

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

Call to Order:

Chairman Richard Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Supervisors Norman Hughes, Nan Latimer, and Paul Overton. Also present were Solicitor Bob McClintock, Engineer John Theisen of LTL, Ralph Olivier, Chairman of the Planning Commission, Jeffrey Eastburn, Assistant to the Township Manager and Stephen Ross, Interim Township Manager. There were seven members of the public in attendance.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Planning and Zoning:

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church: Mr. Ross advised that the Final Plan for the Church has been through the planning process and a checklist prepared by Staff outlining all the issues regarding final approval has been submitted. The church is located at the intersection of Routes 896, 841 and Gypsy Hill Road. The property contains 22.77 acres. The size of the church building is 11,700 square feet with an immediately proposed addition of 16,084 square feet. A future proposed addition of 9,553 square feet is contemplated. Mr. Mark Blair, Chairman of the Church Building Committee, discussed the proposal with the Board. Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve the Cornerstone Land Development Final Plan dated January 28, 2008 subject to the following conditions and waivers:

1. Waiver of Section 610.B.2 of the SALDO regarding screening being required on the north property line.
2. Waiver of the provisions of Stormwater Ordinance 2005-03 that require the applicant to make provision for the two and ten-year peak flows being reduced on the parcel.
3. Waiver of the requirement for paying a "fee-in-lieu" of open space because the Church has offered use of their playing fields and basketball facilities to the public.
4. That the Church submit an executed Improvements Escrow Agreement with security being a Letter of Credit from PNC Bank.
5. The Church shall present payment of the Traffic Impact Fee of \$18,105 at the time of building permit issuance. The following Note shall be placed on the Plan: "The Applicant agrees that additional traffic impact fees will be due to the Township based on the increased volume created by the proposed future addition shown on this plan identified as the "Future Addition". Applicant agrees to pay such fees prior to the time a building permit for the proposed future addition is issued by the Township. The fees shall be determined by the Act 209 Ordinance in

effect at the time the building permit application is filed and shall be subject to review and approval of the Township's traffic consultant. The base number for purposes of determining the current addition of the church is 100 students and 500 church seats with a payment due of \$18,105."

6. After completion of the project the applicant shall submit as-built plans that shall be reviewed by the Township Engineer.
7. The Church has included a Note on the Plan that provides for the perpetual offer of dedication of the ultimate right-of-way for Gypsy Hill Rd. and Rts. 896 and 841.

The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Appointment of Township Supervisor: Mr. Whipple provided background information regarding the vacancy including the letter of resignation from former Supervisor Roger Wilson that was read at the January 16, 2008 meeting. He also advised that a press release was provided to three separate newspapers providing notice that Franklin Township is seeking resumes from interested residents who wish to serve on the Board and asking that interested parties submit their letters and resumes by January 30, 2008. Two letters of interest were received including one from Mr. John Auerbach and the other from Mr. Eric Brindle. Mr. Auerbach explained why he was interested in the position and why his background could lend support to the Township. All members of the Board posed questions to the candidate and he responded accordingly. Mr. Brindle provided a snapshot of his background and opened himself to whatever questions the Board had. It was noted that Mr. Brindle brings real estate experience and his experience serving on the Township Planning Commission. It was suggested by Ms. Latimer and encouraged by the other Board members, that Mr. Auerbach might consider serving on one of the Boards or Commissions to gain additional knowledge of the Township. On motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Latimer, Mr. Brindle was selected to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Wilson. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Check Signing Resolution 2008-07: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Overton, to amend the Check Signing Resolution by removing Mr. Wilson's name and adding the name of Mr. Brindle as the newest member of the Board who is authorized to sign checks on behalf of the Township. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Jane Brown advised the Board that, in her opinion, an opportunity to have fresh input was missed by selecting Mr. Brindle instead of Mr. Auerbach. Also, she wanted to correct a comment made by Mr. Whipple earlier in the meeting when he stated that the letter of resignation from Mr. Wilson was read at the meeting in January 16th meeting. Mr. Whipple advised that he wasn't aware of his misstatement and offered his apology.

APPROVED

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm on motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mr. Hughes. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Ross
Township Mgr./Sect.

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