

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOWER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012 AT 7:30 PM IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1500 DESIRE AVENUE, FEASTERVILLE, PA 19053

Roll Call: John McMenamin
Keith Wesley
Joseph McFadden
Julia Newman
Ed Shannon

Staff: Ted Taylor, Township Manager
Francis Dillon, Township Solicitor
William Wiegman, Chief of Police
Carol Drioli, Zoning Officer
Robert Butts, Finance Director
Wayne Kiefer, Township Engineer
Janet Hude, Township Secretary

John McMenamin called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

FEASTERVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION OF GRANTS TO BUCKS COUNTY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. McMenamin noted that tonight we have the Feasterville Business Association with us to present grants to local companies and Mr. Greenberg, President of the Feasterville Business Association will present these grants.

Mr. Greenberg said it is a privilege to be here representing the Feasterville Business Association (FBA) and for those who are not familiar with the FBA - this organization is represented by local businesses in the Township and one of the functions is our Golf Outing, chaired by Mike Wielehowski, & it is our only fund raiser of the year and all the money raised in the golf outing goes directly to charities and service organizations here in the community. Mr. Greenberg said we have been doing this for approximately 22 years and this year the efforts of the committee we are please to be giving gifts to these worthy organizations in the amount of approximately \$8,300.00.

Mr. Wielehowski presented gifts the following organizations - A Women's Place, American Red Cross, Chandler Hall, Dare, Libertae, Lower Southampton Library, Lower Southampton Police. Neshaminy Seniors, NOVA, Sean/Me, Sunshine Foundation, Twilight Wish Foundation and the Hope Foundation.

PUBLIC PORTION: No one came forward.

1. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OCTOBER 24, 2012
 - b. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE FOR PAWNBROKERS, ETC
 - c. ADOPT RESOLUTION 2012-46 NEW FEES FOR LICENSE & INSPECTIONS
 - d. ADOPT RESOLUTION 2012-47 REGIONAL BOARD OF APPEALS

Joseph McFadden made a motion to approve the following:

To approve Accounts Payable for October 24, 2012, subject to Audit.

To give permission to advertise Ordinance for Pawnbrokers, etc.

To adopt Resolution 2012-46 amending the Fee Schedule with new fees for License & Inspections.

To adopt Resolution 2012-47 Regional Board of Appeals.

Seconded by Keith Wesley

Mr. Shannon said he had a question with regard to Ordinance for Pawnbrokers – there is a comment in the Ordinance about a bound book – *“All dealers in precious metals will be kept in a bound book”* just wondering if the software had the capability of keeping that information instead of a separate bound book for the Broker. Mr. Dillon noted that this Ordinance was brought to us by one of the Police Officer’s and this is something he does not know the answer to. Chief Wiegman said that the reason for the bound book is because when the State Police or who ever comes to inspect our records would rather look at something in writing rather than on a computer.

Mr. McMenamin said he has a question on the new fees and licenses – something he has had several conversations about – Mother-in-law suites – he knows that the Township now allows Mother-in-law suites according to the new ordinance, but what has been brought to his attention is how does the Township control somebody who puts on a Mother-in-law suite on their residence and then there are changes such as financial reasons, moving, death, etc and then the owners of the property rent it out – now it becomes a two family dwelling – so how would the Township police these in-law-suites without knocking on doors and going in. Ms. Drioli said first of all the owners will be asked to provide proof of an affidavit claiming that who ever is living there whether it is a Mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, etc this will also have to be notarized; there will have to be a door that leads from the main residence into the in-law-suite and the only type of lock allowed on the door will be a privacy lock, must have a smoke detector and there would be a confirmation every year, during the yearly inspection, that it is occupied by the an in-law. Ms. Drioli noted that there will also be some amendments to the new ordinance that a floor plan must be submitted – in-law suite will not be larger then 500-600 square feet.

Mr. McFadden said he would like to see the definition of in-law suites and have it defined more clearly before he could vote on this.

Mr. McMenamin said he would suggest that the amended fee schedule be adopted without the in-law suite registration fee and inspection fee and have another Resolution for in-law-suite fees when everything is clear.

MOTION: Joseph McFadden made a motion to strike in-law-suite Section A & B from Resolution 2012-46 and approve the other fees. Seconded by Keith Wesley

Mr. McMenamin said he had a question on Resolution 2012-47 Regional Board of Appeals, which the Township must have under the Uniform Construction Code, when do we have to apply this? Ms. Drioli said January 2013. discussion ensued.

Motion passed with a vote of 5-0

2. RICHARD ROBINSON, 444 W. BRISTOL ROAD, PRELIMINARY/FINAL MINOR SUBDIVISION

Mr. Dillon said we have had a request to continue this from John Gonzales, attorney for Applicant and they requested that the mater be rescheduled to the November 7th meeting.

MOTION: Keith Wesley made a motion to approve the request by John Gonzales to continue Richard Robinson, 444 W. Bristol Road, Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision until the November 7th meeting. Seconded by Julia Newman
Motion passed with a vote of 5-0

3. APPOINTMENT TO ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

MOTION: Julia Newman made a motion to appoint Kate Liese to the Animal Control Advisory Board. Seconded by Keith Wesley
Motion passed with a vote of 5-0

4. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR ELMWOOD AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ADDITIONAL CULVERT BOX TIE-IN)

Mr. Kiefer noted that as part of the Elmwood Avenue improvement we are extending a storm sewer from the fire house down to Oak Avenue. Mr. Kiefer said he met with Frank Klink at the site last week because he had received a complaint from one of the neighbors (3 houses down from the fire house) they have had an ongoing erosion problem and they have tried to remedy the problem over the years. Mr. Kiefer said Mr. Klink asked if it would be possible to put in an inlet in front of this property to pick-up the water coming down that side of the road - engineering wise it works with no problems - have to add an inlet on their property and another manhole to our run to connect it in and a pipe from the inlet to the manhole. Mr. Kiefer said the approximate construction cost would be \$9,000 - all the cost would be part of the original bid from the contractor. Mr. Kiefer said in your description it increases the contract from \$393,801.00 to \$402,801.00.

MOTION: Joseph McFadden made a motion to approve the Change Order #1 for the Elmwood Street Improvement (additional drainage culvert box tie-in) in the amount of \$9,000 to the contract to allow for the installation of an additional inlet, contract amount will increase from \$393,801.00 to \$402,801.00. Seconded by Ed Shannon
Motion passed with a vote of 5-0

Manager's Report:

Mr. Taylor said just as a reminder the LED Street light replacement program is in effect now - Armour and Sons are out there doing the work Monday through Friday from 7 am until 3 pm installing the LED lights on major corridors and some of the residential areas, should be completed by November 21st.

Mr. Taylor said he has an announcement regarding Brownsville Road & Bristol Road - Aqua Water Transmission Line project - they did repave the actual trench area, however, the project was supposed to be completed in time for PADOT to do a total curb to curb mill and repave but that is being put off until the spring.

Mr. Taylor said Elmwood Avenue is going to be milled & paved from end to end along with other streets & he will put the list of streets to be paved on the website. Mr. Kiefer said by the end of the week they should be on Elmwood Avenue installing storm sewers and paving should start on the other streets on Monday.

There was a discussion regarding Aqua Water Transmission Line for completion.

Mr. McFadden commented on the fire companies and Fire Marshal's office regarding their successful Fire Prevention Day over at the K-Mart parking lot - Great Event!

Mr. Dillon said there is a request from Mr. Twer on his project, which you all are very familiar with - he is asking if he could use Belgium Block for curbing within his parking area. Mr. Kiefer said per the Ordinance Mr. Twer would need a waiver from the Board in

order to use the Belgium Block, it is curbed that the Township will never own or have to maintain do not believe it is a Township concern because anything out in the roadway will be up to PADOT of what they allow.

MOTION: Keith Wesley made a motion to allow City Alum II & the Twer property to use Belgium Block on the curbing within the parking area. Seconded by Julia Newman Motion passed with a vote of 5-0

Board recessed to Executive Session at 8:05 pm to discuss Personnel matters.

Board reconvened at 8:50 pm

MOTION: John McMenamin made a motion to terminate employment contract with Township Manager effective 30 days - November 23rd, 2012. Seconded by Keith Wesley Motion passed with a vote of 5-0

MOTION: Keith Wesley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Julia Newman Motion passed with a vote of 5-0

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Ed Shannon, Secretary