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TINICUM TOWNSHIP

Bucks County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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TINICUM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES OF THE MEETING APRIL 2, 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 approximately 10 persons in the audience including Liz Bowman of the Bucks County Herald.

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

Robert Loughery, Chairman, Bucks County Board of Commissioners:

N. Forte introduced Commissioner Rob Loughery. Loughery said that he was trying to visit all 54 municipalities and made it to 17-18 last year. He said that he wanted to build a relationship between the County Commissioners' office and Bucks County municipalities. He said that the County had a 460 million dollar budget and had decreased its workforce to save money. He announced that the Courthouse was 40% complete and that it should reach substantial completion by fall of 2014. Loughery said that the Commissioners were doing re-use planning for the existing courthouse now with the goal of reducing the County's footprint. He said that the County currently owns 7 buildings and hopes to vacate leases and sell off assets.

Loughery said that the County was increasing its focus on Economic Development and was providing resources through the Bucks County Planning Commission and Lynn Bush. He said that County was sponsoring a Taste and Tour of Bucks County with money to support farm families.

Resident Kathy Auerbach thanked Loughery for the County's work on historic preservation. She said everyone was impressed with last year's mill conference and thankful for the restoration of Tinicum Park and Stover Meyers Mill. She asked that the County prioritize historic bridges and their restoration noting that our roads and bridges are ambassadors to the County.

Loughery said that the County was doing a comprehensive retooling of its bridge program. He said that there were 115 bridges to be prioritized and that the County was looking at new ways to fund bridge projects.

Liz Bowman asked Loughery how much longer the crane would be needed for the Courthouse construction. Loughery estimated 2-3 more months.

The Supervisors thanked Loughery for his time and attention.

Bridgeton Nockamixon Tinicum Groundwater Management Committee (BNT-GWMC):

Robert Stanfield of the Bridgeton Nockamixon Tinicum Groundwater Management Committee (BNT-GWMC) announced that it received a grant from a private citizen in Nockamixon to monitor pollution in the Rapp Creek. He said that when the weather was warmer, BNT-GWMC would be placing a monitor in the creek below the Hanson Quarry.

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A. Old Business:**Farm Lease between Tinicum Township and Pat Bartol, dated May 30, 2012:**

Forte said that this matter was discussed in depth at the prior meeting. He said that he felt that the land should be left fallow and simply maintained by Public Works. Pearson said that there was a nominal cost to mow and maintain it during the growing season but he felt that there was not an advantage to the property being plowed and farmed. Pearson said that he and Dotti spoke with the Public Works Director and he said that he would work this in with his other work. Dotti said that he agreed with Forte and Pearson although there was a cost of maintenance.

The Board directed the Manager to relay the above decision to the Public Works Director.

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

Delaware Valley Fire Company Chief Chevalier was present. He said that the Company responded to 15 calls (9 fire, 5 QRS and 1 fire police) He said that one of the calls was a brush fire on Everbreeze and it was into the mulch along the house and was updated to a dwelling fire. He said that the Chief Officer from 47 was there and knocked it down with an extinguisher, and Substation 96 responded and was able to remove the siding and contain the fire. He said that this was due to having the substation (engine 96) able to respond immediately, even though the fire was at the northern end of the Township. He said that the response time would have been delayed if the substation engine were not immediately available.

Chevalier said that there was a red alert today and tomorrow due to the dry air and this was important to remember with all the trees and brush that was down due to hurricane Sandy.

Chevalier said that the bike tour fundraiser ride was moved to May 19th. He said that participants can register on the website and flyers and emails have been distributed.

Dotti said that the fire company rummage sale was also coming up and people can drop off donations at the fire company. McNeill said that the information for the rummage sale was on the Township website.

C. New Business:**Arbor-tech request for temporary detour on Wednesday April 10 between 7:30 and 12:30pm.**

Police Chief Sabath said that the Township received a request from Arbor-Tech Tree Service to use Cafferty Road as a temporary detour. He said that Arbor-Tech must remove large fallen trees from the hillside on River Road near Bridge Five and the necessary equipment required that River Road be closed for that operation. He said that the Township received another request for a similar issue in the same area, and that company has agreed to remove trees in that area at the same time, but their removal may take longer, so he would suggest any approval for the use of Cafferty Road for a detour be "beginning at 7:30 a.m. until the work has been completed on that day". He said that the trees were a safety hazard and Cafferty Road would be much less of an inconvenience for Tinicum residents.

Pearson directed the Manager to have this closure and detour listed on the Township's website.

1) MINUTES:

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

2) TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET RECAP:

The Treasurer's Report and Budget Recap for March 2013 will be presented on April 16, 2013.

3) PAYROLL REPORT:

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

4) DISBURSEMENTS:

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

General Fund: Eagle's Peak \$20.10; Swamps Auto Works \$128.95; McNeill \$35.60; Courier Times, Inc. \$77.33; Merry Maids \$94.34; Sabath \$45.85; VISA \$100.75; Hartford Life Insurance \$188.55; Ricoh Americas Corp \$263.85; Network of Victim Assistance \$35.00; Service Electric Telephone \$328.74; Exxon Fleet Services \$171.95; Brandt, Jeremy R. \$76.55; Personal Protection Consultants \$295.00; efts \$2242.48.

Payroll Fund: Payroll for pay period ending 3/22/13 efts Fed\$ 5850.15 & 528.98; State \$899.92.

State Fund: Plumstead Materials \$2112.41; Blooming Glen Quarry \$241.88.

Voted upon and passed.

5) A. PLANNING:

B. SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT:

6) ZONING:

7) POLICE:

8) PUBLIC WORKS:

9) ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS:

Forte announced the following hearings:

#1-2013 ZHB Hearing on April 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for Property Owners Jonathon and Madeline Weisgal: Request a variance from Article VIII, Section 802.03 to construct an in-ground swimming pool within the required 50 foot steep slope buffer. This property is identified as Tax Parcel #44-22-97-18 with an address of 178 Cafferty Road, Pipersville, PA and is a 24.43 acre tract in the Residential Agricultural (RA) Zoning District. The Planning Commission will review this application during their meeting on April 9, 2013.

#2-2013 ZHB Hearing on May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for Property Owners William Mandell and Lee Ann Jaffee: Request a Variance from Article IV, Section 401.2 (a) to allow a guest house. This property is identified as Tax Parcel # 44-22-41-1 with an address of 91 Smithtown Road, Pipersville, PA and is a 4.46 acre tract in the Residential Agricultural (RA) Zoning District. The Planning Commission will review this application during their meeting on April 23, 2013.

Executive Session:

Forte recessed the regular meeting at 8:00 pm for an executive session to discuss matters of open space, litigation and personnel.

Forte reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and announced that matters relating to personnel, open space and litigation had been discussed.

Motion by Forte, seconded by Dotti to authorize A. James Scanzillo to do an appraisal on a property being considered as an open space acquisition. Voted upon and passed.


10) MISCELLANEOUS:

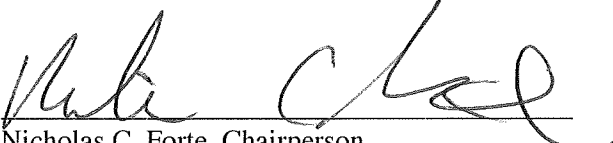
11) ADJOURNMENT:


Motion by Forte, seconded by Pearson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building.

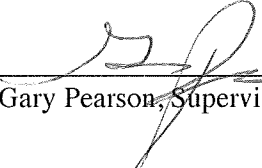
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Attest:


Linda McNeill, Township Manager


Nicholas C. Forte, Chairperson


Vincent J. Dotti, Vice Chairperson


Gary Pearson, Supervisor