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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES JULY 9, 2008

Chairman Richard Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Present were Supervisors Norman Hughes, Nan Latimer, Paul Overton and Eric Brindle. Also present were Ralph Olivier, Planning Commission Chairman, Scott Allen, McCormick Taylor, Stan Corbett, URS Corporation, Solicitor Mark Thompson, Jeff Eastburn, Assistant to the Township Manager and Stephen J. Ross, Interim Township Manager. There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Old Business:

- a. Routes 841-896 – Flashing Beacon: McCormick Taylor has prepared a set of plans that will be presented to PennDOT accompanied with an application to install Flashing Warning Devices at the intersection of Rt. 896 at the approach to Rt. 841. The application and plans must include a resolution authorizing the filing to PennDOT. On motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the Board approved Resolution 2008-12 authorizing the filing of an application for erection of a flashing warning device on Rt. 896 at the approach to Rt. 841. Upon approval by PennDOT, the Staff is authorized to advertise and receive bids for the intended work. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

- b. Act 209 Discussion: This matter was deferred from the June 11 meeting. Solicitor Thompson reviewed with the Board, slight modifications to the language in the proposed Act 209 Ordinance that updates the Township's Traffic Impact Fee. The modifications are to insure that all new construction is covered by either the proposed update to the Traffic Impact Fee or the existing Traffic Impact Fee. Engineer Allen suggested that, in light of substantial increases in construction costs, a review and possible adjustment occur with the Transportation Capital Improvements Plan (TCIP) portion of the associated study. Engineer Allen was requested to promptly conduct the TCIP review and work closely with Solicitor Thompson to see that all work is completed within any required timelines.

Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2008:

On motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mr. Overton, the Minutes of June 11, 2008, version 3, were approved as submitted. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

- c. AGREM By-Laws: Mr. Ross advised that a letter was received from the Avon Grove Regional Emergency Management Organization (AGREM) indicating that the AGREM By-Laws were approved by their membership on March 26, 2008. The changes in the by-laws provide that schools, both public and private, can

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become associate members of AGREM. On motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mr. Brindle, the Board approved Resolution 2008-13 accepting the AGREM By-laws as revised on March 26, 2008. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

New Business:

- a. Certificate of Funding 2008 Challenge Grant Program: Mr. Ross stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Diana Hoopes, Chester County Agricultural Programs Coordinator, dated June 23, 2008. The Open Space Committee is recommending several properties to be considered as potential candidates for the program. On motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mr. Brindle, the Board approved Resolution 2008-14 authorizing the appropriate Township Officials to execute the Certification of Township Matching Funds for the Chester County Challenge Grant 2008 Program by submitting an amount of \$600,000 for the matching grant. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
- b. Insinga Planning Module Approval: Mr. Ross advised that in a letter from Stan Corbett of URS dated June 24, 2008 the Township was advised that the planning module for Insinga has been found to be administratively complete. On motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Ms. Latimer, the Board authorized the designated official of Franklin Township to execute Section K of the Insinga Planning Module. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
- c. 2008 Roadside Mowing Award: Mr. Eastburn advised that the Township opened bids for mowing the roads of the Township on July 2, 2008 and the following bids were received:
 1. All Season Landscaping Co. \$2,400 (shoulder mowing) and \$16,000 (brush cutting) for a total of \$23,200.
 2. Mt. Rocky Trucking \$3,875 (shoulder mowing) and \$6,750 (brush cutting) for a total of \$18,375.

Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Overton, to award the bid to Mt. Rocky Trucking in the amount of \$3,875 per cut for shoulder mowing and \$6,750 per cut for brush cutting. The Staff is authorized to prepare a contract and receive the required performance bond for execution by the Board of Supervisors. In answer to the Board's questions, Mr. Eastburn advised that Mt. Rocky Trucking has been doing the brush cutting and based their bid on that experience. He clarified the difference between shoulder and brush cutting. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
- d. Fire hydrant on Auburn Road – Chester Water Authority: Chester Water Authority (CWA) notified the Township that they are extending their existing water line on Auburn Road approximately 100 feet to the west (from the point where the water line turns north and runs up Clay Creek Rd. to the Crossan Creek Subdivision). This extension is to provide water service to a property owner on the south side of Auburn Rd. who requested CWA water service and apparently

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agreed to pay CWA the costs of extending the water line. CWA inquired whether the Township wished to pay \$2,700 to have a fire hydrant installed as part of this water line extension project. The annual \$435.60 fee that CWA charges for each fire hydrant would also likely result in a small increase in the annual cost for those residents who currently are assessed a fire hydrant tax. In light of there already being three fire hydrants in the vicinity, at Auburn Rd. & Lookout Circle, Auburn Rd. & Hyatt Lane, and Northbank Rd. & Hyatt Lane, the consensus of the Board was for the taxpayers to not incur the \$2,700 installation expense for an additional hydrant. Supervisor Overton inquired how CWA would flush this water line extension if CWA did not install a hydrant at the end of the extension at CWA's expense. Mgr. Ross is to make this inquiry of CWA when he notifies CWA of the Township's decision.

Public Comment:

Ralph Olivier questioned whether CWA can incrementally extend the water lines. He was advised that an authority can extend because they are outside the purview of the PUC.

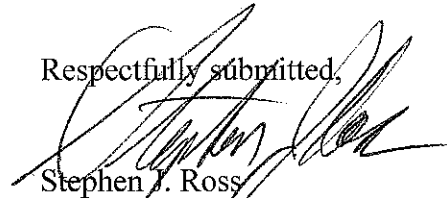
Earl Hatton questioned the wisdom of not installing fire hydrants whenever possible.

Supervisor Whipple concurred with Mr. Hatton's sentiments regarding the critical importance of fire protection, emphasizing that, were there not already three hydrants in the immediate area in question, another hydrant should be considered.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. on motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mr. Overton. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen J. Ross
Township Mgt./Secretary

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