

SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 14, 2011 Minutes

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

TOWNSHIP STAFF

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

7:30

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Roberts complained about the lack of quality grass on the Biltmore site. He would also like Blooming Glen Contractors to wrap up the improvements.

Steve Niechielski stated the PH level, of soils within Skippack, are too low to grow quality grass. He also asked who designed the county pedestrian bridge over the Perkiomen Creek, due to the recent flooding.

Mary Gehman questioned the completion of housing and public improvements at Biltmore Estates. Ms. Gehman also questioned what is coming to the property at the corner of Skippack Pike and Bridge Road, currently the old gas station.

**I. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 10, 2011 MINUTES
TABLED**

II. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Request for Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve

ALL THREE BOARD MEMBERS AGREE TO THE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVE

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- A. Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2011

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2011. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

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- B.** Interim Bills Paid on August 25, 2011
 - General Fund = \$ 35,038.71
 - Sewer Fund = \$ 5,842.44
 - Park/Open Space = \$ 71.94

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO APPROVE THE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON AUGUST 25, 2011. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTED 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

- C.** Bills for Payment on September 14, 2011
 - General Fund = \$ 25,630.65
 - Sewer Fund = \$ 54,297.36
 - Parks/Open Space = \$ 10,533.14

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO APPROVE THE BILLS OF AUGUST 10, 2011, FOR PAYMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTED 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

III. REPORTS

A. Engineer

- 1.** Biltmore – Phase 1 Escrow Release #15 - \$26,465.34
 - Biltmore – Phase 2 Bond Reduction #5 - \$153,216.95
 - Biltmore – Phase 1 Retainage Reduction - \$55,000.00

MOTION BY MS. FRIEL TO APPROVE ESCROW RELEASE #15, BOND REDUCTION #5, AND RETAINAGE REDUCTION. SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTED 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Solicitor

C. Planner

D. Manager

- 1.** Mileage Reimbursement Rate Increase from \$.51 to \$.555 per mile

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MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE MILEAGE RATE INCREASE. SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL, VOTED 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation - \$34,276.00

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS, VOTED 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Request to Close Tranquility Street for Annual Block Party
September 24, 2011
4. Request to Close Iron bridge Drive for Annual Block Party
October 1, 2011

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE TWO ROAD CLOSINGS FOR THE ANNUAL BLOCK PARTIES. SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL, VOTED 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

5. Request of Skippack Historical Society for Additional
Funding for Repairs to the Allebach-Cholet Farmhouse

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO DONATE UP TO \$7,000.00 ADDITIONAL FOR REPAIRS TO THE FARMHOUSE, CONDITIONED UPON GETTING AN ADDITIONAL QUOTE. SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL, VOTED 3-0, MOTION CARRIED

6. 2011-2012 Snow & Ice Removal Bid Award – Strouse
Landscaping, Inc.

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO AWARD THE BID TO STROUSE LANDSCAPING, INC. SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL, VOTED 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Marino gave an update concerning the ongoing Federal Tax Case against him.

“It is my intention to plead guilty to false statements on tax returns, due to the fact that some personal expenses were classified as business expenses.

Although the case is strictly a personal issue, I feel it is in the best interest for Skippack Township and me to resign as Supervisor. I plan to resign prior to the organizational meeting in January.

Under advice of my counsel, I will have no further comment on the matter.”

VI. AJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.