

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held September 1, 2009

A business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:30 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., Gary A. Crissman, and David B. Blain.

Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steven Stine, Township Solicitor; and William Weaver, Sewer Authority Director.

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 July 14, 2009, workshop meeting and the August 18, 2009, business meetings. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Comment

No comments were presented

Chairman & Board Members' Comments

No comments were presented.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Friendship Center would be closed for maintenance and repairs from Sunday, August 30th and reopen on Sunday, September 6th. He noted that the facility would

be cleaned, and annual service would be performed to the various building systems. He noted that this weekly shutdown is necessary to maintain the building and to keep it in great shape.

Mr. Wolfe read from a press release provided by PENNDOT on Monday, August 31, 2009 in regards to road construction projects.

Monday, August 31 through Thursday, November 5 from 8:30 p.m.–5:30 a.m. the following morning, weather permitting: Construction crews are scheduled to begin a nighttime bituminous patching operation in the northbound and southbound lanes of I-83 east of Harrisburg between Exit 48 (Union Deposit Road) and Exit 50 (Colonial Park/Progress). PennDOT reminds motorists traveling I-83 in the Harrisburg area to expect single-lane traffic restrictions on weeknights, Monday through Thursday, between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Traffic volumes on this section of I-83 average a little more than 89,800 vehicles per day.

Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. will conduct the \$2,953,470.00 repair and resurfacing project on I-83 from the Exit 48 interchange with Union Deposit Road to the bridges that carry I-83 over Valley Road in Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County. PennDOT anticipates construction crews to finish resurfacing I-83 this fall, break over the winter months and return in the spring to modify the exit ramps at Exit 50. PennDOT expects the entire project to be completed by the end of July 2010.

Monday, August 31 through Thursday, November 5 from 6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. the following morning, weather permitting: Construction crews are scheduled to begin a nighttime repair and resurfacing project on a four-and-a-half-mile stretch of US 22 between Colonial Road in Lower Paxton Township to just east of Jonestown Road in West Hanover Township, Dauphin County. On average 41,000 vehicles travel this section of US 22 daily. PennDOT reminds motorists that they may encounter single-lane traffic restrictions weeknights between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. is conducting the \$2,839,150 repair and resurfacing project. The work includes drainage improvements, roadway base repairs, milling and bituminous resurfacing. The contract officially ends in March 2010, but the paving should be completed in October 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

Action on bids for tree cutting in the BC-1A sanitary sewer mini-basin

Mr. Hawk explained that the Board is requested to approve a bid for tree cutting services in the BC-1A sanitary sewer basin. He noted that two bids were received, with the low bid of \$12,425,00 received from Stoner's Tree Service.

Mr. Weaver noted that it is staff's recommendation to accept the bid from Stoner's Tree Service. He noted that Stoner's Tree Service is currently doing work for the Authority and their work has been found to be satisfactory.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the bid from Stoner's Tree Service in the amount of \$12,425.00 for the tree cutting stump and root grinding within the BC-1A mini basin. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed

Action on a proposal from Energy Systems and Installation Corp. to apply for funding for the development of a solar energy farm at the closed municipal landfill

Mr. Wolfe noted that Board members previously heard a presentation from the Energy Systems and Installation Corp. during a workshop session. He noted that the proposal is to develop a three megawatt facility on a four to five acre portion of the Township's closed landfill. He noted that the total project cost for the three megawatt system is estimated to be \$14 million.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the proposal would provide for preliminary evaluation of the system and site, and the appropriate sizing of the facility. He noted that it would determine the available grant loan and bond funding sources, as well as a feasibility study in conjunction with PPL. He noted that pending approval of the feasibility study and funding options, they would prepare a design of the system, contracting and installation of the system, as well as assistance with the initial operation.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the proposal is in the amount of \$12,000, and explained that the proposal was brought to the Township by Energy Systems and Installation Corp., through Mr. Jeff Wendle of CET Engineering, the engineer for the Authority. He noted that Mr. Wendle has worked closely with Energy Systems to develop the necessary information for the proposal. He

noted that through the efforts of Mr. Wendle, the consultant has a good understanding of the Township's needs.

Mr. Hawk noted that the Board would be approving the contract for \$12,000 to move ahead with project. Mr. Wolfe noted that it would be a consulting agreement to do a feasibility analysis and a preliminary design of the system.

Mr. Blain questioned if the proposal included hourly rates by staff level. Mr. Wolfe answered no, it was provided as a lump sum proposal. Mr. Blain noted that he would like to see an itemized budget that supports the \$12,000 expenditure.

Mr. Crissman noted that the document states, "Services outlined in this proposal will be performed on a cost plus basis. Budgeted fees, including reimbursable expenses are estimated at \$12,000. The expense will involve meeting with financing agencies on the East Coast." Mr. Crissman noted that he did not disagree with Mr. Blain's request.

Mr. Seeds questioned if they would be investigating the funding sources for the project. Mr. Wolfe answered that it was part of the scope of services.

Mr. Crissman questioned if Mr. Blain would be willing to approve the proposal with the inclusion in the motion that a detailed analysis of compensation be provided and submitted to the Township, or would he prefer to have that information, prior to taking action. Mr. Blain answered that he would be fine approving the proposal as long as Energy Systems provides a budget breakdown, to include hourly rates by staff persons, how much time each level of staff would be working on the assignment to justify the \$12,000 proposal.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve a proposal from Energy Systems and Installation Corp. to apply for funding for the development of a solar energy farm at the closed municipal landfill at the rate of \$12,000, and to include a detail budget of the estimated \$12,000 fixed

expense. Mr. Blain requested to amend the motion to state that the detailed budget would include hourly rates of personnel involved and amount of hours worked. Mr. Blain noted, with the amendment he would second the motion.

Mr. Seeds questioned, in the paragraph, Understanding of Needs, if the REC's are currently valued at 2½ times the value. Mr. Crissman answered yes, as he was reading from the original document. Mr. Wolfe noted that it was not clear in the digital document.

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 a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator

Mr. Hawk noted that the Board is asked to take action on the appointment of Officer Ralph Palm as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mr. Wolfe explained that this appointment is made by action of the Board of Supervisors, and since Officer Needham, the previous Emergency Management Coordinator was assigned to other duties, there was a need to appoint a new coordinator.

Mr. Blain made a motion to appoint Officer Ralph Palm as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on the First Amendment to the Second Consent Decree with DEP For improvements to sanitary sewer facilities

Mr. Stine explained that this agenda item is identical to the amendment approved by the Authority Board during its meeting held prior to this meeting. He explained that this is the First Amendment to the Second Consent Decree with the Department of Environmental Protection for

improvements in the Paxton Creek sanitary sewer basin. He noted that the amendment is ready for Board action at this time.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the First Amendment to the Second Consent Decree with DEP, for improvements to sanitary sewer facilities. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution 09-39; Supporting the submission of a Dauphin County Local Share
Municipal Grant application requesting funds for improvements
to Page and Spring Creek Road

Mr. Wolfe noted that this is a Local Share application that would be submitted by Dauphin County, and they have indicated to Lower Paxton Township that for them to do so, the Township must request their support and authorization.

Mr. Wolfe explained that the application proposes public improvements to Page and Spring Creek Roads in Lower Paxton Township. He noted that the grant application requests \$250,000 for a two-year grant program. He noted that the total grant funds would be \$500,000. He noted that he received this date from Mr. Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk of Dauphin County, correspondence that states that Dauphin County has agreed to serve as a joint applicant with Lower Paxton Township on improvements to Spring Creek and Page Roads for the Local Share Grant Program. He noted that Dauphin County has agreed to submit the application, however, it is necessary for the Board of Supervisors to act upon this resolution, stating that they request the County to do so.

Mr. Seeds noted that the Township submitted an application to receive funding for improvements to Blackberry Alley. He questioned if Dauphin County had to get a neighboring Township to be a sponsor also. Mr. Wolfe answered no; he noted that the County could be a direct applicant.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Resolution 09-39, supporting the submission of a Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant application requesting funds for improvements to Page and Spring Creek Roads. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a roll call vote, and a unanimous followed.

IMPROVEMENT GUARANTEES

Mr. Hawk noted that there were five Improvement Guarantees.

Victoria Abbey at Forest Hills, Phase 2

An extension and 10% increase in a bond with The INSCO/DICO Group, in the amount of \$126,094.87, with an expiration date of September 1, 2010.

Sunnyhill Farms North

An extension and 10% increase in a letter of credit with Mid Penn Bank, in the amount of \$42,787.66, with an expiration date of September 1, 2010.

Stray Winds Farm, Phase I

An extension and 10% increase in a letter of credit with M&T Bank, in the amount of \$2,824,382.00, with an expiration date of September 1, 2010.

Maiden Creek

An extension and 10% increase in a letter of credit with Fulton Bank, in the amount of \$68,743.73, with an expiration date of September 1, 2010.

Wilshire Estates, Phase I

A reduction and extension in a letter of credit with Fulton Bank, in the amount of \$336,500.00, with an expiration date of September 1, 2010.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the five Improvement Guarantees as presented. 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 Lower Paxton Township Authority. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Gary A. Crissman
Township Secretary