

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held December 1, 2009

A business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:05 a.m. by Chairman William B. Hawk on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, Room 174, 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 and Steven Stine, Township Solicitor; and Ted Robertson, 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 October 20, 2009 and the November 17, 2009 business meetings. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided

Chairman & Board Members' Comments

No comments were presented

Manager's Report

Mr. Wolfe explained that he had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hawk noted that there was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 09-52; Adding a \$23.50 per lot fee for the recording of subdivision plans in addition to the existing subdivision application fees

Mr. Wolfe explained that this amends Resolution 09-42, adopted on October 6th, which passed along a \$10 per-parcel fee for Dauphin County for the recording of each lot for the plans. He noted that Dauphin County recently increased that fee to \$23.50, and by adoption of this resolution; the Township will pass along the increased fee to the developer, with no additional Township costs.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to authorize Resolution 2009-52, adding a \$23.50 per-lot fee for the recording of subdivision plans in addition to the existing subdivision application fees. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on an amendment to the lease with the Township Authority for a Tract of land located at 5979 Locust Lane

Action on an amendment to the lease with the Township Authority for office space located at 425 Prince Street

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Authority Board had acted positively to increase the lease with the Township for the tract of land located at 5979 Locust Lane and for the office space located at 425 Prince Street. Mr. Hawk suggested that both amendments could be acted upon by the same motion.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to adopt the amendment to the lease with the Township Authority for a tract of land located at 5979 Locust Lane, and for the office space leased at 425

Prince Street. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution 09-49; Road dedications for Stoney Brook Development, Phases 4 & 5
Resolution 09-50; Road dedications for Stoney Brook Development, Phases 2 & 3
Resolution 09-51; Road dedication for Stoney Brook Development, Phase 6

Mr. Wolfe noted that several sections of roads in the Stoney Brook Development are ready for dedication to the Township. He explained that Stoney Brook was a development constructed by Zimmer Grove Homes which declared bankruptcy. He noted for Resolutions 49 and 50, these streets were never accepted by the Township, although the improvements were completed. He noted that the developer went bankrupt prior to providing the Township with the deed of dedications and maintenance bonds. He noted that for Resolution 09-51, the Township had to act on the performance bond to complete this street and complete the improvements. He noted that since this has been completed, it is staff's recommendation that the Township now accept all three resolutions for the road dedications, and the Township could start to receive the liquid fuels tax for these three streets. He noted that the Township could start to provide maintenance for the residents who live on them.

Mr. Stine questioned if the plan offered the streets for dedication to the Township. Mr. Wolfe answered yes.

Mr. Crissman questioned if all the roads meet the Township's requirements. Mr. Wolfe explained that the performance bond was only for Phase Six; however, all the roads are acceptable for dedication to the Township. He noted that the improvements were made for the roads covered by Resolution 09-49 and 09-50, however, the roads were never offered to the

Township for dedication since the developer went bankrupt. He noted that the roads have been in use longer than the 18-months the performance bond would provide for.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Resolution 09-49; Road dedications for Stoney Brook Development, Phases 4 & 5; Resolution 09-50; Road dedications for Stoney Brook Development, Phases 2 & 3; and Resolution 09-51; Road dedication for Stoney Brook Development, Phase 6. 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. Crissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Announcements

Mr. Wolfe noted that the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremonies will take place on Friday, December 4, 2009, at the Friendship Center at 7 p.m. He noted that Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 9 a.m.

Mr. Hornung noted that he discussed with Mr. Wolfe the problem with the lack of leaf removal for the residents who live along State roads. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Township does not provide this service because the Township does not perform maintenance for State roads, and the Township is not equipped to provide traffic control on State roads, noting that they have a higher rate of traffic volume.

Mr. Hornung noted that he received several complaints from residents who want to know why their leaves are not picked up by the Township. He noted that since the Township started to charge for yard waste disposal at the Compost Facility, these residents can no longer take their

leaves to that facility for free. He noted that they complained that the Township does not pick up their leaves and they have to pay to deposit them at the Compost facility. He noted that a request was made to him, for those residents who live along a State road, that the fee at the Compost Facility be waived. He noted that it would mean waiving a fee of \$20 per household. He noted that Mr. Wolfe stated that he could enact that waiver without much effort on the part of staff.

Mr. Crissman questioned if it would be easier to pick up the leaves or waive the fee. Mr. Wolfe answered that it would be easier to waive the fees. He noted that it would cover Elmerton Avenue, Colonial Road, Blue Ridge Avenue, Mountain Road, and Nyes Road. Mr. Seeds noted that Linglestown Road would also be included on the list. He noted that his new neighbor called Mr. Robbins, and he stated that he would pick up the leaves in the alley behind the house. He noted, since the Township accepted Blackberry Alley, the leaves could be picked up in the alley. Mr. Hornung noted that the leaves could be picked up along the alleys; however, the State has certain requirements for traffic control along their roads. He noted that it would cost the Township much more money to pay for the extra manpower to pick up leaves along the State Roads. Mr. Seeds noted that the residents can put out their leaves for the bi-weekly pickup by Waste Management.

Mr. Wolfe noted that this change would be implemented in 2010.

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 7:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Gary A. Crissman
Township Secretary