

**SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 MINUTES**

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Mark Marino, Chairman	Present
Mary Beth LaBelle, VC	Present
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:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 307-PARKING ON STEEPLECHASE DRIVE**

The proposed ordinance amends chapter 187, Vehicles and Traffic, of the township Code, prohibiting parking on both sides of Steeplechase Drive from the Collegetown Road to Sorrel Court. No entry of appearance. A copy of the proposed ordinance, legal notice and proof of publication were entered into the record. The proposed ordinance was on display at the township building. The record will be supplemented with evidence of filing with the Montgomery County Law Library after adoption. The floor was then opened for testimony and public comment.

**Testimony**

Ms. Zimmerman called Tim Woodrow to testify on behalf of the township. Mr. Woodrow testified that the township received several phone calls from residents in that area about access and sight distance near the section of the road between Collegetown Road and Sorrel Court. It was determined that the sight distance was affected by parking on the street. Emergency service vehicles and school buses have trouble negotiating the corner. Mr. Woodrow recommended the ordinance be adopted.

An unnamed person asked who would enforce the ordinance. Ms. Zimmerman said the township would. There were no other questions. The Board had no questions. No statements were made for or against the ordinance. The hearing was closed.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Gehman said she was unable to get copies of two resolution adopted at the last meeting. Ms. Zimmerman said they have not been signed yet. Mr. Marino said they will get signed and she can get copies tomorrow. Ms. Gehman also made comments about the land transaction between Merrimack Bean and Gambone Development Company.

Joe Springer expressed concern about the intersection of Plank Road and Route 29. He was advised that the intersection is located in Perkiomen Township. Mr. Parkins said there is a plan to realign Plank Road. Mr. Springer also commended the township for the work done on Perkiomen Creek Road. Mr. Marino apologized for the inconvenience of the bridge repair.

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Steve Niechielski asked about resurfacing of the bridge on Perkiomen Creek Road.

Al Dorley commended the township on the trail project.

Nathan Danielson said the Blue Comet event went smoother this year. He also thanked Ted for notices about the power interruption from PECO relocating poles on Colledgeville Road.

Rick Klipp said someone was cutting wood on the Cholet property. Mr. Parkins said he only saw dead branches.

Mr. Springer asked if the dust was controlled for the race. Mr. Marino said yes.

**I. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 8, 2007 MINUTES**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 8, 2007 MINUTES WITH TYPOGRAPHICAL CORRECTIONS. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**II. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Blue Comet Motorcycle Club Presentation of Contributions**

Ron Ketwitz presented contributions to the Skippack Township (\$500), Skippack Emergency Medical Services (\$2,000) and the Skippack Fire Company (\$2000) for their assistance with the Hare Scramble.

**B. Thank You Letter for Speed Limit Posting in Olde Village**

**C. Perkiomen Valley Library Contribution Request**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE FOR A \$1,500.00 CONTRIBUTION TO THE PV LIBRARY. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**D. Visiting Nurse Association Contribution Request**

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS FOR A \$1,500.00 CONTRIBUTION TO VNA. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**E. Skippack Knoll Sidewalk Waiver Request from the Homeowners**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO GRANT THE SIDEWALK WAIVER FOR SKIPPACK KNOLL, CONDITIONED UPON RESTORATION OF THE AREA. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. MR. MARINO ABSTAINED. VOTE 3-0-1, MOTION CARRIED.

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**F. Global Customs Land Development Waiver Request for 2040 Lucon Road**

The plan is to construct an 80'x120' pole building over existing impervious cover for storage of materials. Mr. Woodrow indicated that the effects of storm water runoff will be minimal, however, he did recommend that the existing detention basin being cleaned, dredged, and additional storm water management added to promote groundwater infiltration. There is no impact on traffic or the public.

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO WAIVE LAND DEVELOPMENT FOR 2040 LUCON ROAD, CONDITIONED UPON BASIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER. MOTION SECONDED MS. LABELLE. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**G. Goddard School Request for Flashing Warning Signal on Bridge Road**

Mr. Marino wants to review the traffic plan for the shopping center before making a recommendation. Ms. LaBelle said the fire company might be planning something when the new firehouse is completed. No action was taken.

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

**A. Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2007**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Interim Bills Paid on August 23, 2007**

General Fund	= \$182,114.18
Sewer Fund	= \$303,353.50

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO APPROVE THE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON AUGUST 23, 2007. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**C. Bills for Payment on September 13, 2007**

General Fund	= \$78,966.61
Sewer Fund	= \$36,142.10
Parks/Open Space	= \$23,353.78

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. Engineer**

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- 1. Collegeville Road Sidewalk Project Payment Request**
  - a. Payment No. 2 Interim Payment = \$100,000.00**
  - b. Payment No. 2 Balance = \$56,327.53**
  - c. Payment No. 3 = \$35,016.82**

Mr. Woodrow received payment request no. 2 after last months meeting. An interim payment of \$100,000.00 was paid. Mr. Woodrow recommended withholding monies until he can thoroughly review the change order included in the payment request.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE A PAYMENT OF **\$81,000.00** FOR THE COLLEGEVILLE ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

- 2. Strouse Landscaping Escrow Release No. 1 = \$109,090.50**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE ESCROW RELEASE NO. 1 FOR STROUSE LANDSCAPING. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Solicitor**

- 1. Harmony Meadows Sewer Reimbursement Agreement**

As part of the Harmony Meadows subdivision plan, the developer was required to install a sewer line across the property. The developer is not ready at this time to move forward with development of the property, but the township wants the sewer line installed now. Caesar Gorski has agreed to reimburse the township for the installation of the sewer line. The Board awarded the contract to Almeida & Hudak Contractors (\$109,235.00). The agreement also provides that if any resident hooks into that sewer line, Mr. Gorski would be entitled to a reimbursement for that resident's connection. The agreement has been fully executed so the Board needs to ratify the agreement.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO RATIFY THE HARMONY MEADOWS SEWER REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

- 2. Ordinance 307, Parking Restrictions on Steeplechase Drive**

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 307. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**C. Planner**

**D. Manager**

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**1. Banner Permit for Skippack Days, October 6-7**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE BANNER PERMIT FOR SKIPPACK DAYS. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**2. Pension Plan 2008 Minimal Municipal Obligation = \$30,621.00**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE 2008 MMO FOR THE NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**3. Green Fields/Green Towns Grant Resolution No. 2007-38**

The resolution is required by the county to ensure that Skippack Township will comply with the conditions of the grant for the walking trail and the planning grant.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2007-38. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Authorization to Advertise Property Maintenance Code Amendment**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO ADVERTISE THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AMENDMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Authorization to Advertise Sign Ordinance Amendments**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO ADVERTISE THE SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Airport Zoning Committee Re-Instatement and Appointments**

John Taggart, Bradley DeForest, Deborah Sherman, Joyce Macelko, Nancy Sheppard, Fiorindo Vagnozzi and Robert McGinley, Sr.

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO REINSTATE THE AIRPORT ZONING COMMITTEE AND APPOINT THE MEMBERS LISTED ABOVE. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Business Consultant**

Ms. LaBelle introduced Robert Sabatini from Keystone Municipal Services. The primary areas of the review are human resource function, administrative and finance, community development (zoning, planning, etc.), and public works. Some informal recommendations were discussed with the manager. A full assessment with further recommendations is forthcoming.

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**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Szewczyk Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plan for 797 Evansburg Road**

The minor subdivision adjusts the lot line and conveys approximately .5 acres from 797 Evansburg Road to 807 Evansburg Road. Mr. Woodrow had no objections to the plan.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN FOR SZEWCZYK, AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2007-39. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Yates Tract Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plan**

Skippack Township is conveying 0.688 acres from the Yates tract (township open space) to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which will replace an equal amount of land needed for road improvements on Skippack Pike, Evansburg Road and Old Forty Foot Road. The agreements are in place with DCNR.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN FOR THE YATES TRACT AND PERMIT CONVEYANCE OF THE LAND TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2007-40. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. MR. MARINO ABSTAINED. VOTE 3-0-1, MOTION CARRIED.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

*Minutes Approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 10, 2007  
Theodore R. Locker, Jr., Township Manager*