

FOR APPROVAL

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES November 18, 2020

Call to Order: Chairman McVeigh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. via ZOOM meeting. In attendance was Vice Chair Gerstenhaber, Supervisors Auerbach, Dea, and Morris. Also, in attendance were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Township Manager/Treasurer Joan McVaugh, Assistant Manager Jeff Eastburn, Secretary Mary Opromolla and 10 members of the public.

Announcement: An executive session was held on November 9, 2020 to discuss potential legal issues. An executive session will be held after the public meeting to discuss personnel.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of the Minutes:

Board of Supervisors (BOS) Minutes of October 16, 2020: Vice-Chair Gerstenhaber motioned, seconded by: Donna Dea to approve the October 16, 2020 minutes. Motion failed 2 to 3, with Chairman McVeigh and Supervisors Morris and Auerbach voting nay. The October BOS minutes will need to be considered again at an upcoming BOS meeting.

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer's Report for August 2020:** Vice Chair Gerstenhaber motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Dea, that the Board approve the October 2020 Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements and transfers: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$128,524.84; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$4,993.36; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,330.74; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$33,603.90; the Highway Aid Fund with disbursements of \$37,360.17; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$894,034.59. Motion was approved 5-0.
- b. **Zoning Officer Report:** Supervisor Morris, reported 9 permits issued and 16 inspection were performed in October 2020. \$4,639.09 in building fees and \$1,750.00 in Miscellaneous fees were collected. Four zoning issues reported which included: bamboo overgrowth on Duncan Lane, high grass on New London Road, a storage container on Church Hill Road, and a Zoning violation at 3327 Appleton Road. The owner of the Appleton Road property was fined by the court in the amount of \$500.00 for the violation.
- c. **Planning Commission Report (PC):** The PC did not hold a meeting October.
- d. **HARB/HC Reports:** Chairman Paul Lagasse reported on the November 10th, 2020 Meeting. Chairman Lagasse reported the issues regarding 3327 Appleton Road. The HARB needs to review the applicates engineering report with the Township Engineer and Jeff Vogels, Zoning Officer and complete a Township inspection of the property. The HC is working on a cleanup of Church Hill Road African Methodist Cemetery.

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- e. Park, Recreation and Open Space (PRO) Board: Chairman Sachs of the PRO provided an update of the PRO's November 4th meeting: multiple initiatives were discussed - road signs are in for Crossan Park and will be installed sometime after Thanksgiving on Rt 896 and Good Hope Road; replacement of the Healing Garden with assistance from Dan Maffie Landscape Design. A PECO grant for the construction of the Banffshire bridge has been submitted; awards will be announced in the spring of 2021. Storm water damage to the boardwalk in Crossan Park will be repaired by the Eagle Scout who constructed the project when he returns from college. Another Eagle Scout project has started for blue bird boxes. The Dog Park is not expected to be considered based on community feedback.
- f. Comprehensive Plan Task Force: Chair Nan Latimer did not attend the BOS meeting indicating that there were not significant updates however, she did supply a report. See Comprehensive Plan Report for October 27th, meeting.
- g. Franklin Township Sportsman's Association (FSA): Jim German gave a brief update to the Board on the members activities. Two deer were harvested. Road clean up on Chesterville and Creek Road has been completed.

Business:

- a. Roadbotics Analysis: Patrick Breiner, from Roadbotics presented an analysis of our township roads. The Roadbotics tool uses a 1-5 scale rating for residential roads. Our overall assessment rating was 2.04. This tool will be leveraged to help Supervisors prioritize necessary road projects. The tool should also improve transparency on how roads are selected for the yearly Road Program. The report from Roadbotics should be available on the website by the end of this year.
- b. Lexington Point: Supervisor Auerbach motioned and seconded by Supervisor Dea that the board approve the Revised Agreement to Construct Community Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Disposal facilities, as well as the Lexington Point Wastewater Facilities Milestone Requirements for Issuance of the Building Permits and Certifications of Occupancy documents. Motion was approved 5 to 0, contingent upon builder notification to prospective buyers of the ongoing obligation to construct the system and the ongoing expense to Lexington Point residents to maintain the sewer system.

Discussion: Solicitor Mark Thompson and Engineer Stan Corbett reviewed the outcome of the meeting with the Lexington Point developer. The revised agreement with the developer includes a System Financial Construction Bond, a Capital Reserves Security and an Operating Escrow fund held by the Township for the system. It was suggested that the Residents of Lexington Point be invited to a board meeting to discuss future responsibilities once the development is completed.

- c. Hess Mill Bridge: Supervisor Auerbach gave a brief update on the Hess Mill Bridge project. The project is on schedule with completion expected in early December. Formal announcement of the opening will be on the Franklin Township website and Facebook page. It was suggested to have an official ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the opening in the Spring.
- d. Franklin Township Truck: Supervisor Dea motion, seconded by Supervisor Auerbach that the Board of Supervisors approve the sale of the Franklin Township 2006 Chevy Truck to Yardworks for \$500.00. Motion was approved 5 to 0.

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- e. Franklin Township Office Assessment: Manager McVaugh gave a brief update to the Board on the progress of the planed assessment activities. She has forwarded requested documents to Cary Vargo and he has scheduled meetings with individual board members. The next step will be interviews with the staff.
- f. 2021 Interim Road & Maintenance Bids: Manager McVaugh indicated that the Bid Package was revised to modify the estimated hours listed, which mistakenly included labor and equipment costs for road paving. The Bid Package will be reposted for advertising by early next week.
- g. 2021 Snowplow Bid: Vice Chair Gerstenhaber motioned and seconded by Chair McVeigh to award the 2020-2021 Snowplow Bid contract to Yardworks. Motion approved 5 to 0.
- h. Preliminary Budget Discussion: Chair McVeigh motioned and seconded by Supervisor Auerbach to approve the Preliminary Budget as presented by the Township Treasurer for Advertising. Motion approved 5 to 0. Final adoption will be at the December Board of Supervisors Meeting. The Preliminary Budget is available to view on the township website. Consensus of Board was to cap the Reserve fund at \$250,000.00, this will be discussed again at December meeting.

Public Comment:

Resident Paul Overton asked if there will be any odor from Lexington Pointe sewage treatment facility. Supervisor Auerbach replied it should be minimal, but Board will consult our Engineer, Stan Corbett. Paul Overton also wanted to know if larger lots and fewer homes was an option offered to Keystone Builders. Manager McVaugh said Keystone was offered this option but refused.

Resident Darren Chick reported that some of the residents of Chisel Creek Drive proposed a possible purchase of 4+ acres parcel of land from the current owner of Chisel Creek Golf Course. Land would be added to several residents existing property. Solicitor Mark Thompson suggested creating a sketch plan and presenting it to the Planning Commission before the Board can discuss it.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Opromolla, Township Secretary