

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
(Approved October 10, 2016)

The Board of Supervisors held its' regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 12, 2016. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, W. Atlee Rinehart, Karen Nocella, Michael Albert Moyer and Anthony Duffy. Also present were Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager, Mark A. Hosterman, Township Solicitor and Brady Flaharty, Township Engineer.

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

A swearing in ceremony was conducted as the Township's new Chief of Police, William J. Mossman, recited his oath of office administered by Mr. Kolb as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. East Coventry Township Police Officers Christopher Jason, Nickolas Campitelli, Misty Greenwalt, Arthur Brown and Andrew Thiel were present for the ceremony and congratulated Chief Mossman.

Mr. Hosterman stated that an executive session was held immediately preceding this meeting to discuss one matter of real estate.

1. MINUTES

Mr. Rinehart noted that under Public Comment the address for Scott Allen should be changed from Schoolhouse Road to East Cedarville Road and Mr. Hosterman noted that on page 4 in the first line of the second bullet the word "information" in front of "equestrian" should be deleted.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting with the above noted changes. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Schuylkill River Trail Alignment Through East Coventry Township

Dave Stauffer and Attorney Kim Vensie representing Chester County were present and discussed with the Board the proposed alignment of the Trail through the Township, including easements that were required through Township owned properties. Mr. Stauffer noted that they had made a request to the County Commissioners for approximately \$500,000 to be included in the County's Capital Budget for improvements at Fricks Lock to include additional parking and rehab of a building for restroom use. He noted that action by the Commissioners on this request would not be until the end of the calendar year. He indicated these funds would be used as matching for an anticipated grant application to the State next Spring (2017). He also stated that the intent was to install about 17 parking spaces near pump station No. 1 next to Towpath Park as well as the 40 additional spaces at Fricks Lock. He indicated that the County expected to have all necessary easements acquired by this time next year, that trail construction would commence in approximately 2 years and be completed three years from this time.

Mr. Rodgers noted that the Board would need to consider exercising its option in the Exelon Lease Agreement to acquire ownership of the leased property from Exelon and have Exelon begin the subdivision process. This would have to be done in order to secure grant funding.

A discussion ensued and the Board consensus was not to take any action regarding the trail easements until additional information was available from the County regarding the Capital Budget request made by Mr. Stauffer and his Department.

There were not any further public comments offered from the audience.

3. **REPORTS**

Township Manager's Reports

Consideration of approval of Special Fire Police Services for the St. Peter UCC Classic Car Show on September 17, 2016 from 10:00am to 2:00 pm and Elverson Parade to be held in Elverson Borough beginning at 7pm October 19, 2016 with a rain date of October 20, 2016

Mr. Moyert made a motion to approve the Special Fire Police Services for the above events and Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Consideration of Authorizing Township Manager to enter Contract for Purchase of Energy

Mr. Rodgers advised that the current contract for purchase of electricity expires in October 2016 and he is requesting that the Board give him authorization to enter into a replacement contract without further Board of Supervisor approval. Motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to authorize the Township Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of electricity. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and the motion carried with 5-0-0 vote.

Discussion on Rehabilitation of County Bridge #207 on Schuylkill Road over the Pigeon Creek

Mr. Rodgers reviewed information from Robert Johnston of Gilmore Associates stating that the firm is under contract with Chester County to prepare engineering plans to rehabilitate the bridge. The design is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2017 and the work is expected to begin in 2018. No action is required of the Board at this time.

Discussion of Sight Distance Evaluation of the 500 Block of Ebelhare Road.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed correspondence regarding sight distance evaluation along the 500 block of Ebelhare Road from John Yurick, P.E. of McMahon Associates dated August 31, 2016. In summary Mr. Yurick recommended reducing the speed limit in the study area to 25 mph and installing warning signs (Hill Blocks View and Hidden Driveway). Motion was made by Mr. Moyer and seconded by Mrs. Nocella to approve the recommendations of Mr. Yurick as stated in his August 31, 2016 correspondence and authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare and advertise the appropriate ordinance for adoption by the Board implementing the recommendations. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Discussion of Speed Limit on Peterman Road.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed correspondence from Mr. Yurick, P.E., (Township Traffic Engineer) dated September 8, 2016 regarding a speed limit evaluation along Peterman Road. Mr. Yurick recommended, based on the evaluation that the Board approve posting a speed limit of 30 mph on Peterman Road and also noted that because PennDOT considers this a local road a speed limit of 25 mph can be posted. Motion was made by Mr. Moyer and seconded by Mr. Duffy to approve a speed limit of 25 mph on Peterman Road and to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare and advertise the appropriate ordinance for adoption by the Board. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Consideration of Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the Township's Engineer Report. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Consideration of approving reports from various departments and committees

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the reports from various departments and committees. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

4. **Subdivision and Land Development**

Owen J. Roberts School District-East Coventry Elementary School-Financial Security Agreement

Mr. Hosterman reviewed an email dated August 18, 2016 from the School District's Solicitor, David L. Allebach, Jr., Esquire. Attorney Allebach was inquiring if the District could use its' full faith and credit and taxing power for part of the security obligation, along with a set aside account with Fulton Bank, so the District would not have to have so much money tied up for the security of the improvements.

Mr. Kolb asked Mr. Hosterman if he had a recommendation for the Board. Mr. Hosterman advised that he would not recommend that the Board accept the District offer of full faith and credit and taxing power for part of the security obligation. He stated that a Letter of Credit, set aside or bond would be preferable. His concern would be that in the event of cost overruns or other unforeseen events the District is limited on its ability to raise taxes without Court approvable which may be questionable, depending upon circumstances. Mr. Flaharty added that the actual costs to be secured has not yet been determined because he has not received any improvement cost information from the District's engineer.

After further discussion and lack of actual cost information a motion was made by Mr. Rinehart and seconded by Mr. Moyer to table any action regarding the District's request to use its' full faith and credit and taxing power for part of the security obligation. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Razor Sharp Grinding-Preliminary/Final Plan Submission Plan Approval and Resolution No. 2016-14

Mr. Hosterman reviewed Resolution No 2016-14 granting approval of a preliminary/final subdivision (lot line adjustment) and land development plan submitted by Razor Sharp Grinding for properties located at 1702 New Schuylkill Road (S.R. 724) and 237 Old Schuylkill Road in East Coventry Township.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-14 and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

MacKissics, Inc.-Preliminary/Final Plan Submission Plan Approval and Resolution No. 2016-15

Mr. Hosterman reviewed Resolution No 2016-15 granting approval of a preliminary/final land development plan submitted by Mackissic Inc. for the property located at 1189 Old Schuylkill Road in East Coventry Township.

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-15 and Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

5. **Zoning Hearing Board Applications**

Zoning Hearing Board Application 257 – 2579 New Schuylkill Road

Zoning Hearing Board application for variance submitted by Michael J. Makris d/b/a/ Auto Quest Collision relating to combining two parcels in order to construct a 30' x 40' garage and a 12' x 12' connection breezeway. Mr. Rodgers advised that this application was granted approval by the East Coventry Township Zoning Hearing Board at the public hearing held on August 29, 2016.

Zoning Hearing Board Application 258 – 16 Oak Drive

Zoning Hearing Board application for a variance submitted by The Carlyle Group d/b/a Coventry Terrace relating to the installation of a new 24’ x 56’ HUD code doublewide mobile home at 16 Oak Drive.

Mr. Rodgers advised that this application was granted approval by the East Coventry Township Zoning Hearing Board at the public hearing held on August 29, 2016.

Zoning Hearing Board Application 259 – Sanatoga Road

Zoning Hearing Board Application for a variance submitted by PECO Energy Company relating to the installation of a new electrical substation using approximately 10 acres of the property located on Sanatoga Road, Tax Parcel UPI#: 18-2-10.2, 31.99 acres.

Mr. Rodgers advised that a Hearing date had not yet been established and that this property was formerly the subject of a proposed development known as Bittersweet on Schuylkill. The Board did not take any action regarding this submission.

6. Other Business

Resolution 2016-16 (Amending the Township Capital Reserve Fund Budget)

Mr. Rodgers reviewed Resolution 2016-16 approving a supplemental appropriation to the Township Capital Reserve Fund, amending line item 439.740Equip/Pole Bldg. Addition of the Township Capital Reserve Fund from \$10,000 to \$139,500 and authorizing the purchase of a John Deere 524K Loader for \$129,500.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-16 and Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

7. Exonerations

Mr. Moyer read the list of exonerations. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the Exonerations List. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

8. Payment of Bills

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to pay the bills as presented:

Fund Name	Amount to Pay
General Fund	279,861.57
Fire Hydrant Fund	1,017.32
Open Space	337.50
Sewer Operating Fund	15,097.27
Sewer Capital Fund	0.00
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	7,296.20
Capital Reserve	6,365.01
Highway State Aid Fund	179,833.70
TD Escrow	47,994.06
Totals	\$ <u>528,802.63</u>

Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

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

Mr. Kolb stated South Coventry is working on the Pigeon Creek culvert between Porters Mill Road and Young Road and that it will be open for travel by the end of this week.

Mrs. Nocella noted that the Park and Recreation Committee were hosting a Nature Trail Walk on Saturday, October 29, 2016. Anyone interested should meet at the Wineberry parking lot on Maack Road at 9am. The route will traverse through the Maack property trail and the Ussler trail. She also noted that the 5k run/walk will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 in lieu of Community Day.

Mr. Rinehart stated that he wanted to remind everyone that since school has resumed it is very helpful to school bus drivers as well as the Fire Department if property owners obtain the address number signs from the fire department to post on their property. This makes it a lot easier to locate a property in the event of an emergency.

10. Adjournment

Mrs. Nocella moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 8:02 p.m. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A Rodgers
Township Secretary