

EAST PENNSBORO TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 7, 2015

Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the East Pennsboro Township Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community and Municipal Center, 98 S. Enola Drive, Enola, Pennsylvania.

Those present were: Commissioners - John Kuntzelman, President; Paul Hartman, Vice President; Kristy Magaro, Charles Gelb, and George Tyson; John Pietropaoli, Township Manager; Henry F. Coyne, Esquire, Township Solicitor; Joe Bonarrigo, Township Engineer; John B. Owen, Codes Enforcement Officer; Chief Todd Bashore, Police Department; and Erik Owen, Fire Marshal.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A moment of silent meditation was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Kuntzelman noted for the record the board held an Executive Session for personnel matters after the December 17 meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION approving the minutes of the following itemized Regular Meetings:

1. December 3, 2014
2. December 17, 2014

was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Magaro, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

IV. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Douglas Knepp, Ashford Drive, addressed the board concerning problems he has been experiencing with neighbors. Every weekend throughout the summer they have had parties with bonfires and spotlights. His patio canopy has been broken by

bottle rockets, and his patio has been urinated upon. He thought it would stop when the warm weather stopped, but two weekends ago, on December 27, they started again going until 3 o'clock in the morning.

He talked to the Codes Department and was told there was a ban on open burning. He noted some of the bonfires get to be 4 to 6 feet tall in the little fire pit. He sent a photo to Mr. Kuntzelman of a fire at the lowest level. Yesterday Lt. Green told him there was nothing they could do as far as open burning because it was considered recreational burning, but it has to be done within 50 feet of the residence. They are within 50 feet of between houses, and his concern is they will burn down the strip of townhouses. He noted many times after they start the fire they go inside drinking and the embers go all over with the wind. He had heart surgery last December and is on oxygen at night. Weekends when they have these fires he cannot open his windows because of the fumes.

Chief Bashore confirmed Lt. Green spoke to Mr. Knepp yesterday. The department has no record of the four calls referenced. Officers were not dispatched because they went to the county and he is not sure what happened. The Lieutenant informed Mr. Knepp he needs to call the Police Department and an officer will respond. Mr. Knepp stated his concern is retaliation, as he has talked to this family before. Chief Bashore stated they will come out and handle the problem. If the flames from the fire are close, the Fire Marshal will handle that. He noted there are recreational fires throughout the township now and if they feel it is an issue, they will shut it down.

Mr. Knepp reiterated that he called on four different occasions. Chief Bashore stated he does not understand what went wrong because they never got the calls. He could understand one time, but is not sure what would have happened four different times. He stated if the Fire Marshal is needed after their response, the police will call him. President Kuntzelman told Mr. Knepp to call him after he calls the police and he will do what he can to get in contact with the Fire Marshal, no matter what time it is.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

MOTION authorizing payment of invoices and payroll pending review and signature of Commissioners, was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

The board reviewed the modification of a previously approved zoning site improvement plan and buildable site area for Mr. Dan Rapak.

Mr. John Owen indicated Mr. Rapak owns property off Belle Vista Drive, approximately 32-plus acres. It was first approved by the Planning Commission on May 12, 2011, and by the Board of Commissioners on June 1, 2011. In 2011, they were required to make different E&S and stormwater requirements. When modification of the plan occurred, they must now satisfy new stormwater requirements under the new ordinance, so they had to revise the E&S and stormwater. Section 505 of the Zoning Ordinance requires the applicant in the Forest-Slope or Residential Conservation District, which are the two major zones of the Blue Mountain, to come before this board to obtain a zoning permit, and this is the last stage for him to be able to obtain permit for work. Stormwater and E&S plans have been approved, and he has satisfied comments from staff and the Fire Marshal.

MOTION to approve the modification of a previously approved zoning site improvement plan and buildable site area pertaining to tax parcel 09-10-3253-002, an approved plan for Dan Rapak, who is proposing to build a single-family home on his 32.46 plus or minus acres off Belle Vista Drive in the Forest Slope Zoning District, and approval is in accordance with Section 27-505(A), was made by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Ms. Magaro, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

MOTION to approve a permanent handicapped parking space for Mr. Vern Campbell in front of his residence at 23 West Pine Street, as recommended by the East Pennsboro Township Police Department, was made by Mr. Gelb, seconded by Ms. Magaro, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

MOTION to approve the two-year reappointment of Bob Rudeck, Assistant Fire Chief 5A, and Josh Matter, Assistant Fire Chief 5B, as recommended by the East Pennsboro Township Fire Board, was made by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Mr. Gelb, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

Mr. Pietropaoli noted they met with Percs this morning regarding the Green Light GO Program battery backups on traffic systems as well as battery power. They will work with Fire Police and the Police Department to see what they can do to get a grant application before the period ends. Preemption is also part of this round of grants and they will work with the Fire Marshal to determine if there are any signals that lack preemption devices. 21st Street and the bypass is not on PennDOT's Smart Program, and they might opt for a joint application with Camp Hill Borough for backup because that is an area that should have a backup because if it ever goes out, it will be a major problem to direct traffic at that location. They are on board with the bypass, Brentwater Road and Country Club Road, but he will work on an application for the other locations.

Mr. Pietropaoli informed the board that Sister Romaine has contacted him requesting a breakfast or lunch with the Commissioners. She gave possible dates, which he will coordinate with the board.

Mr. Pietropaoli requested an Executive Session after the meeting regarding legal and personnel issues.

Mr. Pietropaoli also noted the board must consider appointments to various township boards, some of which expire in February. He would like feedback prior to sending out letters asking if they would like to return.

President Kuntzelman noted for the record the American Legion provided a generous donation to cover the cost of three AEDs for the township building. Additionally, the Enola Sportsmen's Club will present Chief Bashore with a check to help with their K-9 program.

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Mr. Coyne thanked the board for including his wife, Eileen, in a moment of silent meditation beginning the December 3, 2014, meeting. She passed away on November 30.

Vice President Hartman asked that the board continue to submit for grants regarding the Streetscape program in West Fairview. Mr. Pietropaoli noted the director was appointed to the position full-time and he will try to have her attend a future meeting to explain the township's next step.

Mr. Tyson stated on behalf of the board, with everything going on in the country regarding police and various controversies, he believes the township has an incredible Police Department who conduct themselves very professionally, providing public safety to the township. From the Chief to all the officers, as well as former chiefs and former officers, the township has benefitted from a great Police Department and he believes it is important that they know they have the support of the Board of Commissioners. President Kuntzelman and the other board members concurred. Chief Bashore thanked Mr. Tyson and the board and will pass on their regards.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

(Whereupon, an Executive Session for legal and personnel matters was held immediately after adjournment.)