

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD APRIL 11, 2016
(Approved May 9, 2016)

The Board of Supervisors held its' regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 11, 2016. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, W. Atlee Rinehart, Michael Albert Moyer and Anthony Duffy. Also present were Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager, Mark A. Hosterman, Township Solicitor and Brady Flaharty, Township Engineer. Mrs. Nocella was absent.

Mr. Kolb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Hosterman stated that the Board of Supervisors had 2 executive sessions. The first executive session was held on April 5, 2016 to discuss one (1) matter concerning personnel. The second executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. immediately preceding this meeting to discuss three (3) matters concerning real estate acquisitions and one (1) matter concerning personnel.

1. MINUTES

Mr. Rodgers proposed adding a copy of the handout from Mr. & Mrs. Bauers to the March 14, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Kolb proposed the following corrections to the minutes on page 3, 7th paragraph under **Consideration of approving reports from various departments and committees**. The current minutes read "Mrs. Nocella Kolb" but should read "Mrs. Nocella". There were no other proposed corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting with the corrections as noted. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Sandy Bauers wanted to thank Mr. Duffy, Mr. Moyer, Mr. Kolb and Mr. Flaharty for coming out to their property to meet with them. Mrs. Bauers stated that she and her husband had reviewed documents/files at the Township Building regarding the Coventry Green Subdivision and, among other things, noticed where a plan showed a swale that a pipe had been installed instead of the swale. Mrs. Bauers presented a handout to the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Bauers reviewed the handout.

3. Subdivision and Land Development

Owen J Roberts School District Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Preliminary Plan Approval

Mr. David Allebach stated Owen J Roberts School District would like to show a short presentation to the Board of Supervisors of what the school will look like. A video was presented.

Mr. Hosterman stated he drafted a Resolution for Preliminary Plan Approval for the Board of Supervisors consideration. Mr. Hosterman reviewed the Resolution. Mr. Hosterman stated that a minor revision to the circulation pattern had been proposed and approved by both parties and is included in the Resolution.

Mr. Gus Houtman, P.E., engineer for the School District, reviewed the changes to the traffic circulation and provided a handout for the Board to review. Mr. Hosterman stated the revised traffic circulation plan will be added to the Resolution as "Exhibit B".

Mr. Hosterman asked if the Board of Supervisors had any questions regarding the Resolution. Mr. Rinehart asked if there would be a conflict with the parent drop off path and the school buses. Mr.

Houtman reviewed the parent drop off path and stated there will be no conflict.

Mr. Hosterman asked if anyone in the audience had any questions regarding the Resolution. There were no comments from the audience.

Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-05 granting Preliminary Plan approval to the Owen J Roberts School District for the East Coventry Elementary School Preliminary Plan. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Rodgers stated the Township received a revised Planning Module Exemption for the East Coventry Elementary School. Mr. Rodgers stated the comments have all been reviewed and addressed. Mr. Rodgers requested a motion of approval and authorization for the appropriate Township official to sign the document. Mr. Kolb made a motion to approve the revised Planning Module Exemption for the East Coventry Elementary School and authorize the Township Manager to sign the document. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

4. **REPORTS**

Township Manager's Reports

Consideration of approval of Special Fire Police Services for the Main Line Animal Rescue Bike Event and the French & Pickering Creeks Com Trust Bicycle Event

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the Special Fire Police applications for the Main Line Animal Rescue Bike Event, HandleBarks, on October 1, 2016 from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm and the French & Pickering Creeks Com Trust Bicycle Event on June 12, 2016 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the Special Fire Police Services request for the Main Line Animal Rescue Bike Event and the French & Pickering Creeks Com Trust Bicycle Event. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Consideration of approval of Bid results for the 2016 Road Improvement Projects

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the bid results for the 2016 Oil & Chip Road Project bids. The Township received three (3) bids. The bids were from Asphalt Industries, Inc in the amount of \$176,088.00; AMS Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$195,060.00; Martin Paving, Inc in the amount of \$180,510.00. The lowest bid was received from Asphalt Industries, Inc and Mr. Rodgers recommended the Board approve the award of the bid to Asphalt Industries, Inc. Mr. Kolb made a motion to award the bid for the 2016 Road Improvement Projects to Asphalt Industries, Inc. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mrs. Melissa King, 10 Eleanor Drive, Spring City, PA 19475 asked if PennDOT gives notification for road work they are performing. Mr. Kolb stated we see the notification when the signs go up on the roadway.

Consideration of approval of Holding Tank Agreements for 71 Anderson Road and 497 Old Schuylkill Road

Mr. Rodgers reviewed two (2) Holding Tank Agreements for 71 Anderson Road and 497 Old Schuylkill Road, which require approval from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Rinehart made the motion to approve the Holding Tank Agreements for 71 Anderson Road and 497 Old Schuylkill Road. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Consideration of Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Flaharty wanted to remind the Board of Supervisors the Annual Stream Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016. The meeting location for this event will be at the intersection of Route 724

and Bethel Church Road. Everyone is welcome to come out and help with the Stream Cleanup. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the Township Engineers report. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Consideration of approving reports from various departments and committees

Mr. Duffy made a motion to accept the various department and committee reports. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

5. Zoning Hearing Board Applications

Zoning Hearing Board application for variances and a special exception submitted by DER Enterprises, Inc d/b/a Razor Sharp Grinding relating to the expansion of the building located at 1702 New Schuylkill Road, Pottstown, PA 19465

Attorney Kurtz Holloway, representing Mr. Reider, owner of Razor Sharp Grinding, made a presentation of the proposed building expansion of 4,300 sq ft. Mr. Holloway stated business has increased and the applicant requires more space to add equipment. Mr. Holloway explained Razor Sharp Grinding owns two (2) parcels, both with access to New Schuylkill Road. Mr. Holloway stated Lot 1 consists of 2.17 acres and is zoned Commercial and that Lot 2 is an unusual configuration with flag access to New Schuylkill Road and access to Old Schuylkill Road and consists of 4.9 acres, zoned Residential/Commercial. Mr. Holloway stated the applicant is not looking for a change in zoning. Mr. Reider is looking to expand the back of the building by 4,300 sq ft off but no expansion on the sides of the building. The addition will take the building to the existing property line on Lot 1 and Mr. Reider would like to add an additional 100 feet to Lot 1 from Lot 2 in order to move the rear property line for Lot 1 back.

Mr. Holloway stated they are looking for support from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Reider is tentatively scheduled to appear in front of the Zoning Hearing Board on May 12, 2016. However, there is a scheduling issue, which they will need to speak to Mr. Kerchner to possibly change the date of the meeting.

Mr. Tom Smith, Architect for the applicant, went into greater detail on the issues and the relief the applicant is requesting for the proposed building expansion.

Mr. Holloway stated they have not received any complaints on noise, pollution or traffic issues from neighbors.

Mr. Moyer stated he thinks it is great the businesses in East Coventry are thriving and doing well. He extremely supports the expansion.

Mr. Moyer made a motion that the Board of Supervisors write a letter of support for the Razor Sharp Grinding Building Expansion Zoning Hearing Board Application. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

6. Other Business

Consideration of authorization to advertise the proposed Ordinance to add speed limit signs to Latschar Lane and Linda Lane

Mr. Kolb explained the Township received a phone call from a resident living on Latschar Lane about people speeding. Mr. Kolb explained that Latschar Lane and Linda Lane were the last two streets to be completed in the development and speed limit signs were never installed.

Mr. Moyer made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the Ordinance to add speed limit signs to Latschar Lane and Linda Lane. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Discussion of proposed resolutions for consideration at the 2016 PSATS' Annual Educational State Conference and Trade Show

Mr. Rodgers stated this information has been added to the Board of Supervisors packet for information only. Any information you would like mentioned, please let Mr. Rinehart know as he is the voting Delegate for the Township.

7. Exonerations

Mr. Moyer read the list of exonerations. Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the Exonerations List. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

8. Payment of Bills

Mr. Kolb made a motion to pay the bills as presented:

Fund Name	Amount to Pay
General Fund	236,686.13
Fire Hydrant Fund	1,018.23
Open Space	-
Sewer Operating Fund	11,360.73
Sewer Capital Fund	-
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	496.00
Capital Reserve	12,394.77
Highway State Aid Fund	4,341.03
TD Escrow	-
Totals	\$ <u>266,296.92</u>

Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

9. Information Items and Additional Items to be Brought Before the Board

Mr. Mark Hosterman provided further information to the Board of Supervisors regarding the potential repeal of prohibition in East Coventry Township. Mr. Hosterman stated the prohibition is for a Regular Liquor License and Retail Malt and Brewed Beverage licenses. The other two (2) issues that were discussed, which includes Beer Distributors and State Stores are not currently prohibited in East Coventry Township according to the Liquor Control Board records. Mr. Moyer stated there will only be two (2) questions. Mr. Hosterman stated that is correct. The people can sign the petition whether they are for or opposed to the petition.

Mr. Duffy wanted to congratulate Mrs. Imes and the other volunteers for doing a great job at the first East Coventry Annual 5k and 10k race on March 19, 2016. 84 people registered and 72 runners showed up. 15 awards were given based on age and finish brackets. Mr. Duffy said that it was a great day and that the Recreation Committee, Mrs. Imes, Mr. Kolb and Mr. Doyle did a great job.

Mr. Kolb stated that the Board of Supervisors were notified about a week ago that Chief Theobald will be retiring as of July 29, 2016. Mr. Kolb stated this will be tough to take, he will really miss the Chief. Mr. Kolb read the retirement letter submitted by Chief Theobald. Mr. Kolb stated it has been an honor having Chief Theobald at the Township. Chief Theobald came at an opportune time when the Township was expanding the Police force to 24 hour service. Mr. Kolb stated Chief did a

fabulous job and he will miss working with him every day.

Mr. Rinehart thanked the Board for sending him to the PSAT's Convention in Hershey, PA. Mr. Rinehart stated he is looking forward to mingling with the other representatives.

Mr. Rodgers stated the Township received a letter from the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania notifying us a Township resident, Lilliana L. Williams, 381 Saylor's Mill Road, Pottstown, PA, has recently completed the requirements for the Girl Scouts Gold Award, which is the highest girl honor in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania will be presenting the award to Lilliana L. Williams at their annual Girl Scout Achievement Ceremony on April 24, 2016. If the Board of Supervisors would like to have a congratulatory certificate presented Lilliana at the ceremony, we are to send one by April 13, 2016.

Mr. Moyer made a motion to send a congratulatory certificate for presentation to Lilliana L. Williams at the Girls Scout Achievement Ceremony to be held on April 13, 2016. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Rodgers stated it is with great sorrow that Chief Theobald is leaving the Township and he will be missed. Mr. Rodgers reviewed a proposal received from David Woglom of Lafayette College to conduct a search for a new Chief. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the proposal from Mr. Woglom. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote. Mr. Rodgers stated that an advertisement would be placed on the Pa Police Chief Association website as well as to County Chiefs' Associations in Pa. Deadline for applications will be May 6, 2016.

Mr. Kolb stated the Ridge Fire Company Fire Police has a new member. Sworn in was Charles Walker.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Rinehart moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:56 p.m. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A Rodgers
Township Secretary