

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held July 5, 2011

The business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Chairman William B. Hawk, on the above date, in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Hawk were: William C. Seeds, Sr., William L. Hornung, Gary A. Crissman, and David B. Blain.

Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steven Stine, Township Solicitor; Ted Robertson and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Blain led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 workshop meeting, and the June 21, 2011 business meeting. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Comment

Ms. Carol King, 4296 New Jersey Court, noted that she has lived in Centennial Acres for 24 years, and has been a taxpayer for all those years. She explained that she has no children and has supported the school system. She noted that she is very proud of the Central Dauphin School District.

Ms. King explained that the property that abuts her property has a swale with a storm drain draining into it. She noted in the 24 years that she had lived there it has never been cleaned and she is requesting that someone come out to clean it out. She noted that the overgrowth has taken over the area and when it rains it floods her property. She noted that the swale is on her

neighbor's property but it belongs to the Township. She noted that the development is mainly made up of elderly people and no one ever comes out to maintain the swale. She noted that workers cut the grass in the field next to the tennis court and have started to blow the grass into her yard. She noted that she made a call to the Parks and Recreation Department who is responsible for cutting the grass and asked them not to do that. She requested the Board to have someone come out and take care of these issues. Mr. Hawk noted that he would have someone take a look at it. Ms. King noted that she hoped that Mr. Hawk would do more than that.

Ms. King questioned when cul-de-sacs get repaved. Mr. Hornung explained that it would be a long time. Mr. Hornung noted that the budget is very tight.

Ms. King noted that all the people living in the cul-de-sac are retirement age, and when it snows, and the road is plowed, she asked that the drivers plow the snow in the middle of the circle and not on the sidewalks noting that they block the mailboxes. She noted as a result of an ice storm that occurred a few years ago, she did not get her mail for three weeks. She noted that there was six feet of ice in the area.

Mr. Hornung requested Mr. Wolfe to explain the plowing process. Mr. Wolfe answered that cul de sacs are plowed last, as they only serve the people who live there, and there is very low volume of traffic for those areas. He noted that the plowing priorities are arterial roads, collector roads, neighborhood streets, cul-de-sacs, dead end streets and maybe alleys. He noted that there is never an easy way to plow a cul-de-sac with mailboxes, driveways and sidewalks, adding the fact that you have to drive in a circle, the Township is going to plow the snow to a location that someone doesn't want. He noted that the newer design standards require cul-de-sacs to have a designated location for snow to be piled; however, Centennial Acres was developed before those standards were made. He noted that you can't pile the snow in the middle of the circle because, in a large storm, you won't be able to get around the cul-de-sac. He noted that the drivers need to push the snow off, and they try to push it to a location that is convenient for the

property owners, but when you have a large snow storm, the snow will be plowed into the driveways and sidewalks and will block mail boxes. He noted that the drivers do the best to eliminate the property owners concerns, but for the storm that Ms. King referenced the cul-de-sacs were very problematic.

Ms. King noted that her next door neighbor is on oxygen and can't come down the stairs and occasionally needs the services of an ambulance. Mr. Wolfe explained that the Township has a standard procedure where there is communication between the fire, police, ambulance, and plow drivers, and whenever a call is dispatched, and an ambulance has a road issue, a plow is immediately dispatched to the area to assist with snow removal. He noted that this is especially true in any emergency situation for weather related events.

Mr. Hornung questioned Mr. Wolfe if he was aware of Ms. King's issue. Mr. Wolfe answered no. He noted that there is a swale in the area but he was not aware that there was a problem with the swale, and he stated that he would have someone from Public Works take a look at the swale. Mr. Hornung requested that Mr. Wolfe get back to Ms. King about this issue.

Chairman & Board Members' Comments

No comments were provided.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Lower Paxton Township Fireworks Display sponsored by the Linglestown Fire Company and the Township will be held in Koons Park tonight, starting at approximately 9:15 p.m. He noted that the event is very well attended.

Mr. Wolfe noted that effective July 1st, Waste Management will raise the monthly rate \$.68 due to an increase of costs passed on to them.

Mr. Wolfe noted, as the community learns to drive the roundabouts in Linglestown, drivers must yield to the traffic and the pedestrians in the roundabout. He noted when a driver enters the roundabout, he or she must look to their left, and if it is clear, enter the roundabout. He

noted that any vehicles within the roundabout have the right-of-way. He noted that you exit the roundabout to your right. He explained that it seems to be working much better as there has been much educational material available through the local newspaper. He noted that the Township appreciates The Patriot-News' articles on the roundabouts. He noted that there have been no significant backups of traffic and the roundabouts are running in a free-flow condition.

OLD BUSINESS

Action on an agreement to lease fitness equipment at the Friendship Center

Mr. Hawk noted that several companies provided bids for a lease agreement for fitness equipment at the Friendship Center. He noted that the interest rates ranged from 5.45% to 10.25%.

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Friendship Center is looking to lease ten pieces of cardiovascular equipment for a three-year period of time after which the equipment can be purchased for a buyout of \$1 per machine. He noted that staff has reviewed several proposals, including local banks, and Municipal Capital Corporation provided the best proposal, with an interest rate of 5.45% for a total three-year cost to finance the purchase at \$54,601.17. He noted that the agreement would be a 36-month lease with three annual payments to include a \$1 buyout. He noted that it is staff's recommendation to proceed with the lease from Municipal Capital Corporation, and to do this soon as several pieces of equipment need to be replaced as soon as possible. He noted that it is a tax exempt lease.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the agreement to lease fitness equipment at the Friendship Center with Municipal Capital Corporation at the interest rate of 5.45% for the cardio equipment at the Friendship Center. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk call for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on a Settlement Agreement with Capital Tax Collection Bureau
in regard to the lease of space at the Municipal Center

Mr. Hawk noted that the Capital Tax Collection Bureau (CTCB) moved their operation out of the Municipal Center and would like to settle on the remaining rent as per their lease agreement with the Township.

Mr. Stine explained that the settle agreement between the Township and CTCB calls for a lump sum buyout for the remaining lease.

Mr. Seeds questioned what the expiration date for the lease was. Mr. Stine answered that he believed it was to expire at the end of 2013.

Mr. Seeds questioned what percent the buyout for that lease was agreed to. Mr. Stine answered that it was 75%.

Mr. Seeds questioned Mr. Wolfe if he recommended the agreement. Mr. Wolfe answered yes. Mr. Seeds questioned Mr. Stine if he recommended the agreement. Mr. Stine answered yes.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the settlement agreement between CTCB and the Township in the amount of \$61,536.60. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Change Orders No. 3 and No. 4 to the contract with Rogele, Inc.
for roadway paving and stormwater improvements.

Mr. Wolfe explained that Change Order No. 3 authorized landscaping work for the Huntfield paving work to soften the swales constructed last year. He noted that the paperwork is coming through now and it is in the amount of \$3,275.89 to Rogele, Inc.

Mr. Wolfe explained that Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$24,312.46 for replacement of the 60-inch pipe in State Drive that was washed out this April during a major extreme wet weather event. He noted that it is hoped that a portion of this cost may be eligible

for Federal Emergency Management Association funding. He noted the costs include the purchase and the installation of the pipe. He noted that it is staff's recommendation that the Board authorize both change orders this evening.

Mr. Seeds noted that the rates for the Huntfield work were very good. Mr. Wolfe explained that these are last year's rates and the work was done last year. He noted that the contract is being closed out at this time.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Change Order No. 3 with an increase of \$3,275.89, and Change Order No. 4 with an increase of \$24,312.46 with Rogele, Inc. for roadway paving and stormwater improvements. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

IMPROVEMENT GUARANTEES

Mr. Hawk noted that there was one Improvement Guarantees.

Mid-Penn Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

A reduction in a letter of credit with First National Bank, in the amount of \$1,540.00, with an expiration date of April 5, 2012.

Mr. Crissman questioned if the time should be shortened for this improvement guarantee. Mr. Seeds noted that they have been timely in making their improvements. It was the consensus of the Board to leave it as it is. Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the one listed improvement agreement as presented. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Seeds made a motion to pay the bills of Lower Paxton Township and Lower Paxton Township Authority. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion. Mr Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Announcement

Mr. Hawk reminded the viewing public that the fireworks will start at dusk at Koons Memorial Park.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Crissman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Gary A. Crissman
Township Secretary