

MINUTES OF NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 18, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting for December was held on Thursday, December 18, 2014 in the Township Building in Ferndale, PA. Chairman, William C. Sadow, Jr. opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. with a salute to the flag.

Members Present:

William Sadow, Jr., Chair
Carl Bahnck, Vice-Chair
Frank Ganiszewski
Shannon Doman

Others in attendance:

Attorney:
Jordan B. Yeager, Esq.
Treasurer:
Keith DeLuca
Secretary:
Heather DiSario

SCHEDULING:

The schedule for the month was reviewed by Chairman, William C. Sadow, Jr.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

A motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting as presented conditional on adding the motion related to the appraisal of the Park & Rec Project. The motion carried 3-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Neil Jesiolowski announced that the Historic Commission has been notified by the Heritage Conservancy that the Commission is included in part of this year's grant from the Lower Delaware Scenic River and Land Protection Group. N. Jesiolowski also noted that the Historic Commission in part with the Heritage Conservancy is currently in the process of completing a survey of historic resources.

Jim Logan noted that he has learned any wild nuisance animal that is trapped can be relocated to the State Game Lands without facing a penalty.

PUBLIC HEARING: none

REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA: Maya van Rossum, Delaware River Keeper, presented the Township with an Environmental Excellence Award to recognize the township's efforts in helping the Delaware River Keeper Network, specifically in the challenge against Act 13.

STAFF REPORTS:

a. Public Works Report, November 2014 -

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve the November 2014 Public Works Report as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

b. Treasurer's Report:

Keith DeLuca gave the report. K. DeLuca reminded the Board that the annual PSATS conference is scheduled for April 18, 2015.

Included in this month's bill list is a distribution for the Upper Bucks Regional EMS in the amount of \$37,857.67 bringing total distribution of \$58,791.95 for 2014.

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Also included in the bill list is a return of escrow for Heacock Lumber in the amount of \$1348.47.

Bills being presented tonight: from the General Fund, \$30,963.28; State Fund, \$4,636.51; Escrow Fund, \$2,009.52 and the Fire & EMS Tax Distribution, \$50,132.95.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve the December 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve the December Bills List as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

c. Zoning Report-

A motion was made by C. Bahnck, seconded by S. Doman, to approve the December 2014 Zoning Report as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: J. Yeager reviewed the proposed amendments to the section of the Zoning Ordinance that relate to land uses associated with oil and gas development. Comments have come back from the Township and County Planning Commissions and the Township EAC. J. Yeager explained that pipelines, compressor stations and natural gas processing facilities would be added as land uses. The consensus of the Board is to go with the PC's suggestion.

A motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by B. Sadow, to advertise a revised ordinance consistent with the recommendations from the EAC and the Planning Commission. The motion carried 4-0-0.

J. Yeager gave an update on Act 192, the Uniform Firearms Act. The Township currently has no ordinances that would be impacted.

J. Yeager noted that realtor Michael Strickland from Addison Wolfe will be representing the Township for the sale of the Gorham Property.

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to authorize the Township Solicitor and Township Treasurer to move forward in entering into a relationship with Addison Wolfe for marketing the Gorham Property. The motion carried 4-0-0.

SUBDIVISIONS:

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by S. Doman to accept the extensions for the Hoffman, Smith subdivisions. The motion carried 4-0-0.

LAND DEVELOPMENT:

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by C. Bahnck, to accept the extension for the Wehrungs Land Development. The motion carried 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Cabot Corp - no new information.
- b. Hidden Valley - no new information.

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NEW BUSINESS:

a. Palisades Community Foundation 5K Approval -

A motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by S. Doman to approve the 5K Race. The motion carried 4-0-0.

b. Grading Ordinance - Authorize Advertisement -

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to authorize advertisement of the Grading Ordinance. The motion carried 4-0-0.

c. Floodplain Ordinance - Authorize Advertisement

A motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by S. Doman, to authorize advertisement of the proposed ordinances to revise the definition of "floodplain" in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance and the Floodplain Ordinance. The motion carried 4-0-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Emergency Management - no report.

b. Environmental Advisory Committee - no report.

c. BNT Ground Water Committee - no report.

d. Open Space Committee - no report.

e. Park & Recreation Board - no report.

f. Nockamixon Historic Commission - no report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by B. Sadow, to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather DiSario
Recording Secretary