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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES JULY 20, 2011

Call to Order:

Chairman Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Supervisors Hughes, Overton and Brindle. Supervisor Skalish was absent. Also present were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Assistant Township Mgr. Jeff Eastburn, Municipal Secretary Sharon Norris, Planning Commission and HARB Chairman Ralph Olivier, and McCormick Taylor Engineering Consultant Christie Pace. There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

Chairman Latimer introduced Sgt. Mrgich from the State Police. Sgt. Mrgich reported that over the last three months crime has been of a minor nature in the area, mostly having to do with items taken from unlocked cars. He reiterated the importance of keeping cars locked. He stated that car crashes were the most troublesome incidents during the three month period, totaling 15 crashes in the Township. He gave the locations of most of the accidents, noting several in the 896/841 area. Ms. Latimer mentioned that the Township is continuing in their attempts to get funding to put a traffic light at the 841/896 intersection and will be discussing it later in tonight's meeting. She thanked the sergeant for his visit and in general for the presence of the State Police in the Township. Sgt. Mrgich mentioned a procedure by which residents can register a complaint or a compliment regarding a trooper's actions during an incident. He left copies of the procedure for distribution.

Public Comment: Dick Whipple offered a correction to the June 15th minutes. On pg. 8, the 3rd line down should read "...advised by the Chief Solicitor for PSATS..." delete "the state of PA".

Approval of Minutes:

- a. June 15, 2011: Mr. Brindle had two corrections as follows: Pg. 3, WGFC, 4th line delete "required" and replace with "requested"; and Pg. 6, Open Space Referendum, 5th line, correct the spelling of "Core" to "Corps" and although it should be "Army Corps of Engineers" not "County Corps of Engineers", since this was a quote from Ms. Brown who is not present to accept the correction, insert the word "sic" after the word County. Ms. Latimer moved, seconded by Overton, that the Board approve the June 15, 2011 Minutes, version 1, as corrected by Mr. Whipple and Supervisor Brindle. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Resolution 2011-23: Ms. Latimer moved, seconded by Mr. Overton, that the Board approve Resolution 2011-23, regarding the Disposition of Records for the Board of Supervisors Meeting of June 15, 2011 and the Planning Commission Meeting of June 2, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

- a. Treasurer's Report – June 30, 2011: Ms. Latimer moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, that the Board approve the June 30, 2011 Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements: The General Fund with disbursements of \$104,984.97; the Park & Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$18,451.83; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$11,388.24; the Emergency Services Fund with disbursements of \$39,918.99; the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$399.30, leaving a balance in all funds of \$3,790,473.16. Motion passed unanimously.

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- b. Solicitor's Report: No report.
- c. Zoning Officer Bldg. Inspector Report: Mr. Eastburn summarized the Zoning Officer's Report for the period of May 25 to June 24, 2011, which included the issuance of 9 permits, one of which was for a new home, totaling \$1,946.60. There were 34 various building inspections conducted.

Planning & Zoning:

- a. Planning Commission Report: Mr. Olivier, Chairman of the Planning Commission, summarized the June 2nd Planning Commission Meeting.
- b. HARB/Historical Commission Report: Mr. Olivier reported that the HARB and Historical Commission, having no business to conduct, did not meet in July.

Escrow Release:

- a. Lang Escrow Release #1: Assistant Mgr. Jeff Eastburn reported that Mr. Lang submitted a request for the release of escrow funds related to the installation of property monuments and pinning, in the amount of \$2,196.15. Township Engineer Grant Hitchens of Kohli and Associates, reviewed the request and recommended reducing the letter of credit to \$43,428.13. Ms. Latimer moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, that the Board approve Escrow Release #1 from the J. Christopher Lang Escrow Fund in the amount of \$2,196.15, leaving a balance of \$43,428.13 per Surrender Kohli's letter dated July 7, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Innovative Construction Invoice: Christie Pace of McCormick Taylor, standing in for Township Engr. Scott Allen, reported on the repaving work being done as part of the Township's Road Program by Innovative Construction. Innovative Construction has completed the work, with the exception of several punch list items, and has submitted their invoice. Ms. Latimer provided information on the 10 year road program which started in 2007 and included repaving approximately 30 miles of Township roads. The program is now 50% complete. The Board approved the payment of the invoice, minus a 5% retainage for the completion of the punch list items. Ms. Latimer moved, seconded by Mr. Overton, that the Board agrees to follow the guidance given in a memo dated 7/18/11 from McCormick Taylor, and to authorize the first payment for the 2011 Road Program to Innovative Construction in the amount of \$477,116.06. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. ARLE Grant Resolution 2011-24: Christie Pace of McCormick Taylor reported on the ARLE Grant Application which is an annual program administered by PennDOT. In order to participate, the Township is required to pass a Resolution committing to the project, which in this case is the installation of a traffic signal at the 896/841 intersection. Senator Pileggi and State Representative John Lawrence are supporting the Township's application. If the Township is successful in obtaining a grant, a traffic signal will be installed at the intersection, along with a flashing light warning of a red light ahead. PennDOT will be installing other improvements such as removing the hump and putting in left turn lanes, however that work will not begin until approximately 2015. The Township is hoping to get the traffic light and the warning flasher in prior to the other

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improvements. Asst. Twp. Mgr. Jeff Eastburn advised that, in the meantime, PennDOT will be reapplying the rumble strips and installing extra signage to warn of the stop signs. A second ARLE application is being submitted to install a guiderail on the Hess Mill Rd. Bridge. The matching funds required from the Township will come from the Impact Fee Fund Account. Ms. Latimer moved, seconded by Mr. Overton, that the Board adopt Resolution 2011-24, a Resolution of Franklin Township, Chester County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Board of Supervisors, to permit, construct, operate and maintain traffic signals at the intersection of SR 896 and SR 841 and to permit and construct a guiderail at Hess Mill Road Bridge and provide funding as may be necessary. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Recognition of Jim Trouba Recycling Coordinator: Ms. Latimer explained that Mr. Jim Trouba, who was the Recycling Coordinator for the Township for 11 years, has moved his family to Kentucky. In recognition of his commitment to the Township, Ms. Latimer read a letter that will be sent to Mr. Trouba thanking him for his service. Ms. Latimer asked for volunteers and/or recommendations to fill the vacancy.

Announcements: Ms. Latimer announced that there will be an Executive Session after tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and the purchase of open space development rights.

Public Comment: Mr. John Auerbach asked for a status report on an issue discussed at a previous meeting regarding a request from West Grove Fire Company for additional funds amounting to \$300,000. Ms. Latimer advised that the task force, which was formed to look into the issue, was attempting to get additional financial data from the WGFC and the ambulance division and they have not reported back to the Board as yet. She offered to meet with Mr. Auerbach at a later date to review the request made by WGFC and to discuss any additional information that is available. She indicated that additional information will need to be available soon in order to allow for inclusion in the 2012 budgeting process. It was clarified that the \$300,000 is the total amount that the fire company is requesting and the issue is how that sum will be divided among the townships serviced by WGFC.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Norris,
Township Secretary

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