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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES MAY 19, 2010

Call to Order:

Chairman Richard Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Supervisors Brindle, Hughes and Overton. Supervisor Latimer arrived at 7:17 p.m. Also present were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Zoning Officer/Bldg. Inspector Duane Brady, Assistant Township Mgr. Jeff Eastburn, Township Secretary Sharon Norris, Township Engineer John Theisen, Planning Commission Chairman Ralph Olivier, and Township Treasurer Joan McVaugh. There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. March 17, 2010: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, that the Board approve the April 21, 2010 Minutes as presented by the Township Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Resolution 2010-18: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Hughes, that the Board approve Resolution 2010-18, regarding the Disposition of Records. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, to approve the April 2010 Treasurer's Report as presented by the Township Treasurer, including disbursements and transfers from the General Fund totaling \$105,316.94; the Park & Rec Fund totaling \$11,621.52; the Open Space Fund totaling \$9,399.77; the Emergency Services Fund totaling \$529.99; and the Fire Hydrant Fund totaling \$399.30. Total balances in all funds as of 4.30.10 equal \$3,317,278.11. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Solicitor's Report: No report.
- c. Zoning Officer Bldg. Inspector Report: Mr. Brady had nothing to add to his written report. Mr. Eastburn summarized the Zoning Officer's Report which included the issuance of 15 permits in the amount of \$781.00 and 19 various building inspections were completed.

Planning & Zoning:

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- a. Planning Commission Report: Chairman Olivier reported that the Planning Commission did not meet in the month of May due to having no business to discuss.
- b. HARB/Historical Commission Report: Mr. Olivier reported that the HARB met on May 4th and discussed an educational opportunity in which members of the HARB participated.

Extension Letters:

Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, to accept requests from the following applicants and grant extensions for the following subdivision or land development plans:

- Ashby Hills (formerly Christens) to September 30, 2010;
- Fisher to September 30, 2010;
- Logan to September 30, 2010;
- Sarana (formerly Davis) to September 10, 2010.

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Pennsylvania State Police Lt. Tracy Brown: Lt. Brown introduced himself and provided background information regarding his 27 years with the PA. State Police. Lt. Brown is replacing Lt. Sneed who has retired. He summarized the goals they have in serving the community and asked for input from the residents regarding possible improvements. He stated that a primary crime area of concern is theft from motor vehicles and the use of information obtained from the vehicles to execute identify theft. Lt. Brown stated that 90% of all theft from vehicles are preventable and asked that the Township post a notice on the website and continue to advise residents to lock their vehicles at all times and to place out of sight, or remove from the vehicle, anything of value that might tempt an individual to break into a locked vehicle. Mr. Whipple indicated that the Township places great value on a good working relationship with the State Police and appreciates the professional manner in which they perform their duties and looks forward to that relationship continuing with Lt. Brown. The Lieutenant invited questions or specific requests for services. Mr. Whipple mentioned several items including patrolling the Peacedale Preserve which will be opening in a couple of weeks; monitoring and enforcing the 15 mph school zone at the Charter School; changes to the monthly incident reports. Regarding the incident reports, Lt. Brown advised that the recent changes were required by the HIPAA (Right-To-Know law). In answer to a question asked by Earl Hatton, Lt. Brown confirmed that the State Police are looking for another site. The potential relocation is being handled by the General Services Dept. in Harrisburg.
- b. Vehicle Repair Facility: The applicants, Debbie and Vaughn Charlton, asked to be on the agenda to discuss certain project inspection expenses and certain aspects of the landscaping called for on the approved and recorded plan. The

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outcome of a lengthy discussion regarding the invoices was that Mrs. Charlton will convey to the Township a list of LTL invoices for which she would like a breakdown of charges. Solicitor Thompson will review the list to determine which invoices still qualify for the formal dispute and arbitration process.

The outcome of the discussion regarding the measurement of trees was that the measurement technique called for in the Ordinance could be accomplished even though it was not the measurement that is typically used in the industry. Also, the Township will explore adjusting the related verbiage in the Landscaping Ordinance.

Mr and Mrs. Charlton also expressed concern that the specs in the lighting ordinance are not correct and should be changed. Mr. Whipple asked Mrs. Charlton to consider putting in writing to the Board specifically what information she considers to be incorrect.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlton expressed several thoughts, from the perspective of developers, concerning how the Township should consider doing things differently.

Public Comment: Mr. Paul Herb, a resident of Franklin Chase, had questions regarding the process the Township follows in selecting Township consultants. Do engineering consultants, building inspectors etc. submit bids as is required for road contracts etc.? If bids are not required, how are engineering consultants, etc. chosen? Does the Township believe that the Township needs a Township Mgr.? In general, Mr. Herb would like the Board to review all of the consultants as to need, cost and performance. Mr. Charlton agreed with Mr. Herb that the roster of Township consultants needs reviewed, taking into consideration the economic changes and how those changes have and will affect activity in the Township. Mrs. Charlton asked if the Township has applied for federal funds that are available due to the storms last winter. Mr. & Mrs. Charlton expressed concern regarding the need for public sewer in Kemblesville. Mr. Herb asked for an update on the future of activities at Franklin Chase due to the failure of the developer/builder. Is it being sold to someone else? Who takes care of the maintenance issues in the meantime? The damage done to the infrastructure by a contractor hired by the HOA was discussed. Ralph Olivier stated the level of detail included in LTL's invoices is far greater than the industry norm.

Executive Session: Mr. Whipple announced an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss potential property acquisitions and ongoing litigation.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9.27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Norris
Township Secretary

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