

SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
March 11, 2009 MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark Marino	Present
Timothy Moran	Absent
Mary Beth LaBelle	Present
William Parkins	Present
Jeanene Friel	Present

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Theodore Locker, Jr., Manager	Present
Jill Zimmerman, Esquire	Present
Timothy P. Woodrow, PE	Present
Joseph Zadlo	Present

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Conditional Use – Skippack Progress Group – 200-28 C. (2) to allow the use of a Shopping Center and 200-83 C. (1) to allow a roadway to cross the Floodplain 200-53 C. to allow a crossing of the Riparian Buffer

Mary Gehman entered her appearance.

Conditional Use – Cressman Car Wash – 200-27 C. (2) to allow Carwash, Lube Station, and uses associated with a Carwash 200-27 C. (3) to allow multiple uses on the lot Carwash, Bank, and Restaurant

7:30

Adoption of Ordinance 326 – Sewers and Sewage Disposal – To correct a typographical error in Section 152-108.A.

Adoption of Ordinance 327 - Amends Zoning 200-47, to allow Hot Tubs within various Residential Districts

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Springer thanked the Board for having a light installed at RT 73 and Cross road. He informed the Board that it has made a big difference.

Mila Hayes for State Representative Matt Bradford's office wanted to inform the Township Residents and Board of Representative Bradford's new location on Bustard Road.

Steve Shilling notified the Board that land behind his property is turning into swamp due to the water run off from THP.

Nicole Cianci reiterated the need for something to be done about water run off from THP. She informed the Board that she has spoke with THP and they have not made an attempt to fix this problem.

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Steve Niechcielski questioned the rates and percentages for the 401K plan. He believes at this time we can't take as many gambles with the stock market.

Georgia Slater asked the Board when the road work on Forty Foot Road would be re-started. Mr. Woodrow informed Ms. Slater that he will find out the details and get back to her as soon as possible.

Mary Gehman asked the Board what they can do to get THP to empty the over-flowing dumpsters in the Biltmore Estate Complex and also inquired how they are having people move in to Condos that are not complete. Mr. Marino told the Township Manager, Mr. Locker to hold all permits from this point on, until the major issues the Township is having with THP are taken care of. Emptying the dumpsters, finishing Forty Foot Road expansion and grading along the properties located on Skippack Pike are just a few things that have become major unresolved issues.

Mary Gehman brought to the Boards attention that in the past six weeks THP has had approximately 30 new lawsuits brought against them.

I. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2009 MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 11, 2009 MINUTES.
MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

II. Correspondence

A. Perkiomen Valley School District – Request for Crossing Guard

Request was denied.

B. Perkiomen Valley Post Prom – Request for Donation

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE A \$200.00 DONATION FOR PERKIOMEN VALLEY POST PROM. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. MR. MARINO VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION. VOTED 3-1, MOTION CARRIED

C. Perkiomen Valley Library – Thank You for Donation

D. Resolution to support State actions to ensure prompt and fair payment to Ambulance Companies – Resolution 2009 – 22.

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2009-22. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

E. Special Engineering for Airport Zoning

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MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO HIRE RICHARD HARDING AS AN INDEPENDENT AIRPORT CONSULTANT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2009

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2009. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

B. Interim Bills Paid on February 25, 2009

General Fund	= \$ 88,332.41
Sewer Fund	= \$ 64,350.88
Park/Open Space	= \$ 13,913.71

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON FEBRUARY 25, 2009. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

C. Bills for Payment on March 11, 2009

General Fund	= \$ 57,322.06
Sewer Fund	= \$ 69,847.69
Parks/Open Space	= \$ 2,617.75

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT ON MARCH 11, 2009. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

IV. REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. Meadow at Skippack – Escrow Release - \$30,000.00

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE ESCROW RELEASE OF \$50,000.00 FOR THE MEADOWS AT SKIPPACK, LEAVING ONLY \$10,000.00 IN ESCROW. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

2. Carr & Duff, Inc. – Flashing Lights – Final Payment \$5909.00

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO CARR & DUFF, INC., FOR THE FLASHING LIGHTS. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

3. Gateway Project Management – Township Line Sewer – Payment No. 1 \$53,353.22

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MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$53,353.22 (NO.1) TO GATEWAY PROJECT MANAGEMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

4. 73 Pump Station Proposal

MOTION BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE PUMP STATION WITH A COST OF \$3120.00. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

B. Solicitor

1. Ordinance 326 – To correct a typographical error in Section 152-108.A.

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO APPROVE CORRECTION IN SECTION 152-108.A.. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Ordinance 327 – Hot Tubs

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 327. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

D. Planner

1. Forino. Co., L.P. – 73 Pump Station – Payment of \$14,209.87.

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO FORINO. CO., L.P. FOR 73 PUMP STATION. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

E. Manager

1. Banner Permit for 4th of July Parade and Fireworks
2. Special Event Permit for 4th of July Parade
3. Banner Permit for Skippack Village Carnival July 15-18
4. Special Event Permit for Skippack Village Carnival July 15-18
5. Banner Permit for Blue Comet Carnival July 28-August 1
6. Banner Permit for Montgomery County 4H Fair August 6-8
7. Banner Permit for Blue Comet Race May 2

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE ALL LISTED BANNER PERMITS. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Williamson/Stevenson – Lot Line Revision – 4074-4076 Skippack Pike Resolution 2009-20**

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MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE LOT LINE REVISION FOR 4074-4076 SKIPPACK PIKE. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

2. Meadow Glen Phase III – Lot Line Revisions Resolution 2009-21

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE LOT LINE REVISION FOR MEADOW GLEN PHASE III. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

3. SCIG Proposal

Mark Goldberg and Liz O'Reilly presented the Board and the Residents with a large ariel shot of the State Property where Graterford Prison is located along with a transparency of what the new prison would look like. They informed everyone first and foremost that this was not a Proposal for the Township to approve. This new prison will be constructed and they hope to break ground around Labor Day. What they intend to do is have two new modern prisons and the old prison will be moth balled. Since the current prison was built in 1928, it is not cost efficiently and it requires more upkeep. The new prison will run more safely and effectively. At this point of the process exact placement of the prison has not been determined. The estimated cost of this new construction is \$400,000,000.00 and they anticipate the project taking 30 months to complete. Skippack Residents did ask questions about the number of inmates, lighting, landscape, design, cost and the location of this new facility and among those residents were Mary Ann Truskowski, Steve Niechcielski, Rich Zollie, Steven Shilling, Tony Ortendo, Sam Storti, Jeff Zey and Gerald Brock. Other questions were raised about relocating into a different county, the deer population, and spending the \$400 million on Education instead of this prison. All questions were addressed however Act 41 takes away all control from the Township and allows the State to utilize their properties as they deem fit.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:13 PM