

SOUTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
South Franklin Township Municipal Building
July 6, 2016

Supervisors: Vice Chair Bill Cline and Mark Knestrick. Chair Orlosky was excused.

Solicitor: Jim Jeffries

Township Manager: Tyler Linck

Visitors present: David Cook, Janis Berdine, John Maleski Jr., Sharon Maloy, Dennis Vasquez and Carl Malm

Vice Chair Cline called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

Motion was made by Knestrick to approve the Board of Supervisor meeting minutes from June 1, 2016. Seconded by Cline. Motion carried 2-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dennis Vasquez asked about the truckloads of dirt that were given to a resident by the Township because he felt it was wrong. The dirt, which was not clean fill, was given to the Township over the past few months by numerous residents and contractors of residents as the Township provides a place to dump fill, stone, tree trimmings, etc.. After the Township Road Crew used all the fill they needed, and there is still some leftover, a resident asked for a few truckloads of dirt and the Township provided that dirt to him as the Township has done in the past for others at no cost and as the Township will continue to do so in any reasonable manner and situation. Solicitor Jeffries described the cost of this to the Township as de minimis and of no legal concern.

David Cook from PennTex Ventures was in attendance on behalf of Dollar General seeking conditional approval of their plans for the new store. Due to an incomplete subdivision and lack of other required permits the Township is unable to grant such a request but looks forward to receiving the appropriate documents. Sharon Maloy of the Township Planning Commission was concerned with the Highway Occupancy Permit due to the sight distance along Route 18. Mr. Cook assured this would be addressed and all trees in the sight line that need removed will be removed. Supervisor Knestrick asked who is responsible if the Township becomes flooded due to the proposed construction. Mr. Cook was unable to completely answer the question as he is not completely aware of the legality of the coverage of damage but noted that the appropriate studies have shown no impact to the area. Supervisor Knestrick also asked how involved Dollar General is with the local communities. Mr. Cook knew of some educational funding opportunities but unaware of any other opportunities at this time. Sharon Maloy suggested Dollar General taking over the donation the Township gives to Citizen's Library every year. Lastly, Mr. Cook was asked when he expects approvals of permits and other planning documents. He answered it should be by the end of July.

Dennis Vasquez also asked if taxes would be going up due to the reassessment. It may go up but would be minimal as there can only be a certain percentage allowed to be collected higher than before. The goal is to not have taxes go up. Millage will have to be adjusted to even out the numbers.

AGENDA: None.

SOLICITOR: Reported on Park Avenue Express that the Township will need to post service of notice to advertise demolition of building. Owner has 30 days to respond. This is to ensure proper notice is given to keep the legality of the demolition. Solicitor Jeffries also recommended the Township pass a demolition ordinance in which he will repair.

Solicitor Jeffries also reported on the Worth Avenue litigation regarding a motion for sanctions due to the lack of discovery.

Lastly, Solicitor Jeffries noted he will be unable to attend the August meeting but can be available via FaceTime.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT:

Major points in the report were as follows:

- Act 537 Plan
- Franklin Manor Road project
- Township Social Media update
- DCNR grant
- Warne Lane
- Park update
- Airport Mowing proposal
- Comcast update

CONSTRUCTION & ZONING OFFICER REPORT: Submitted for review.

CORRESPONDENCE: Washington County Conservation District – Completeness Notification Letter

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD: None.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: **Motion** by Knestrick to approve the agreement with PMF Rentals for delivery of block for a salt bin for the price of \$9,150. Seconded by Cline. Motion carried 2-0.

Motion by Knestrick to approve rental of sweeper in August from A&H Equipment for \$2,800 for the week. Seconded by Cline. Motion carried 2-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: **Motion** by Knestrick to adopt the Act 537 Sewage Plan by resolution. Seconded by Cline. Motion carried 2-0.

Motion by Knestrick to approve John Mark Hunter Subdivision. Seconded by Cline. Motion carried 2-0.

APPROVE CHECKS AND INVOICES FROM: No checks this month.

NEXT MEETING: Agenda Meeting—Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 4:45 p.m.

Board of Supervisor’s Meeting—Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 4:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Knestrick at 5:50 pm. Seconded by Cline. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyler Linck