

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held March 6, 2012

The business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:37 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 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 February 21, 2012 workshop meeting and the February 7, 2012 and February 21, 2012 business meetings. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided

Chairman & Board Members' Comments

Mr. Hawk noted the newest police officer to be sworn in is present in the audience along with his fellow officers and Public Safety Director (PSD), David Johnson. He noted when Brian Guarani takes the oath of office; he will swear to obey the laws of the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the ordinance of Lower Paxton Township. He noted when he does that he takes on an awesome responsibility, one of which is to enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Hawk noted at times he and the other Board members have received phone calls from people stating that they were pulled over by a police officer providing negative comments. He noted that he has also received phone calls requesting patrol action in certain area due to speeding in a neighborhood. He explained that he lives in an area off of Londonderry Road where it is not unusual to find vehicles speeding at 50 and 60 mph; however, in the past five or six months, the speeding has been curtailed by the active patrol of police officers in the area.

Mr. Hawk noted that the speed limit for township roads is 25 mph unless otherwise posted, and for state roads the speed limit is 35 mph. He noted that most township roads are neighborhood roads. He noted that Linglestown Road is a state road and is posted 35 mph up to 45 mph. He stated, in talking with PSD Johnson, the main contributor to motor vehicle accidents is speed related. He noted in 2011, there were 900 motor vehicle accidents and property damage and personal injury costs from vehicle accidents exceeded all other infractions for property damage and personal injury. He noted in 2010, police officers made over 27,427 traffic stops resulting in 19,000 written warnings. He explained that police officers look at this as a teaching moment by only issuing a written warning. He stated that many people have the perception that vehicle stops are for revenue generation only and this is not true for our Township. He noted that the budget for the Police Department is \$5.4 million; the money that is received for traffic fines is minimal.

Mr. Hawk noted that occasionally he will provide points of interest for the viewing public.

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 Township's Compost Facility will open on Tuesday, April 3rd, and will be open weekly on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. He explained that residents who use the facility are required to have a Compost Permit and the cost of a permit is \$30 for an annual fee and \$8 for a one-day pass. He noted that permits are available for purchase at the Township's Municipal Center or Hornung Hardware Store. They are not available for purchase at the Compost Facility.

Mr. Wolfe stated, beginning the first week of April, Waste Management will collect leaf waste at curbside on a bi-monthly collection. He noted that leaf waste includes: leaves, tree trimmings, garden waste, and shrub waste; however, it does not include grass as that is considered garbage and should be collected with the normal trash collection. He noted the leaf waste must be at curbside in a container that can be dumped into a truck or into a Kraft paper recyclable bag. He noted that brush and tree trimmings should be bundled together and tied; however anything larger than 6 inches in diameter is not accepted at the Compost Facility. He noted that compost and woody waste is available for pick up when available.

Oath of Office to Police Officer

Public Safety Director David Johnson thanked Mr. Hawk for his comments. He noted that it was with great pleasure that he introduces the newest member of the Police Department, Officer Brian Guarneri. He explained that he was sworn in previously as a police officer several years ago, and had left the Department for a short time and then decided that he wanted to regain his employment with the Department.

Mr. Hornung questioned how many applicants there were for this job and what the process for hiring is. PSD Johnson answered that there were roughly 150 applicants. He noted that Lt. Zerbe is the person tasked with the physical agility testing process, which is the first stage of the hiring process. Mr. Wolfe requested PSD Johnson to explain the hiring process and

how it is an intermunicipal endeavor at this time. PSD Johnson explained that in 2011, the Department participated in a consortium that involved 16 Police Departments from Dauphin, Cumberland and York Counties. He noted that a physical agility test was conducted in September and it was followed by a written test the following weekend. He noted that 350 applicants participated in the physical agility test, and several police agencies provide assistance to Lt. Zerbe during the physical agility test. He noted those applicants who pass that test were invited to sit for the written examination, and those participants who pass the written examination were ranked on an eligibility list by their final scores. He noted from that point, each of the 16 Police Departments chose candidates from the list and followed their own hiring procedures. He noted that it is a very competitive and difficult process to get through.

Chairman Hawk administered the Oath of Office of Police Officer to Brian Guarneri. He along with the other Board members congratulated Officer Guarneri on his employment with the Township. Officer Guarneri noted that he was very privileged to be back with the Township.

Presentation of AED's by South Central Emergency Medical Services

Public Safety Director (PSD) Johnson explained that Jason Campbell, Operations Director for South Central Emergency Medical Services (SCEMS), would like to make a presentation to the Board. PSD Johnson noted that he has never met a man like Mr. Campbell who is more committed to providing emergency care to the citizens of Lower Paxton Township in the way that he is. He noted that he is present to provide two Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machines to the Board for use by the Township.

Mr. Jason Campbell noted, in 2011, SCEMS responded to 96 calls for a reported cardiac arrest. He explained that nation-wide, only 2% of those who suffer from cardiac arrest will survive. He explained of those 96 calls, four people were able to walk out of the hospital without any disability and continue to live today. He noted normally police officers are the first to arrive

at a medical emergency scene and to increase the survival rate of the citizens of the Township, SCEMS would like to present two AED's to the Township Police Department, and in addition, it will replace any and all AED pads that are used or may expire. He noted, as a team, SCEMS, the Lower Paxton Township Police Department, and Township Fire Companies can serve the community and deliver the best care and protection possible.

Mr. Hawk thanked Mr. Campbell very much for the two machines.

Mr. Crissman questioned where the machines will be placed. PSD Johnson noted that the Emergency Management Director will determine where they will be placed. He noted that this would bring the total number of AED machines for the Police Department to nine. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Township has AED machines at the Friendship Center, Municipal Center, Public Works Facility and Sewer Maintenance Facility.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 11-02; adding Chapter 108 to the Codified Ordinances titled Flood Plain Management

Mr. Wolfe noted that the number on this Ordinance is 11-02 which makes it about a year old. He noted that the Board started this process a year ago when the Township received revised flood plain maps from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He noted that FEMA's instructions to the Township and all the other municipalities that received the revised maps, was to update the flood plain management regulations and adopt the new maps. He noted that staff prepared the draft ordinance through the help of Dauphin County Conservation District, using their model ordinance, and in compliance with the Federal Standards. He noted that the proposed ordinance was reviewed by Dauphin County District and FEMA and determined to be acceptable.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Township has also received the new General Insurance Rate Map (GIRM) from FEMA and the Township is in a position to adopt this ordinance which will

have an effective date of August 2, 2012. He noted that staff recommends the Board to take action to adopt the Ordinance. He noted once this is done, the Township's existing regulations will remain in effect until August 1, 2012 and the Board will have to by Ordinance delete those regulations from the Zoning Ordinance. He noted that what will be deleted will be very similar to what you are taking action on this evening, but Ordinance 11-02 is up-to-date and in conformance with the newest FEMA Standard as opposed to the existing regulations that are several years old. He requested Mr. Stine to conduct the public hearing for this Ordinance.

Mr. Stine noted that this is the time and date set for the Public Hearing on Ordinance 11-02 that would add Chapter 108 to the Codified ordinance titled Flood Plain Management. He questioned if anyone in the audience wished to be heard. Mr. Stine, seeing no comment, noted that it would be appropriate to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 11-02, and the Board could take action on this Ordinance at this time if it so desires.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-02; adding Chapter 108 to the Codified ordinances titled Flood Plain Management. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution 12-11; adopting a Capital Replacement Plan for the Friendship Center and amending the Center's Capital Reserve Fund

Mr. Wolfe noted both the Capital Reserve Fund and the Capital Replacement Plan have been reviewed with the Board in workshop session. He noted that the Friendship Center Operating Board has prepared the Capital Replacement Plan and recommends its adoption by the Board of Supervisors. He noted that the Plan contains a recommended implementation schedule, and does identify all of the major capital facilities and equipment within the FC and bases their replacement on an expected useful life. He noted that an annual budgeted amount necessary to fund the Plan has been determined and it is approximately \$170,000.00. He noted that the Capital Replacement Plan for the FC covers a 20-year period. He noted that it is staff's

recommendation that the Board adopt the resolution, but you should note also that when you adopt the resolution you will be changing the Friendship Center Capital Reserve Fund by further specifying that Fund will only be used to fund items contained within the Capital Replacement Plan. He noted if the Board's intention was to use the CRF for a future building addition, it would not qualify as a permitted expenditure, only the replacement of items contained within the CRP as now presented or as amended in the future would be eligible expenditures under the CRF.

Mr. Hawk noted that those items are well delineated in the final two pages of the Capital Replacement Plan.

Mr. Crissman noted that the Resolution provides for long range planning by the Friendship Center Operating Board.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Resolution 12-11; adopting a Capital Replacement Plan for the Friendship Center and amending the Friendship Center's Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Blain seconded the motion.

Mr. Seeds thanked Mr. Wolfe for his explanation, and he wanted to commend the FCOB for putting this together as it shows a lot of foresight on their part. He noted that he will support the Resolution; however, he hopes, in the not-to-distant future, that we can also put back the reserve fund for future growth. He commended the Friendship Center Operation Board for what it has done at this time as it was a very necessary step to take.

Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on a lease for the purchase of police vehicles

Mr. Hawk noted that this item will be withdrawn from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

IMPROVEMENT GUARANTEES

Mr. Hawk noted that there were two Improvement Guarantees.

Kendale Oaks, Phase I

An extension and 10% increase in an escrow with Lower Paxton Township, in the amount of \$29,626.70 with an expiration date of March 6, 2013.

Kendale Oaks, Phase 11

An extension and 10% increase in a letter of credit with Peoples Bank, in the amount of \$186,647.85 with an expiration date of March 6, 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.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Seeds made a motion to pay the bills of Lower Paxton Township and the Lower Paxton Township Authority bills. 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 and the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Gary A. Crissman
Township Secretary