

**SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUNE 13, 2007 MINUTES**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark Marino, Chairman	Present
Mary Beth LaBelle, VC	Absent
William Parkins, Jr.	Present
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	Absent

PUBLIC HEARING: SKIPPACK FIRE COMPANY FUNDING

The hearing is on the issuance by the Skippack Fire Company of their tax-exempt debt for the construction of a new firehouse. The Tax Equalization and Fiscal Responsibility Act requires that the host municipality in which the project is located approve the expenditure of tax-free funds within the township boundaries. The fire company intends to get a tax-free loan from Harleysville National Bank in the amount of \$2,700,000.00.

The fire company must be designated exclusive provider of fire fighting services in the township; must have a fire fighting services agreement with the township; have approval by the chief elected official; and the hearing on the subject must be advertised. There is no impact on the township for the issuance. A proposed resolution was prepared. The legal notice and proof of publication were entered into evidence. No testimony was presented.

Public Comment

Mary Ann Truskowski asked for the resolution number and the amount of the debt. Answer: Resolution no. 2007-29; \$2,700,000.00.

Steve Niechielski asked whether the funding would be from Harleysville National Bank or Harleysville Savings Bank. Answer: Harleysville National Bank.

There were no additional questions or comments. The hearing was closed.

REGULAR MEETING:

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Bandain asked about a pipeline being installed on Route 73. It is a water line. He was also had concerns about storm water on Hedrick Road. He said he spoke to Bill Parkins about it.

June Lash had questions about right-of-ways and escrows for Biltmore.

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Mary Ann Truskowski asked about a public notice regarding the expansion of a telecommunications tower near Route 73 and Cressman Road. Mr. Locker said he received correspondence today but has not had the change to review it. She was also concerned about shields for the lights at the Lochwood office building.

Steve Niechielski asked about the lights around the township building. Mr. Locker said some are on timers and some have photocells. He also asked when the bridge repair on Perkiomen Creek Road would get started. Mr. Woodrow said soon after school is let out for the summer.

Joan Hall asked about posting the Red Hat Ladies information on the township's website. Mr. Marino said a link to their website could be added. She also commented on advertising trips and asked if Skippack has a curfew. The township does not have a curfew.

Mary Gehman asked about the HOA documents for Biltmore. Ms. Zimmerman is corresponding with the developer to finalize the documents. She also questioned disclosure statements, escrows and the land development agreement. Mr. Woodrow addressed her concerns. Ms. Gehman asked how the public could review agenda items if the manager is not available to approve a request. Mr. Locker explained the township's policy.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 9, 2007 MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2007 MINUTES. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

A. PVSD Request for a Crossing Guard on Heckler Road

Mr. Marino was not in favor. Mr. Parkins said the board agreed last year not to get involved. No action was taken.

B. Request for 25 MPH Speed Limit Signs in Olde Village

Alex Kradelman spoke on behalf of his neighbors about excessive speeding. Mr. Woodrow said that the speed limit on an un-posted roadway in Pennsylvania is 35 MPH. An ordinance will be required to lower the speed limit to 25 mph. Ms. Zimmerman will work on it.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MARINO TO POST 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS IN OLDE VILLAGE. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

C. Request to Remove Parking Restrictions on One Side of Carriage Drive.

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO REMOVE THE NO PARKING RESTRICTION ON ONE SIDE OF CARRIAGE DRIVE. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

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III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

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

MOTION MADE BY MR. FRIEL TO APPROVE THE MAY TREASURER'S REPORT. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Interim Bills Paid on May 25, 2007

General Fund = \$40,029.44
Parks/Open Space = \$21,263.85

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

C. Bills for Payment on June 15, 2007

General Fund = \$102,425.20
Sewer Fund = \$ 42,811.82
Parks/Open Space = \$ 96,612.83
Pension Fund = \$ 1,900.00
Eckerd Easement = \$ 1,750.00 (to be paid from the appropriate fund)

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Engineer

- 1. Lochwood Office Building Escrow Release No. 3 = \$208,920.00**
- 2. Meadow Glen Escrow Release No. 10 = \$553,324.30**

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE ESCROW RELEASES FOR LOCHWOOD AND MEADOW GLEN. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. Walking Trail Project Payment Request No. 4 = \$306,535.50**
- 4. Walking Trail Project Payment Request No. 5 = \$51,211.80**
- 5. Walking Trail Project Payment Request No. 6 = \$90,702.00**

MOTION MADE BY MR. FRIEL TO APPROVE PAYMENT NO. 4, 5 AND 6 FOR THE WALKING TRAIL PROJECT. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

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4. Lucy Lane Pump Station Pump Replacement

Mr. Woodrow provided quotes for 2 replacement grinder pumps at the Lucy Lane pump station. The station has been experiencing clogging and more powerful pumps would alleviate the problem.

Deckman Electric, Inc.	\$5,495.00
Hart Mechanical	\$5,292.00
Harris Pump Repair & Tool Co.	\$5,580.00

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL FOR HART MECHANICAL TO SUPPLY 2 GRINDER PUMPS FOR THE LUCY LANE PUMP STATION. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

5. MS4 Annual Report

Woodrow gave a brief overview of the report filed with DEP.

B. Solicitor

1. Skippack Fire Company Funding Resolution No. 2007-29

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2007-29 FOR THE SKIPPACK FIRE COMPANY FUNDING. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Slater Right-of-Way Resolution No. 2007-30
TABLED.

C. Planner

D. Manager

1. The Township Office will be closed Flag Day, June 14

2. Palmer Park Concert Featuring Steve & Steve, June 14 at 7:00 PM

3. Walking Trail Flashing Warning Devices

a. Perkiomen Creek Road, PENNDOT Resolution No. 2007-31

b. Bridge Road (Route 113), PENNDOT Resolution No. 2007-32

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO APPROVE THE PENNDOT RESOLUTIONS FOR FLASHING WARNING DEVICES ALONG THE WALKING TRAIL. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

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4. Baseball Field Fencing Project

The project is complete.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bishop Lot Line Change for 808 & 810 Cassel Road, Resolution No. 2007-33

The plan re-apportions the lot line between family-owned parcels. Both lots comply with the zoning requirements. There were no objections.

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE BISHOP LOT LINE CHANGE AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2007-33. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

*Minutes Approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 11, 2007
Theodore R. Locker, Jr., Township Manager*