

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held September 1, 2015

The business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:35 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., William L. Hornung, Gary A. Crissman, and Robin L. Lindsey.

Also in attendance was George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steve Stine, Township Solicitor; and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Lindsey led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of July 21, 2015, August 4, 2015 and August 18, 2015. Ms. Lindsey seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Comment

Mr. Alex Hamberg, 2527 Blarney Drive, noted that the Board is doing a wonderful job but he noticed we have plenty of parcels of land for sale, very large parcels for development. He noted in other places that he has lived as those large parcels have been sold off by developers for development, they have required widening of roads and infrastructure to be placed as part of the deal for the developer to undertake while developing those lands. He noted that it greatly reduces future congestion, which is his only comment. Mr. Hornung noted that the Board does that. Mr. Hamberg noted that it looks like you guys are on top of it.

Board Members Comments

No comments were provided.

Firefighter Service Recognition

Cpl. Richard Needham noted that we are present this evening to honor three individuals who have dedicated their lives to the citizens of Lower Paxton Township as volunteer firefighters and fire police. He noted that we are joined this evening by many of the dedicated individuals who are present to support them. He noted for these three individuals, the minimum years of service that they provided was 45 years, up to 60 years.

Cpl. Needham noted that it is a very huge honor for him to do this as a police officer but as a volunteer firemen when was he was much younger, he was able to work with these individuals.

Cpl. Needham noted the Michael Cerzullo joined Paxtonia Fire Company No. 1 in 1968 as an active member and remained as an active member through 2013. He served as Chief from 1975 -1982 and held the office of Assistant Chief as well as Trustee. He noted that his most active time of service was after his retirement when Mike averaged between 350 and 450 calls per year. He noted that he also attended many hours of training and was involved in educating the public as well.

Cpl. Needham noted in the early 1990's, he was a young fireman who wanted to save the world and anyone who knows Mike knows that he has a very thin filter. He explained that he says what is on his mind and he is very loud. He noted that Mike was advising him on how to properly pull a hand line as it was spaghetti in front of him and it wasn't getting advanced. He noted even though he projected loudly, he was teaching him how to be a better fireman and how to serve the citizens in a better way. He noted 21 years later, during one of Mike's last calls, there was a fire on Kenwood Avenue and he showed up in his police vehicles and as he was walking

back to his vehicle he overheard that voice and knew who it was right away. He noted that Mike was addressing a younger fireman who was not properly packing the five inch line. He noted for the 25 years that he has known Mike he has always called me Rick and he never had the heart to tell him that his name was Rich. He noted that Mike has touched a lot of people in the Township.

Cpl. Needham noted Lee Witman was born in Harrisburg on December 22, 1931 and has lived in Colonial Park most of his life. Lee served in the United States Marine Corps from 1950-1954 on active status and from 1954-1980 on reserve status. Lee joined the Colonial Park Fire Company No. 1 in 1957 and was elected Second Assistant Fire Chief in 1959 and First Assistant Fire Chief in 1960. Lee was elected Chief in 1963 and served in that position until 1985 when he retired. While this was a volunteer job, Lee maintained a full time job working as a system engineer at EDS for 30 years. He noted that Lee still continues to shape the future of the Fire Company by reporting to the building every day, to see if his services are needed for maintenance and public education.

Cpl. Needham noted that Lee also had a very thin filter and he told you like it was. He noted that he also dedicated his time to mold the younger firemen to show them how to do the job the right way. He noted that even though he was done with his volunteer fire fighting he would show up to drive the rig during the daylight hours. He noted during fire prevention week he would go to the schools and talk to the kids and explain fire safety to them. He explained when the fire company was selling Christmas trees, he would work the daylight hours when no one else was available.

Cpl. Needham noted that Russell Knapp, Jr. was born in Jonestown, Pennsylvania August 28, 1933 and has lived in Colonial Park since 1953. Russ joined Colonial Park Fire Company No.1 in 1953 and on July 5, 1955, he was elected Captain. He noted from December 1956 to

December 1961, he served as Second Assistant Fire Chief, and was elected First Assistant Fire Chief in December 1962. He noted, in the early 1960's, he bridged over from Fire to Police, and was sworn in as Emergency Police (as it was called in the early days), to what is now known as the Fire Police of Lower Paxton Township. He has maintained active status with the Fire Police, and was the Captain for many years, until recently when he stepped down from that position. While doing all this volunteer work, Russ also worked as a full time mechanic, and was an invaluable asset to many area businesses and the community.

Cpl. Needham noted that Russ still continues to be a "keystone" by coming to the building regularly to attend meetings and to see if he can be of any assistance for maintenance and company activities.

Cpl. Needham noted that he dealt with Russ on a more personal level because he is a police officer. He noted when he started as a police officer his field training officer always told him if you want to stay dry and happy, keep the fire police happy as they are out doing things that the police did not want to do. He explained that the Linglestown Fire Police cover the north side of Route 22 and Colonial Park Fire Company covers the south side of Route 22. He noted whenever there was an event on the south side of the Township, or a football game at Landis Field, you would always see Russ blinking in the distance. He noted when he became Captain for the Colonial Park Fire Police, along with Linglestown, the professionalism that he brought to the force was so great that they received requests from many in and out of County for his services. He thanked Russ for his service to the Township.

Cpl. Needham noted before he called the Board members to present the plaques, he wanted to note that before you is 155 years of volunteerism. He noted that being the Township Fire Marshall he gets many chances to go to training to talk to other fire investigators or fire marshals and hands down, the three fire companies that we have in this township: Linglestown,

Paxtonia and Colonial Park are the best, noting that it goes back to building principles that a building is only as strong as its foundation. He noted that the three men standing here are that foundation for the fire companies in Lower Paxton Township.

Cpl. Needham read from one of the plaques: In appreciation for your service and dedication to the citizens of Lower Paxton Township.”

Mr. Hawk presented a plaque to Mr. Cerzullo, Mr. Witman and Mr. Knapp. At this time the other Board members joined in the ceremony as pictures were taken.

Mr. Seeds noted that he and Mike Cerzullo were in the same class in high school. He stated that Lee Witman was his Sergeant in the Marines, his instructor, trainer and a friend. He stated what three great individuals we have representing Lower Paxton Township. He noted that they are still serving every day and he can't say enough to thank them for their service.

Mr. Crissman noted that he would also like to thank all the current members of the fire department who are standing in the back of the room for coming out and supporting these three men tonight.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wolfe noted the Village of Linglestown Sestercentennial Celebration will be held Friday, October 10th to Sunday October 12th. He explained that there is a host of activities and events planned, with a parade, a 5-k run, dedication of the new Linglestown Rotary Clock, and fireworks. He invited the community to participate in the events.

Mr. Wolfe noted that Trick or Treat is scheduled for Thursday, October 29th, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mr. Seeds noted that you need to drive around the roundabout in Linglestown to look at the new clock. He noted that although the clock is lit, the time is not set yet, but will be after the dedication. He noted that it will be a fun weekend.

Mr. Hawk noted that the clock will be dedicated on Saturday, October 10th at 1 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Action on appointments to the Planning Commission

Mr. Hawk noted that the Board received a recommendation from the Planning Commission to fill two vacancies. He noted that they have put forth Lisa Schaeffer and Dianne Moran to fill these vacancies. Mr. Hornung noted that Ms. Moran should be a great asset to the Planning Commission having experience working in the Community Development office for the Township.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to appoint Lisa Schaeffer and Dianne Moran to the Planning Commission as recommended. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Action on a lease/purchase agreement for Friendship Center exercise equipment

Mr. Wolfe noted that this is the first lease for equipment that we will have this year as another one will come in a few weeks. He noted that the lease is for two Precor XTrainers, one elliptical and one stair climber for a total lease price over a three-year period of \$18,958.47. He noted that the price is provided by Municipal Capital Finance and lease price of the equipment is in accordance with the COSTARS State contract. He noted that it is staff's recommendation that the Board approve this agreement. He noted that the equipment that we are leasing is the same brand type that we have used previously at the Friendship Center

Ms. Lindsey questioned how long we keep the equipment before replacing it. Mr. Wolfe answered that typically it is a three-year lease and we keep it three to five years depending on upon its maintenance record as it gets to the end of its three-year period.

Mr. Crissman noted that the Friendship Center has done this and it is good to keep the equipment updated, new and on the cutting edge as it will entice new people to join as we have the most recent and updated equipment and that is what our constituents are looking for.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the lease/purchase agreement for four pieces of equipment at the rate of \$18,958.47. Mr. Seeds seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous voted followed.

Change Order #2 to the contract with eciConstruction,
LLC for the Heroes Grove project

Ms. Wolfe noted that Christine Hunter from H. Edward Black and Associates is here to explain the change order to you. He noted that the change order is for a reduction in the amount of \$8,791.00. He noted that there are three items in the change order itself and Ms. Hunter will identify them for the Board.

Ms. Hunter explained that she is deleting a large portion of the railing, keeping it where the Committee felt it was important to keep it, producing a decrease of \$30,875. She noted that they deleted the skate deterrents for 380 linear foot of the rail producing a decrease of \$3,211; however, there was an increase in loading and hauling of fill in the amount of \$25,295 totaling an overall decrease of \$8,791 for the project.

Mr. Crissman noted that Ms. Hunter gets kudos for riding herd on the project and being about to recommend a reduction of \$8,000. He noted that it is always nice to see this type of change order.

Mr. Seeds noted that this was precipitated by the cost of paying the hauler to bring fill to the site. He noted that he has not been able to attend recent meetings, but he questioned if there is any plan to add some of those objects at a later date. He noted that one had to do with items to prevent skateboarding that could do damage to the surfaces. Ms. Hunter noted that the railings that will be installed will have skateboard deterrents on them, and the walls will have skate board

deterrents on them, but we deleted them from the walkways. She noted that she was not sure that they would be effective as they may be more of an attraction to them to jump over them. She suggested that we did not lose a lot there.

Mr. Seeds questioned if there was anything deleted that will have to be added later. Ms. Hunter answered that the hope is to install the railing at a later date. She noted that the foundation for the railing will be installed as a continuous footing along the edge of the walk so it can be installed at a later date. She noted that there are other items that are not included in phase one that hopefully will be in phase two. She noted that additional work will be done there.

Mr. Seeds noted that is one of his concerns from this point forward, noting what can occur from vandalism. He noted that it is a big concern of his. He noted that he wants to make sure that there is nothing cut out that could cause a problem. Ms. Hunter answered that she did not believe so. She noted that the lighting will go in and that is important.

Mr. Seeds noted that another item for the future Heroes Grove Committee meetings would be to look at some more security as more funds become available.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Change Order #2 to the contract with eciConstruction, LLC for the Heroes Grove project with a decrease of \$8,791.00. Mr. Seeds seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed

Resolution 15-17-11; authorizing the submission of a Dauphin
County Local Share Grant application

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, in conjunction with the Stray Winds Area Neighbors and Mr. Eric Epstein desire to undertake a land use/transportation study of Route 39 corridor as it runs from Front Street to West Hanover Township. He noted that they would like to secure Dauphin County Local Share Gaming Grant

funds. He noted that this resolution supports the submission of such a grant application for this purpose.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Resolution 15-17-11; authorizing the submission of a Dauphin County Local Share Grant application for the propose study of Pennsylvania Route 39 corridor study. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Consolidation of lots owned by David Kepler and bisected by Blackberry Alley

Mr. Wolfe noted that during the last workshop session, Mr. Brian Evans of Evans Engineers, on behalf of his client David Kepler, presented a proposal by which Mr. Kepler desires to utilize a garage structure on a one and a half acre lot north of Blackberry Alley for accessory use. He noted that given that the lot is a single separate deed description, an accessory use is not permitted. He noted that you have to have a primary use on the lot and an accessory use cannot be the primary use. He noted that Mr. Kepler also owns a lot in the Village of Linglestown which is on the south side of Blackberry Alley and if the Alley was not there, it would join with the one and a half acres on the north side. He noted that Mr. Kepler is now doing a lot consolidation to take the two parcels and make them one so that the primary use is existing on his Village of Linglestown lot and the accessory use would then be permitted on the one and a half acre lot north of the alley.

Mr. Seeds noted that this seems like the simplest way to do this. Mr. Wolfe agreed. Mr. Seeds questioned if the lot north of the alley will be changed to the Village District. Mr. Wolfe answered no. Mr. Seeds noted that would take another action. Mr. Wolfe answered that he can have an accessory use on that. He noted that the issue at this point in time is whether or not the building that exists on the lot as an accessory use can be accessory to a free standing lot. He noted that it can't, but it can be accessory to a lot that is existing in the Village and being used as

on its own. Mr. Seeds noted that Mr. Kepler will not have to go for a zoning change. Mr. Wolfe answered that is correct.

Mr. Seeds noted that Mr. Kepler did attend the Linglestown Area Civic Association (LACA) meeting and explained to the people there, about 45 to 50 people in attendance, what he was planning and no one indicated any issue with what he wanted to do. He noted that he wanted to bring that back to the Board. He noted that Mr. Kepler has been a very good neighbor and has helped and volunteered doing a lot of work with the Rotary Clock and building of the structure. He noted that the people are appreciative of that, and they have no problem with what Mr. Kepler wants to do.

Mr. Hawk noted that it answers the Board questions as he checked with the neighbors. Mr. Seeds noted that he did that. Ms. Lindsey questioned if he checked with the church and the neighbor beside him. Mr. Seeds noted that we had the LACA meeting that was advertised throughout the Village by way of emails etc. and people were aware that he was going to be there. He noted that he does not know if he spoke to anyone at the church.

Ms. Lindsey questioned Mr. Wolfe if he knew if Mr. Kepler spoke to anyone at the church. Mr. Wolfe answered that he did not know. Ms. Lindsey noted that was one of the questions the Board asked Mr. Evans to do to contact the residents on both sides of his property. She noted that we do not know if they attended the meeting and that was the questioned that she had raised. She noted that she would like to know if the church is okay with this.

Mr. Seeds noted that he does not recall if Mr. Kepler mentioned the church at the meeting. He noted that he mentioned the other neighbor on the other side who had no problem with it. He noted that someone from the church had an opportunity to be there. Ms. Lindsey noted that everyone agreed with it but they don't live beside him.

Mr. Crissman noted that we do not have documentation for the request that we made and have not had a response to the question we were asking in our deliberation. He noted that it is an issue.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Board could table this at this time and he can get that answer. Mr. Seeds noted that he is in favor of this request for the lot consolidation.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to table this plan until the proper information is provided to the Board. Ms. Lindsey seconded the motion. Mr. Hornung questioned, if we table this can we bring it up again at the workshop session on Tuesday. Mr. Wolfe answered yes.

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

Improvement and Stormwater Guarantees

Mr. Hawk noted that there were two Improvement Guarantees and one Stormwater Guarantee.

777 East Park Drive

A new escrow letter of credit with Orrstown Bank, in the amount of \$365,380.95, with an expiration date of September 1, 2016.

Longhorn Steakhouse at Colonial Park Mall

An extension in a bond with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, in the amount of \$4,895.00, with an expiration date of September 1, 2016.

6485 Gallop Road, Claude Fanelli and Susan K. Bainbridge

A release of an escrow with Lower Paxton Township, in the amount of \$4,424.75.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the two improvement guarantees and one stormwater guarantee. Ms. Lindsey 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, Lower Paxton Township Authority, Payroll checks, and the Lower Paxton Township and Authority Purchase Cards. Mr. Crissman 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 8:14 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

William L. Hornung
Township Secretary