

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held February 21, 2012

The business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:33 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 B. Seeds, Sr., William L. Hornung, Gary A. Crissman, and David B. Blain.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Blain made a motion to approve the January 10, 2012 workshop meeting minutes. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

**Chairman & Board Members' Comments**

No comments were provided by Board members.

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Easter Egg-Stravaganza will be held at Brightbill Park on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 1 p.m. He noted that parents are invited to bring their children and the event is free for children ages 2-10 years old.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Friendship Center is sponsoring a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 9 a.m. The cost is \$ 7 per child and reservations are required.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Summer Day Camp and Summer Playground Programs are fast approaching. He noted that the Summer Day Camp starts June 12 and lasts until August 10<sup>th</sup> and will be held at three locations, Linglestown Elementary School (5-11 years); Northside Elementary School ( 12-14 years); and Paxtonia Elementary School (5-11 years). He noted that the weekly fee is \$125 for residents and \$130 for non-residents. He noted that the Summer Playground Program is held at Kohl, Koons, and Brightbill Parks for certain days of the week. The daily fee is \$.50 and a craft fee of \$1 is collected weekly. He noted that a complete schedule for either of these two programs is available by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department at the Friendship Center.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Citizen's Police Academy will begin on March 6, 2012. He explained that applications will be accepted until March 2, 2012. He noted that the Academy classes are held for ten weeks starting Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> and the classes run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. He noted some of the topics to be covered in the class are accident investigation, patrol duties, use of force, drug and gang awareness, crime scene processing, and other public safety items. He noted there is no charge for the program and applications are available on the website or at the Municipal Center.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to conduct.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Appointment of individual to serve on the Friendship Center Operating Board

Mr. Hawk noted that he received a recommendation from Mr. Luetchford and the Friendship Center Operating Board to appoint Bruce Senft to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Merv Woolf.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the appointment of Bruce Senft to the Friendship Center Operating Board. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Mr. Seeds noted that after reading Mr. Senft's application, he determined that he should be a great addition to the Friendship Center Operating Board.

Mr. Crissman explained that the applicants that were interviewed were all superlative. He suggested that some of those applicants should be able to sit on other boards and committees in order to make a valuable contribution to the Township.

### Action on bids for sanitary sewer replacement for The PC-2C & PC-2D mini-basins

Mr. Wolfe noted that the low bid before the Board members this evening is in the amount of \$4,843,000.00, and was submitted by Michael F. Ronca and Sons for the Paxton Creek 2C and 2D sewer replacement mini-basin work. He explained that 13 bids were received and the lowest three bids came within 1.7% of the engineer's estimate. He noted six of the bids were within \$140,000 of each other and noted that the Township is getting very competitive bids. He explained that staff has worked with Michael F. Ronca and Sons in the past and has found their work to be acceptable. He noted that it is staff's recommendation that the Board award the bid in the amount of \$4,843,000.00 to Michael F. Ronca and Sons for PC-2C and 2D sewer replacement mini-basin work.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the bid to Michael F. Ronca and Sons in the amount of \$4,843,000.00 for the PC-2C & 2D sewer replacement mini-basin work. Mr. Blain seconded the motion.

Mr. Seeds noted that any action should be contingent on the review of the bid documents by Mr. Stine. He questioned Mr. Stine if he had reviewed the documents. Mr. Stine answered that he did and found them to be in order.

Mr. Hawk called for a roll call vote: Mr. Blain, aye; Mr. Crissman, aye; Mr. Hornung, aye; Mr. Seeds, aye; and Mr. Hawk, aye.

Action on proposals for land survey services as a precursor to modeling the Swatara Township Authority Joint Use Interceptor

Mr. Wolfe noted that it has become the practice, at staff level, to solicit proposals for surveying rather than retaining these services without competitive pricing. He noted as a result of this the costs for surveying for sanitary sewer projects has been reduced. He noted of the four respondents, D.L. Reiber and Associates provided the low bid of \$5,990.00. He explained that the highest bid received was \$14,850.00. He noted that it is staff's recommendation to award the bid to D. L. Reiber and Associates in the amount of \$5,999.00

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the proposal from D. L. Reiber and Associates in the amount of \$5,999.00 for land survey services as a precursor to modeling the Swatara Township Authority Joint Use Interceptor. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution 12-03; accepting portions of Kensington Way in the Estates of Forest Hills

Mr. Wolfe noted that Resolution 12-03 would provide for the acceptance of a portion of Kensington Way in the Estates of Forest Hills. He noted that the Board would be asked to accept

the maintenance agreement for an 18-month period for this road. He noted that it is staff's recommendation to accept Resolution 12-03 and the maintenance agreement.

Mr. John Trish, 600 Prince Street, noted that the audio is not working for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Trish questioned if the Township accepts this road, where does the Township's responsibility stop and the homeowners' responsibility start. He stated, during the last several meetings, numerous people who live in the Township have complained that the back of their property is washing away and they want the Township to fix it. He questioned if the Township accepts Kensington Way, what the Township would be responsible for. Mr. Wolfe answered that the Township would be responsible for the public street.

Mr. Trish questioned if the Board has done any research as to the responsibility of the property owners who have complained about water issues in the past. He noted that there are many people coming to the Board with many complaints, and once we have a Township road then we are responsible for the maintenance of the road, but if we have a 100-year storm and it takes away part of the Township's responsibility, the homeowners need to hold some of the responsibility. Mr. Wolfe noted that this is a public meeting and people are allowed to come and voice their concerns, but it doesn't mean that just because they come to a meeting that their problem becomes the Township's responsibility. Mr. Trish noted that he understands that, but stated that he never finds out what happened as a result of the people coming to the meeting to complain. He noted, according to the last meeting, the Board is going to take a road trip to see those properties. He explained that he knows that there is damage as he has seen it, but he questioned if anyone in the Township has completed research as to what is the people's responsibility and then let the people know that it is their problem. He noted that they have a right to voice their concerns, but like tonight the meeting is on television. but you can't hear

anything, and there might have been something he wanted to hear. He noted that The Patriot News only puts in their newspaper what they want to put in. He noted that he subscribes to the paper, but it seems to him that the Township needs more exposure. He noted that he would like to pick up the paper and read an article where the Township officials discuss property damage on a road and this is what they are going to do.

Mr. Hawk noted that the resolution calls for the Board to accept a portion of Kensington Street, and the Township's responsibility is for the street. Mr. Trish noted that he understands that but he wants to make sure that every time the Township accepts something, it's more tax dollars.

Mr. Hornung noted that when he came on the Board he had the same concern. He explained when the Board accepts a street; staff completes a very detailed inspection of the street to make sure that there will be no problems. He noted that the Township requires that the developer post an 18-month maintenance bond in the event anything happens to that road. He noted that it provides for a road to go through a summer and winter time period and in the event there is an issue the developer will have to fix it. He noted that staff drills a plug in the road to ensure that the road is made to the Township's regulations. He noted that inspectors are present while the road is paved to ensure that it is done properly. He noted that the Township has tightened up on its requirements and it would be difficult to present a road for acceptance to the Township that does not meet its criteria. He explained that there are issues when a developer files for bankruptcy and the Township is left carrying the ball. He noted that is why the Township increases the guarantees every year by 10% to ensure that there is enough money to complete the project. He noted that staff does what it can to protect the Township from those types of occurrences.

Mr. Trish noted that many people have come to complain about issues and they are good people. Mr. Hornung noted that some of those issues are the Township's and some are not. He

noted that the Board is reviewing those issues and will fix that ones that it is responsible for. He noted that staff will work on a priority list and will be completing that list soon.

Mr. Seeds noted that Mr. Hornung answered Mr. Trish's question very well and he questioned Mr. Wolfe, even though he already knew the answer, if the road was inspected. He noted that the road was inspected by Matt Miller. He noted that the ordinance requires the Township to accept the road if it meets the requirements for the road.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Resolution 12-03; accepting portions of Kensington Way in the Estates of Forest Hills. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

#### MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. Blain made a motion to accept the maintenance agreement for a portion of Kensington Way by means of a letter of credit with Susquehanna Bank in the amount of \$56,098.80. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

#### IMPROVEMENT GUARANTEES

Mr. Hawk noted that there were two Improvement Guarantees.

##### Kendale Oaks, Phases II & III

A reduction in a letter of credit with M&T Bank, in the amount of \$225,335.83, with an expiration date of November 1, 2012.

##### 990 Briarsdale Road

The establishment of a letter of credit with Fulton Bank, in the amount of \$18,400.00, with an expiration date of February 21, 2013.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the two improvement guarantees. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

### **Announcement**

Mr. Hawk noted that there are Boys Scouts in the audience and he asked the Scout Master to identify the troop. Mr. Heimbach explained that the Boy Scouts are from Troop 68, Linglestown, working on their “Citizenship in the Community” Badge. Mr. Hawk asked the Boys Scouts to come to the podium and introduce themselves: Matt Boyer, Linglestown Middle School; Nick Heimbach, Linglestown Middle School; and Pierce Heimbach, Linglestown Middle School. Mr. Richard Heimbach noted that he is the Assistant Scout Master.

### **Payment of Bills**

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

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Crissman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle  
Township Secretary

Approved by,

Gary A. Crissman  
Recording Secretary