

**SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 14, 2007 MINUTES**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark Marino, Chairman	Present
Mary Beth LaBelle, VC	Present
William Parkins, Jr.	Absent
Jeanene Friel	Present
Timothy Moran	Absent

TOWNSHIP STAFF

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

PUBLIC HEARING SESSION:

REALTY TRANSFER TAX ORDINANCE NO. 303

The proposed ordinance enacts a realty transfer tax and other tax-related provisions pursuant to Article XI-D of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, and authorizes the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to determine, collect and enforce the tax, interest and penalties. A copy of the proposed ordinance and the legal notice were entered into the record. The proposed ordinance was duly advertised and on display at the township building. The record will be supplemented with evidence of filing with the Montgomery County Law Library after adoption. Ms. Zimmerman recommended adoption of the ordinance. The floor was then opened for testimony and public comment.

Testimony

No testimony was entered.

Public Comment

Mary Ann Truskowski questioned the amount collected by Perkiomen Valley School District and who collects the tax. Ms. Zimmerman said the school district gets .5% and the tax is collected by Montgomery County.

Mary Gehman questioned why the ordinance number changed and how many pages were being adopted. Ms. Zimmerman said there was a numbering error and the ordinance is 2 pages.

Joe Springer questioned the definitions. Ms. Zimmerman addressed his questions accordingly.

There were no additional comments. The hearing was closed.

SANITARY SEWER ORDINANCE NO. 304

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 152 (Sewers and Sewage Disposal) to provide limits on direct and indirect contributors into the wastewater collection and treatment system of the Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority. A copy of the proposed ordinance and the legal notice were entered into the record. The proposed ordinance was duly advertised and on display at the township building. The record will be supplemented with evidence of filing with the

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Montgomery County Law Library after adoption. Ms. Zimmerman recommended adoption of the ordinance. The floor was then opened for testimony and public comment.

Testimony

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Public Comment

Steve Niechielski had questions about ecology. Eric Talbot questioned industry and enforcement. The Board and professional staff addressed all issues accordingly.

There were no additional comments. The hearing was closed.

REGULAR MEETING:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Talbot had concerns about the State Police having an unmanned station during certain hours. Visitors are advised to call the dispatcher. Joe Spring, Mary Gehman, Bill Bondi and Mary Ann Truskowski also commented on the matter. Tom Baker pointed out that the township's comprehensive plan indicates that a police study was to be done following construction of the new township building.

Newspaper articles about the sale of Graterford Prison were a concern. The prison property is zoned CF (correctional facility), preventing residential development.

Steve Niechielski disputed the safety on Perkiomen Creek Road. The township's traffic engineer will review the matter and additional guardrails may be installed.

Mary Gehman commented about the right-of-ways on Old Forty Foot Road and Evansburg State Park. She also had questions about the walking trail.

Eric Talbot raised concern about speeding on Hallman Avenue. The township's traffic engineer will do a traffic study.

I. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 10, 2007 MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 10, 2007 MINUTES.
MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. MR. MARINO ABSTAINED BECAUSE HE WAS NOT AT THE MEETING. VOTE 2-0-1, MOTION CARRIED.

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II. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Request to Extinguish an Easement at 3821 Victoria Drive

The easement between lot 13 and 14 of the Harrington subdivision is a 50' wide reserved strip for future street extension. The Board decided not to consider it at this time.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2007

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Interim Bills Paid on January 25, 2007

General Fund = \$35,775.33

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON JANUARY 25, 2007. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

C. Bills for Payment on January 11, 2006

General Fund = \$139,414.87

Sewer Fund = \$108,388.64

OS/Park Fund = \$ 17,916.31

Water Tank = \$ 19,803.00

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. Better Living Homes/Hedrick Road Final Escrow Release = \$9,897.90

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE FINAL ESCROW RELEASE FOR BETTER LIVING HOMES. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Monroe Court Escrow Release No. 3 = \$105,685.92

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE ESCROW RELEASE NO. 3 FOR MONROE COURT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

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3. Meadow Glen Escrow Release No. 5 = \$563,089.47

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE ESCROW RELEASE NO. 6 FOR MEADOW GLEN. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Authorization to Prepare and Advertise Bid Specifications for the 2007 Road Improvements Project

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND ADVERTISING OF BID SPECS FOR THE 2007 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

5. Public Sewer on Cressman Road

It was anticipated that sewer lines would be installed on Cressman Road in conjunction with the shopping center project. That project is on hold. Mr. Marino suggested sending a letter to the residents advising them of the cost.

6. Collegeville Road Sidewalk Project

The project extends the sidewalk from Harrington up to Creamery Road. The PennDOT permit was approved and a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for February 22.

B. Solicitor

1. Managers Salary and Employment Agreement Resolution No. 2007-19

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE MANAGER'S SALARY AND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2007-19. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Realty Transfer Tax Ordinance No. 303

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 303. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Sanitary Sewer Ordinance No. 304

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 304. MOTION SECONDED BY FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

C. Planner

In regard to THP and the Biltmore project, Mr. Zadlo noted that the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code indicates that when a developer receives preliminary approval for his project, he has the right to go in and construct the improvements.

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D. Manager

1. Authorization for Tiffany Barker to Attend the PRPS Conference

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society conference is March 24-28 in Hershey. Seminars include program development, grants and more. Mr. Locker reported that requests for park usage are increasing. The township is selling discount movie and ski lift tickets. Tiffany is working on bus trips, concerts, the bocce league and other activities.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE AUTHORIZING TIFFANY BARKER TO ATTEND THE PRPS CONFERENCE. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Morgan's Village Phasing Plan

Phase I will be the 4 residential lots, cul-de-sac and walking trail. Phase II will be the office building. A revised final plan will be submitted.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE PHASING PLAN FOR MORGAN'S VILLAGE AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2007-20. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Conway/George Lot Line Change for 4976 Skippack Pike

The subdivision/lot line change is a result of a November 2, 2006 court order by Judge Albright. A copy of the transcript and Order are on file at the township.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE LOT LINE CHANGE FOR 4976 SKIPPACK PIKE AS OUTLINED IN THE COURT ORDER AND RESOLUTION NO. 2007-21. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FREIL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

C. Business Consultant

Ms. LaBelle suggested the township hire a business consultant to look into the business practices of the township. This would include job descriptions, staffing and how the public is handled.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A BUSINESS CONSULTANT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

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VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Springer expressed displeasure about the closure and condition of Cross Road. Mr. Woodrow said the roadwork should be complete and the road restored in a couple of months.

Mary Ann Truskowski asked questions about the open space money and funding for the trail.

Mary Gehman also asked about county funding for the walking trail.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM

*Minutes Approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 14, 2007
Theodore R. Locker, Jr., Township Manager*