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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES DECEMBER 9, 2009

Call to Order:

Chairman Richard Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Supervisors Brindle & Overton. Also present were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Assistant Township Mgr. Jeff Eastburn, and Township Secretary Sharon Norris. There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

Executive Session: Mr. Whipple announced that there will be an Executive Session following tonight's meeting to discuss ongoing litigation.

Mr. Whipple also announced that there will probably not be a Board of Supervisors meeting on December 16, 2009.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Girl Scout Project: Carolyn Lewis, a member of a local Girl Scout troop, addressed the Board regarding her proposed project which involves replanting two gardens at Crossan Park. She explained her preliminary plan regarding the colors and species of plants; how she will fund the project; a preliminary time line for completion of the project; and a possible maintenance plan. She explained that although she will raise money for the project, she would appreciate a contribution from the Township. Ms. Lewis also explained the approval process that is required by the Girl Scout Council. The Board suggested that when she has finalized her plan and has received approval from the Council, that she come back before the Board to discuss her funding needs. It was suggested that she stay with non-invasive plants that are native to the area and to work with Supervisor Latimer in that regard. Dale Hendricks at North Creek Nurseries was also suggested as a resource. The Township's reforestation project that is expected to occur in March was mentioned as another Township project in which the scouts could participate.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. *November 11, 2009 Board Meeting:* Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, that the Board approve the Minutes of the November 11, 2009 minutes as presented by the Township Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. *November 18, 2009 Board Meeting:* Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, that the Board approve the November 18, 2009 as presented by the Township Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, that the Board approve Resolution 2009-43, regarding the Disposition of Records. Motion passed unanimously.

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Reports:

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, to approve the November 2009 Treasurer's Report as presented by the Township Treasurer, including disbursements and transfers from the General Fund totaling \$87,138.30, the Park & Rec Fund totaling \$9,314.22, the Open Space Fund totaling \$13,502.83, the Emergency Services Fund totaling \$29.99. Total balances in all funds as of 11.30.09 equal \$4,677,699.56. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Zoning Officer Bldg. Inspector Report: Mr. Eastburn summarized the Zoning Officer's Report which included the issuance of 18 building permits in the amount of \$10,437.10, two of which were for new homes, and 36 various building inspections were completed. Mr. Eastburn advised that Wilkinson Bldrs. has submitted two new building permits for homes in White Clay Knoll.

Escrow Releases:

- a. Charlton Land Development Plan – Escrow Release #1: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, that Escrow Release #1 for the Charlton Land Development Plan be approved in the amount of \$33,730, which is the amount recommended by Township Engineer John Theisen in his letter of December 8, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Girl Scout Project – discussed above.
- b. Hunting Ordinance 2009-06: Solicitor Thompson opened a hearing subject to the Second Class Township Code and explained that this is not technically a public hearing pursuant to the MPC requiring a public notice. The Solicitor named the following Exhibits: Exhibit #1 - proof of publication; Exhibit #2 - letter dated December 1, 2009 indicating that the ordinance was provided to the Chester County Law Library; and Exhibit 3 – Ordinance 2009-06. The Ordinance provides a general blanket prohibition of hunting and permits the Township to determine if there are any instances where they want to permit hunting. There was no discussion from the audience or the Board. Hearing no input from the public, the Solicitor closed the hearing. Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Overton, that Ordinance 2009-06 an ordinance of Franklin Township, Chester County, prohibiting hunting on Township- owned property, be adopted. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Overton said he will talk with Jack Stefferud of NLT regarding the wording on the signs before Mr. Eastburn orders the signs.
- c. 2010 Budget- Resolution 2009-44: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, that the Board adopt Resolution 2009-44 establishing the Township Budget for 2010, which has been appropriately advertised. Motion passed unanimously.

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Tax Levy - Resolution 2009-45: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, that the Board adopt Resolution 2009-45 fixing the real estate tax rates for 2010 at the same rate as 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Mr. Hatton described no hunting signs that he saw recently in Burks County. He also congratulated the Board on having a great year in 2009 and wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Norris
Township Secretary

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