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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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TINICUM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 5, 2013

Chairperson Nick Forte called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Vice Chairperson Vincent Dotti and Supervisor Gary Pearson were in attendance with Solicitor Stephen Harris and Manager Linda McNeill. There were 7 persons in the audience including Liz Bowman of the Buck County Herald.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Forte led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Forte announced Sue Bunkin won a second place with miniature design at the Philadelphia Flower Show. He said that this was an international show and he was proud to see her win such an award. He said that Sue Bunkin beautifies the Township building too with flowers and holiday decorations. The Board congratulated Susan.

Delaware Canal

Forte announced that the Delaware Canal Advisory Committee will meet March 21st 10:30 at the Township building. He said that State officials would be present. He invited the public to attend.

Forte said that the Manager of the Canal, Engineer for this section of the Canal and the District Officers were all expected to attend and that these were the people with the answers for interested residents.

Creamery Road Bridge

Forte announced that he attended a very preliminary meeting with Manager Linda McNeill.

He said that the Township engineer looked at the bridge and the abutments were in bad condition, but 5 of the 7 piers were still intact. He said that the 1952 deck needed replacement and would have to be slightly wider, but that could be done. He said that historical structures were part of the character of Tinicum Township and this Board would like to consider rehabilitation of this bridge, but the Bedminster Board of Supervisors was unanimous that the bridge should be removed and replaced with a new 26 foot wide bridge. Pearson asked if this would be a two lane bridge with two very large shoulders. Forte said yes. Dotti asked if the piers would be removed. Forte said yes, if the bridge was replaced.

McNeill said that there was discussion of using form liner again and Tinicum had expressed that form liner was not in character with the Township.

A. Old Business:

Farm Lease between Tinicum Township and Pat Bartol, dated May 30, 2012:

Pearson said that he had requested that this matter be placed on the agenda. McNeill said that Mr. Bartol stopped in to the Township today and said he would try to attend tonight's meeting, but was working various jobs. She said that she could report that status he gave to her if the Board wished.

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McNeill said that Bartol told her he had an unsuccessful planting and that weeds took over in the area where he planted corn. She said that he told her that he mowed what he could, but there was a portion he was not able to mow because it was too wet. She said that Bartol said he was willing to mow when possible and to over-see it and he did not request use of the property in the future.

Harris said that he has someone farm his property. He said that he does not receive compensation from the farmer but he does benefit from the mowing as it keeps the property maintained and controls invasive species such as multiflora rose.

Forte said that the Board would wait for McNeill to look further into the matter and report back. The Board requested that this remain on the agenda so it was not forgotten.

Dotti said that the Board should make a decision about use of the property for farming in the future and if it was to be farmed, everyone should have an opportunity.

B. Reports from Police, Emergency Services & Public Works:

Delaware Valley Volunteer Fire Company:

Delaware Valley Volunteer Fire Company Battalion Chief, Matt Overbeck gave Del Val's monthly report to the Board. He said that the company responded to nine calls in February (6 fire calls, 2 QRS calls and 1 fire police call).

Overbeck said that the "Tour de Tinicum" fundraiser has been moved to May 19th (earlier than previous years). He said that the company was still looking for sponsors and volunteers.

Overbeck said that Spaghetti Dinners were starting again on the second Friday of every month from 5 p. m. - 7:30 p. m. There will be a spaghetti dinner on March 8th.

Tinicum Township Police:

Police Chief Sabath presented the Board with a summary report for February. He said that the Department responded to 216 incidents. He said that the Department handled a sexual assault case where they arrested a 70-year old man for raping a child and the judge has set bail at 5 million dollars.

Sabath said that the Department has been working with the Tinicum Elementary School on an Emergency Response Plan and was planning a table top exercise in March with the Emergency Management Team and Emergency responders.

Sabath said that the Department has also planned another drug take-back event at Wehrung's Home Center for April 27th.

C. New Business:

Nockamixon Township Board of Supervisors Request for Fire Police personnel assistance for traffic control duties during the Buckingham United Soccer Club Tournament to be held at Palisades High School on Saturday March 16th and Sunday March 17th between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Pearson, seconded by Dotti to allow the use of the fire police (if they were not in use in Tinicum for that date) for the above request. Voted upon and passed.

Michael Maguire Waiver Request/ Sewage Permit escrow and Operation and Maintenance Agreement, 590 Geigel Hill Road, Ottsville, PA:

McNeill said that this was a resident on Geigel Hill Road who has a rural residency system but wanted to update to meet current the environmental standards. She said that this was not a conventional sandmound and would have a peat filter. She said that Maguire had a permit from the Health Department. She said that Engineer Fountain reviewed the permit application and said that this would require a \$500 escrow and Fountain recommended a \$5000 construction escrow and a \$5000 bond in accordance with the ordinance. McNeill said that the ordinance requires a construction escrow and bond but she had asked Fountain to make some recommendations on revising the ordinance to follow the Supervisors' policy regarding escrow. She said that the Board in general, did not require construction and maintenance bonds for residents replacing their sewage disposal systems unless it was an experimental system.

Forte said that he spoke to Fountain earlier and he paralleled what McNeill and Harris said. Harris said that the ordinance did allow the Board to waive escrow requirements.

McNeill said that a peat system was an alternative system and that the Maguires had agreed to provide a \$500 escrow. She said that an Experimental system must meet DEP requirements and an escrow in the amount of 1/2 of the cost of the system must be provided until there had been two years of successful operation. If there were no problems, escrow can be reduced to 10 percent for the life of the system

McNeill said that she and Fountain recommended waiving the construction and performance bond for the Maguires and retaining a \$500 maintenance escrow as part of the Operation & Maintenance Agreement.

Motion by Dotti, seconded by Pearson to approve the waiver of the construction and performance bond and substitute in its place a \$500 maintenance bond. Voted upon and passed.

Motion by Dotti, seconded by Pearson, to authorize Harris to amend the Ordinance to eliminate the need for a construction escrow and maintenance bond on a conventional system and to require just a \$500 maintenance escrow for an alternative system. An experimental system must provide escrow pursuant to DEP's requirements. A maintenance bond of one half the cost of the system will be retained for two successful years of operation, and in the event the system functioned properly, the bond would be reduced to 10 percent for the life of the system. Voted upon and passed.

Dotti said he believed the Township should encourage residents to modernize their update their systems.

1) MINUTES:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 19, 2013 as written. Voted upon and passed.

2) TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET RECAP:

The Treasurer's Report and Budget Recap for February 2013 will be presented at the March 19th meeting.

3) PAYROLL REPORT:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to approve the Payroll Report for the period of February 9, 2013 and ending February 22, 2013. Voted upon and passed.

4) DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to approve the below listed disbursements:

General Fund Checking: Bill's Gun Shop \$81.53; Postmaster \$46.00; Merry Maids \$94.34; Intelligencer \$286.00; Farm & Home Oil Co. \$541.94; Brandt, Jeremy R. \$255.15; Swamps Auto Works \$433.77; Gary Bickel's Garage \$796.37; Ricoh Americas Corp 575.97; Earth Link \$43.90; Service Electric Telephone \$342.48; Hartford Life Insurance \$188.55; Keystone Municipal Services Inc \$2,760.00; Delgueric's Disposal Service \$148.00; Verizonwireless \$240.04; Exxon Fleet Services \$105.41; eftps \$2205.14; Orion Safety Products \$148.32; AMC \$3150.00; Cress Gas \$1484.28; Pennteledata \$180.21; Selective Insurance \$5071.00; Met Ed \$20.53.

Payroll for pay period ending 2/22/13; eftps Federal \$6130.12; State \$884.93.

Open Space: Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority \$ 14909.94.

Voted upon and passed.

Dotti said that he felt that Service Electric Telephone should apply a credit to the Township's telephone bill for the time that the phones were out. Chief Sabath said that his Department had telephone service outages again today.

5) A. PLANNING:

B. SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT:

6) ZONING:

7) POLICE:

8) PUBLIC WORKS:

9) ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS:

Forte announced the following:

Hearing Continued to March 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. #5-2012 Property Owner William Edmonds: Appeals from the action of the Zoning Officer and a Stop Work Order and in the alternative to the appeal of the Zoning Officer's action, Requests a Variance from Tinicum Township Zoning Ordinance Article VIII, Section 804.20 and Section 806 (c) and Article XIII, Section 1302. This property is identified as Tax Parcel No. 44-25-19-1 with an address of 2 Bridge Five Lane, Erwinna, PA and is a .55 acre +/- tract located in the Residential Agricultural (RA) Zoning District.

10) MISCELLANEOUS:

Forte asked the public again if they had any concerns.

Headquarters Road Bridge:

Two audience members asked about the Headquarter's Bridge. Darlene Herd said that she lived right off of Headquarters and said it was a long way to drive the detour. Dotti said that the Board had written to PennDOT and urged them in the strongest possible way to provide the Township with a bridge. He said that the Township had requested a temporary bridge as a faster interim solution but PennDOT had rejected the request.

Herd said that they pay their taxes and these things were supposed to be done. Dotti said the problem was District Six of PennDOT and he suggested that residents write to PennDOT to express their concerns.

Executive Session:

Forte recessed the regular meeting at 7:58 p.m. for an executive session to discuss matters of litigation and acquisition of real estate.

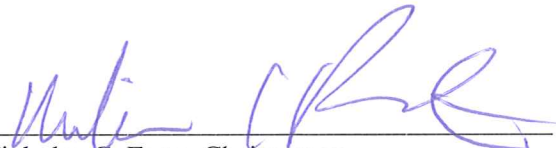
Forte reconvened the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m. Harris announced that matters of litigation and acquisition of real estate were discussed and that there was no action to report.

11) ADJOURNMENT:


Motion by Dotti, seconded by Pearson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building.

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Attest:



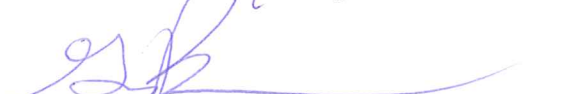
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Gary Pearson, Supervisor