the Township borrow the money from the capital reserve fund, but it must be paid back. Mr. MacCombie stated that Parkesburg and the City of Coatesville also attended the meeting at West Brandywine Township. They are not bulk users; they are direct customers, and they can join against the increase with other users like themselves.

Theresa Alfrez asked if there will be public meetings regarding the rate increase proposal. Mr. MacCombie stated that no meetings have been scheduled yet but there will be.

Donna Sitler stated that it would be helpful to know what the other water rates are in other communities. Mr. MacCombie stated "yes" it would; Pennsylvania American Water Company is out of range. The Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce stated they want to join the Township against the PAWC rate increase, they will send a letter of support.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to allocate \$30,000.00 to join the rate challenge with West Brandywine, Valley and Caln Townships, and to revisit the numbers to make sure it stays on track. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacCombie reported that the latest Sadsbury Village Enhancement plans are at the Township on file. Mr. MacCombie reported that he has prepared a construction release for Higgins & Sons for the installation of LEDs to the traffic signal at Old Wilmington Road in the amount of \$5,266.00 to be paid from the Keystone Cash Escrow currently being held by Patrick O'Donnell.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walton, to approve the construction release of \$5,266.00 to be paid to Higgins & Sons for the LED's placed in the traffic signal at Old Wilmington Road, to be paid from the Keystone Cash Escrow. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacCombie stated that he has prepared a construction release of \$125.00 for engineer's expenses with regards to the LED traffic signal at Old Wilmington Road to be paid from the Meeting House Properties escrow account.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to approve a construction release of \$125.00 for engineer's expenses with regards to the LED traffic signal at Old Wilmington Road to be paid from the Meeting House Properties account. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacCombie discussed with the Board the request from D & S Developers to have Mr. MacCombie design a sewer plan for them that would join up with Shamrock Lane up Valley Road to their property. Mr. Smith said he will pay all costs for the design and easements. Ms. Silvernail stated that the Township cannot incur costs associated with Mr. MacCombie's time to design the sanitary sewer for D & S. Mr. Smith agreed. Mr. Lymberis asked it was possible to include the name of Sadsbury Township as part of the plan just in case D & S never follows through with the construction, the Township could someday consider. Mr. MacCombie stated "yes". Ms. Silvernail made it clear that if the Board agrees to allow Mr. MacCombie to prepare the sanitary sewer plans for D & S it is not considered an approval it's a design element only. Mr. Smith agreed.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to agree to have Mr. MacCombie prepare the design of the sanitary sewer from the end of Phase 4 Shamrock Lane to the property of D & S on the North side of 372 with all costs paid by D & S. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Township Solicitors report. Mr. Thompson stated that (2) Conditional Use Hearings were continued this evening for Sadsbury Commons and National Guard until June 1, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Township Planning Commission report. Ms. Franco reported the Planning Commission met on April 14, 2010. Under old business Mr. Pat Cox representing Lincoln Crest mobile home Park along with Mr. Stivell Attorney, and Mr. Orsatti Landscape Planners were present to discuss the expansion of the mobile home park. Review letters from Mr. MacCombie and Menke and Menke were discussed, no action was taken. Ms. Franco reported that under new business discussed was Mr. Claypoole announced his resignation from the Planning Commission as he will be moving out of the Township. No other business was discussed.

Township Zoning report. Mr. MacCombie reported that Keystone Novelties applied for a permit to sell fireworks at the Hershey Farm Market which is under review. Mr. Taylor asked if someone had to man the tent 24 hours. Mr. MacCombie stated "yes".

Pomeroy Fire Company report. Mr. Taylor reported for the month of April a total number of alarms answered were 8 for 2 building, 3 fires, 2 automatic alarms, 1 standby, and 1 electrical fire. The alarms answered were for 1 Atglen Borough, 1 East Fallowfield, 1 Highland, 4 Sadsbury, and 1 Valley Township. Total hours in service was 6 hours and 6 minutes.

Sadsburyville Fire Company report. No report given.

Pomeroy Fire Company Ambulance report. Mr. Taylor reported that for the month of April a total of calls per Township and Borough were as follows: Sadsbury 14, Highland

1, Coatesville 2, East Fallowfield 3, West Goshen 2, and Parkesburg 12. Call types were: 29 medical, 1 vehicle, 3 fires, 1 relocate, 9 recalled.

Township Emergency Services Coordinator update. Mr. Taylor said he received an e mail from Pat Cox, project manager for Lincoln Crest Management Corp. Mr. Cox provided a layout of the placement of the proposed expansion of the mobile home park fire hydrants. He stated that (3) hydrants are proposed for the new area, Mr. Taylor requested (1) additional hydrant at the entrance road near first street. Mr. Taylor stated that he was contacted by the County to attend a function Saturday night to receive a new laptop. Mr. Taylor cannot make the function and hopes to have someone go in his place.

Park Committee report. Mr. Elmer Pluck commented that he received a very nice compliment of how wonderful the Bert Reel Park is. Mr. Pluck stated that the park is in need of volunteers to work the concession stand on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. Susan Franco asked if community day has been cancelled for this year. Mr. Horan stated not yet but it will if volunteers don't come forward to help. Susan Franco complimented the park committee for a very nice community day last season.

Payment of invoices:

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to pay the April invoices in the amount of \$89,829.59. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walton, to pay the April payroll in the amount of \$28,317.60. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to pay the renewal of the property, auto and equipment insurance in the amount of \$14,664.00. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to pay the April sanitary sewer invoices in the amount of \$36,575.95. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Tabled business:

The Board discussed the Chester County Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation Planning and Resolution. Mr. Thompson stated that he and Mr. Pompo have had e mail exchanges with Karl Mehn of Chester County Department of Emergency Services. This plan is a county wide plan that was prepared by the Department of Emergency Services and was adopted by the County Commissioners on March 4, 2010. He stated that by the Township adopting the Resolution we will be eligible for pre disaster and post disaster hazard mitigation grant funding.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to adopt Resolution 2010-05 of the Chester County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed escrow monies received from Mr. Hendrickson with regards to having Mr. Pompo and Mr. MacCombie revise the Sadsbury Township PAWC Wastewater Conveyance Agreement as discussed in last months meeting. The Board stated that Mr. Pompo and Mr. MacCombie can move forward with the revision of the documents.

New Business:

The Board received a resignation from Theodore Claypoole from the Planning Commission, Mr. Claypoole is moving out of the Township. The Board thanked Mr. Claypoole for serving on the Planning Commission. The Board accepted the resignation.

Ms. Donna Siter representing the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce presented the Board with the status update of the Regional Economic Study. Ms. Siter stated that 7 out of 9 municipalities signed up to be part of the study group and the cost to join the study is \$500.00. The Regional Economic Study will receive grant money from the State in the amount of \$60,000.00, \$30,000.00 from Chester County and a donation was received in the amount of \$5,000.00. The committee meets quarterly; Ms. Siter stated that the purpose of the committee is to study and address economic growth and development issues at the regional level. The study area is all municipalities within the Coatesville Area School District. Ms. Silvernail stated that the Township did not join this study because they could not justify the cost. Mr. MacCombie stated that regardless if Sadsbury Township joins the study or not, the Township will be studied anyway. Ms. Siter stated “yes” that is correct but by participation allows the Township’s opinion. The Board thanked them for the update but made no decisions to join the group.

The Board discussed hiring Brandywine Valley Cleaning Contractors Inc to strip and wax the vinyl composition tile in the office hallway, kitchen and file room with (3) coats of finish to cost \$340.00. The Board questioned on whether there were other quotes to review, the Township secretary said “no”, this is a resident that stopped by and gave a quote. The Board requested the secretary to gather more quotes to compare pricing.

The Board discussed a Resolution that would allow the Township to obtain financial assistance under the Robert R. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Ms. Silvernail stated that Lisa Myers, Dave Simmons and herself attended a workshop to gather information on all requirements. Ms. Silvernail stated that FEMA declared a disaster emergency and will reimburse Township’s up to 75% for a 48 hour period and PEMA will pay up to 25%.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walton to adopt Resolution 2010-06 to obtain financial assistance under the Robert R. Stafford Disaster Relief. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walton, to terminate Dave Turner effective immediately. With no questions being taken from the public, due to a personnel matter, the Board voted “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Elmer Pluck commented that years ago the Township placed a volleyball court at the Northwest corner of Bert Reel Park. Mr. Pluck has concerns with the safety of the structure. Mr. MacCombie will inspect the structure and get back to the Township. Mr. Pluck mentioned that there is a medium size hole on the west side of the pavilion; he added that water gathers there and it needs fill.

Susan Franco thanked the Township police for watching out for them while cleaning up the highway along Old Wilmington Road. Ms. Franco also thanked all those that volunteered and families that came out to help. Ms. Franco stated that sadly enough the roadside is covered in trash again.

Connie Alfrez complained about the quarterly flat fee that is being charged for sanitary sewer. Ms. Alfrez stated that the 3rd quarter of last year the Township charged her for 7,000 gallons and for the first quarter of this year she paid for 1,000 gallons. Ms. Alfrez is questioning the decrease. The Board replied that its possible that she is more aware of her usage now then before. Ms. Alfrez requested all copies of her invoices from 2008 and 2009.

Theresa Alfrez asked if the Township made the residents aware of the sanitary sewer increase. The Board stated yes, there was a notice sent out with the 2010 trash invoice in January.

Connie Alfrez asked if she has to participate in the Township trash collection. The Board replied yes, every resident has to participate even if their homes are empty. Ms. Alfrez asked if the Board will consider a senior citizens discount in the next contract negotiation. The Board stated that they will look into it.

With there being no further business, Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan to adjourn the regular meeting. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Myers
Secretary/Treasurer

