

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held May 17, 2010

A business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:28 a.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., Gary A. Crissman, and David B. Blain.

Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steven Stine, Township Solicitor; Mary Klaus, The Patriot-News; and Watson Fisher and Ted Robertson, SWAN.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2010 business meeting and the May 11, 2010 business meeting as presented. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Chairman & Board Members' Comments

No comments were presented by Board members.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wolfe noted that staff has been working to broadcast the Township meetings to be viewed on both Verizon Fios and Comcast networks. He noted that the Verizon Fios connection

seems to be working; however, staff is having difficulty with the Comcast connection. (It was noted that a few minutes later, the Comcast connection was finally made.)

Mr. Wolfe explained that two major PENNDOT road construction projects are on-going in the Township and information on these two projects can be found on the front page of the Township's website.

Mr. Wolfe noted that PENNDOT is reconstructing Nyes Road from Red Top Road south to Willoughby Road. He noted that that section of Nyes Road will be completely closed to all traffic in both directions for several months. He explained, as part of this project, a new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Nyes Road and Locust Lane.

Mr. Wolfe noted that phase two of the Village of Linglestown construction project began last week, and as a result the entire eastbound lane through the Village of Linglestown is closed. He noted that westbound traffic will continue the flow from West Hanover Township into Susquehanna Township. He noted that eastbound traffic will have to use the PENNDOT approved detour around the Village of Linglestown. He explained that the construction project will be ongoing for all of this year and into next. He requested the patience of all motorists who use this area, and requested motorists using alternate roads in the Township, especially residential side streets, to please drive slowly.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointment of alternate representatives to South Central EMS

Mr. Hawk made the appointment of the Township Manager, George Wolfe and Public Safety Director, David Johnson to act as alternate representatives to the South Central EMS Board in the event a Board member is unable to attend a meeting.

Action on a proposal from ParenteBeard to review and comment on the assumptions and components of the Township's proposed solar farm project

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Board of Supervisors desire to have an independent third party evaluation of the parameters and assumptions that have been developed and are being used to prepare for the solar farm project to be located at the closed municipal landfill. He noted that the three (3) megawatt solar farm is equivalent to the power requirements for the Swatara Township Sanitary Sewage Treatment Plant, and that the project was designed to provide the power source for the Treatment Plant.

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$3 million from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to build the solar farm, and is applying for a second grant to the Pennsylvania Energy Development Administration. He noted that the second grant application is due the middle of June. He explained that the Board of Supervisors are looking to finance the remainder of the project costs through the issuance of bonds, and it is the Board's desire to solicit a second opinion on the project to ensure that it is a viable project prior to doing this.

Mr. Wolfe noted that ParenteBeard, LLC, has submitted a proposal to the Township to conduct an analysis to determine if the solar farm is a viable project based upon the current assumptions provided to the Township. He noted that the cost for the analysis would range from \$8,000 to \$12,000 for their consulting fee. He noted that the Board reviewed ParenteBeard, LLC's proposal during its May 11th workshop meeting and authorized the placement of this item of business on the agenda for the business meeting. He noted that the item is completed for Board action this evening.

Mr. Hawk noted that the total costs for the analysis is between \$8,000 and \$12,000 for a \$14 million project, and the Board wants to make sure they get this right.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the proposal from ParenteBeard, LLC, to comment on the assumptions and components of the Township's proposed solar farm project with a price not to exceed \$12,000. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a roll call vote: Mr. Bain, aye; Mr. Crissman, aye; Mr. Seeds, aye; and Mr. Hawk, aye.

Action on bids for energy improvements to the Friendship Center
and the Public Works building

Mr. Wolfe explained that bids were advertised for insulating portions of the Public Works building and the Friendship Center and for lighting improvements at the Public Works building. He noted that the energy efficiency project is funded by a grant from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. He explained that Lower Paxton Township is a direct entitlement of the Federal Department of Energy and has been awarded a Federal grant in the amount of \$185,200.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the engineering design and bid specifications for this project were prepared by HRG, Inc., and a low bid has been submitted by A.P. Williams, Inc. in the amount of \$171,861. He noted that HRG, Inc., has reviewed the bid and found it to be complete and it is staff's recommendation that the Board act to award the bid to A.P. Williams for the specified work.

Mr. Crissman noted that it is nice that the bid came in at an amount lower than the grant award, as it would allow extra funds in the event there would be a change order.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the bid for the energy improvement to the Friendship Center and the Public Works Building to A.P. Williams, Inc. in the amount of \$171,861. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a roll call vote: Mr. Blain, aye; Mr. Crissman, aye; Mr. Seeds, aye; and Mr. Hawk, aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of members to the Greenway Committee and the Parks and Recreation Board

Mr. Hawk noted that the Greenway Committee has interviewed personnel to fill the three vacancies for its Committee and has made the following recommendation to the Board. He noted that they recommend James Seideler, Rogette Harris and Michael Smith as the new members of the Greenway Committee. He noted that the Parks and Recreation Board had a vacancy due to the resignation of Christopher Johnson, and the Parks and Recreation Board made a recommendation to appoint James Seideler to fill that vacancy.

Mr. Crissman made a recommendation to appoint James Seideler, Rogette Harris and Michael Smith to the Greenway Committee, and James Seideler to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Change Order No. 1 to the contract with PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc., for improvements to the Linglestown Road Pump Station

Mr. Wolfe noted that the contract price with PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc., is almost \$250,000, and this change order is an increase in the amount of \$3,418.38 to that contract, and is necessitated by the change in electrical voltage within the pump panel. He noted that the change requires an upgraded circuit breaker and some additional wiring.

Mr. Wolfe noted that CET Engineering has reviewed the proposed change and recommends approval and staff concurs with CET's recommendation.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract with PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc., for improvements to the Linglestown Road Pump Station in the amount of \$3,418.38. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and the motion unanimously passed.

IMPROVEMENT GUARANTEES

Mr. Hawk noted that there were two Improvement Guarantees.

Chateau Woods

An extension in a letter of credit with Integrity Bank, in the amount of \$10,432.70, with an expiration date of May 17, 2011.

Mid-Penn Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

A new letter of credit with First National Bank, in the amount of \$94,900.00, with an expiration date of May 17, 2011.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the two listed Improvement Guarantees. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous voice 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. Wolfe reminded the viewing audience that tomorrow is Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania, and he requested all residents to exercise their right to vote.

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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Gary A. Crissman
Township Secretary