

EAST PENNSBORO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 7, 2015

Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the East Pennsboro Township Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 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; 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, remembering Ann-Marie Sweeney's mother, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Hartman noted President Kuntzelman would be late due his attendance at West Fairview's Bicentennial celebration.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Hartman noted the board held Executive Session on September 2 and September 16 for legal matters.

III. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

MOTION approving the Police Report for August 2015, was made by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Mr. Gelb, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

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

MOTION to approve the engineering services agreement with GHD Professional Services relative to the North Pumping Station Force Main Replacement project in the estimated amount of

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\$69,000.00, was made by Mr. Gelb, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

Mr. Pietropaoli stated this is the force main that runs along Routes 11/15, for final design, inspection, and bidding process.

MOTION to accept the petition from the residents of B Street and Wayne Street regarding an ongoing nuisance property at 612 B Street, Enola, was made by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Mr. Gelb, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

Mr. Pietropaoli noted the board received the petition by certified mail on September 25. A copy was provided to the Codes Department as well as the Police Department. The Police Department is working diligently on ongoing calls.

MOTION to approve the 5-year lease agreement for the Magisterial District Judge office between Cumberland County and East Pennsboro Township was made by Mr. Gelb, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

Mr. Pietropaoli stated the lease is an extension to the existing lease with a 5-percent increase. The new lease will run from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2020. Any extensions beyond 2020 will have to be negotiated. Everything else in the lease remains the same. There was an extension in the existing contract for a 10-percent increase. The county did not want to sign a 10-percent increase, they wanted a 40-percent decrease in the square footage price. The township had other uses for that building and insisted the lowest they would go would be a 5-percent increase. The agreed-to lease terms are \$48,329.64 annually, payable in monthly payments of \$4,027.47, or \$18.02 per square foot for the term of the lease.

MOTION to approve Resolution no. 2015-12 of the Township of East Pennsboro, Cumberland County, adopting the certificate of approval and authorizing the proper township officials to execute the same for the capital renovation project undertaken by the West Shore Area Authority on behalf of Messiah Lifeways, was made by Mr. Gelb and was seconded by Mr. Tyson.

Mr. Coyne noted for the record a public hearing regarding this project for Messiah Village was held at 9:00 a.m. on

September 20 at Messiah Lifeways, Mechanicsburg. The capital project involves an expansion of Messiah Lifeways, formerly Messiah Village, in Upper Allen Township whereby the West Shore Area Authority will be a conduit issuer for tax-free financing bonds in the amount of \$75 million. The township has no liability or obligation regarding the bonds. The WSAA serves as a pass-through of the tax-exempt bonds, in accordance with the Municipal Authorities Act.

Whereupon, the motion was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

MOTION to approve the temporary road closure of Hemlock Lane from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on October 10, 2015, for a neighborhood block party, was made by Mr. Kuntzelman, seconded by Mr. Gelb, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

MOTION to direct the Township Manager to draft a letter of support for the January 1, 2016, merger of Goodwill Fire Company and Northeast Fire and Rescue was made by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Mr. Gelb, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

Mr. Gelb noted those involved with this merger from both companies have done a lot of work effectuating this merger and should be commended. The merger will provide more coverage for both areas by combining resources and volunteers.

MOTION to adopt Resolution no. 2015-13 of the Township of East Pennsboro, Cumberland County, congratulating The Village of West Fairview in celebrating their 200th Anniversary, was made by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Ms. Magaro, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

Mr. Kuntzelman noted he attended their celebration this evening, with a very nice turnout.

MOTION directing township staff to take the appropriate actions to change conflicting addresses on West Perry Street, at 337 and 337 ½, and to contact property owners who have undefined addresses on Chester Avenue, was made by Mr. Kuntzelman, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

Mr. Pietropaoli noted these are two of the more simple address problems for emergency response.

MOTION to approve the 90-day extension request from Act One & Associates on behalf of Edward H. Campbell, Trail Lane, was made by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Ms. Magaro, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

MOTION directing the Township Solicitor to proceed with advertising the amendment and public hearing to the Zoning Ordinance to provide for uses not contained in the current ordinance and enforcement provisions, was made by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Ms. Magaro, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

Mr. Owen noted the change allows for more public input.

MOTION to approve the amended submission of the Fire Code to the Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety, Department of Labor and Industry, and to authorize the appropriate officers to execute same, was made by Mr. Kuntzelman, seconded by Mr. Gelb, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

Mr. Coyne requested an Executive Session for legal matters immediately after adjournment.

V. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Jayne Farringer, 317 First Street, Summerdale, asked about specifics regarding the proposed fire tax. Mr. Kuntzelman stated the board is still working on the proposed 2016 budget. A public meeting will be held regarding the fire tax proposal.

Mr. Bill Brougher, 642 Mountain Street, asked the board about the 5-year lease extension for the Magisterial District Judge office. Mr. Pietropaoli stated the original lease was a 10-year agreement which had an escalation clause after the 5th and 10th years for 10-percent increases. The county hired a person to renegotiate all the leases, saying they would move them if they could not get a better rate. East Pennsboro built the office at the county's request, floating a loan to build the office, anticipating the office would be there for a very long time. It was originally proposed that having the MDJ building close to the police department would save police officers and

the department personnel costs for time to appear at hearings. The Commissioners decided they wanted to keep the building nearby for that purpose, and renegotiated at the lowest possible reduction. The township provides all the maintenance and utilities for the building, except for telephone and computer.

Mr. Kuntzelman noted this weekend is the Pumpkin Fest.

Mr. Pietropaoli provided the board with a budget outline for 2016. He noted he has not heard one negative comment regarding a proposed fire tax. He invited the public to stop in or call him if they have any questions or suggestions about the proposed tax or budget. He asked the board to review the proposed budget prior to a budget workshop session October 21.

Mr. Pietropaoli also presented the recent township audit. He stated some of the procedures noted in the audit will be changed with implementation of new software.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., was made by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Mr. Kuntzelman, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.