

LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting Minutes
General Meeting

March 7, 2017

Lower Frederick Township
Municipal Building
53 Spring Mount Road

Bob Yoder, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board of Supervisors Present:

Bob Yoder, Chairman
Ron Kerwood, Vice Chairman
Terry Sacks, Supervisor

Township Staff Present:

Tamara Twardowski, Manager
Carol Schuehler, Engineer
Damien Brewster, Esquire

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2017, Regular Meeting

Motion – Mr. Kerwood Second Motion – Mr. Sacks Approved 3-0

A motion to approve Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2017, Supervisors Work Session

Motion – Mr. Sacks Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood Approved 3-0

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay all bills.

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Sacks Approved 3-0

Meeting turned over to Ms. Twardowski

Reports

Engineer: Report for February presented by Ms. Schuehler

- Colonial Park – Plans for a play field at this site are still under review. Montgomery County Conservation District has been helpful with the township's request to begin stockpiling excess material generated by the sewer treatment plant construction at Colonial Park.
- Chip Seal: Three bids were received for double chip seal. The lowest responsible bidder is Asphalt Industries. Asphalt Industries performed the chip sealing in 2016 so the Township is familiar with this contractor.
- Materials Bid: Three bids were received for Materials.
Allan Myers LP is the lowest responsible bidder for Bituminous Materials.
Highway Materials, Inc is the lowest resp. bidder for Aggregate Materials/Cold Patch

- Equipment Bid: Three bids were received for Equipment. Sacks & Sons, Inc is the lowest responsible bidder.
- Radar Recorder: In response to concerns regarding speeding on Township Roads, Ms. Schuehler contacted Jamar Technologies about the rental of a radar recorder. Jamar doesn't have any units for rent, but have one available for purchase. By purchasing the radar the township and police department would have it available for collecting traffic speed/volume data both now and in the future.

A motion to award the Chip Sealing Bid to Asphalt Industries for \$179,364.40

Motion- Mr. Yoder Second Motion- Mr. Kerwood Approved 3-0

A motion to award Materials Bid to Allan Myers & Highway Materials, Inc.

Motion- Mr. Kerwood Second: Mr. Sacks Approved: 3-0

A motion to award Equipment Bid to Sacks & Sons, Inc. for \$68,890.

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second: Mr. Kerwood *Approved: 2:0

*Mr. Sacks read a statement abstaining from the vote due to a possible conflict of interest.

A motion to purchase the Radar Recorder from Jamar Technologies for \$3,607.

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second: Mr. Kerwood Approved: 3-0

Solicitor: Report for January presented by Damien Brewster.

- Assisted the tax collector with analyzing a technical question about billing tax assessments.
- Attended the Board of Supervisors Public Meeting (2/7/17) and Work Session (2/28/17).
- Prepared the legal opinion for the Auditors of Lower Frederick Township which included a complete search of the dockets of the Prothonotary's Office and a complete review of all the law firm files concerning actions taken by the Township.

Ms. Twardowski presented reports on the following departments for January.

- Ambulance: Responded to 14 calls in the month of February
- Police: There were 91 incidents in March requiring police assistance: 59 were responded to by Lower Frederick, 32 were handled by the Pennsylvania State Police.
- Public Works: Mixed salt and cinders, did some cold patching, replaced light bulbs and faucet in the men's room, picked up and installed office furniture in the police department, cleaned and serviced the clarifier, oversaw the moving of the blowers and other equipment to its temporary location during the plant upgrade.

- Building Inspector: Four permits were issued and 3 inspections performed. The building inspector has office hours at the Township Building Mondays from 11am – 1pm.
- Park Board: Upcoming events include: Easter Egg Hunt, Nature Walk, Memorial Day Yard Sale, concerts at Coble Park & Upper Salford Park, Movie Night at Foy Park, Kettle Rock Hike, Fall Fest at Foy Park & line dancing at Lower Frederick Fire Co. Details on these events can be found on the website at lowerfrederick.org, click on the “Events” tab.

A motion to appoint Kathy Miller (Gerloff Road) & Marla Hexter (Mine Hill Road) to the Park Board with terms ending 2018:

Motion: Mr. Yoder Second: Mr. Sacks Approved 3-0

A motion for Promark to remove fallen trees near Goshen Park for \$3,345.

Motion: Mr. Yoder Second: Mr. Sacks Approved 3-0

A motion to approve the payment of Estimate #2 to Lobar for \$287,521.65.

Motion: Mr. Yoder Second: Mr. Sacks Approved 3-0

A motion to approve Resolution 17-25 for Fire Police to assist St. Mary’s Church during Easter.

Motion: Mr. Yoder Second: Mr. Kerwood Approved: 3-0

Ms. Twardowski wanted to inform residents about the Electronic Recycling Event May 13, 2017 at Palmer Park on Creamery Road in Skippack from 9am – 1pm. Residents living in Skippack, Perkiomen, Lower Frederick, Collegetown, Trappe and Schwenksville Townships are welcome to participate. Fliers are available at the Township Building or visit our Facebook page for details.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Allan Roe (Old Gravel Pike): Voiced concern for having the proposed Sunrise Mill trail run thru his property along the creek and Old Gravel Pike. He cited safety, insurance and maintenance concerns as well as the possibility of the County utilizing Eminent Domain. He opposes the plan for the Sunrise Mill Trail in our area.

Joanne Roe (Old Gravel Pike): Stated that the proposed section of the Sunrise Mill Trail at the intersection of Gravel Pike and Delphi Road would be very dangerous, especially when trying to make a left turn onto Gravel Pike from Delphi Road. Additionally, Old Gravel Pike is very narrow and doesn’t provide enough room for a trail.

Ron Knecht (Delphi Rd): Wanted to know if there was going to be support from the Supervisors at the next public meeting for the Sunrise Mill Trail. Mr. Yoder stated the next meeting will be held at our Township Building on March 30th, 2017 and all 3 Supervisors plan to attend.

Doris Swanson (Salford Station Rd): Expressed concern with the proposed trail on Gerloff and Yerger Roads. The roads are very narrow for vehicles; it would be very dangerous to add a trail on these roads.

Sue Landon (Old Gravel Pike): Old Gravel Pike is barely a 2-lane Road. She is concerned that part of her property will be taken by Eminent Domain to make room for the trail.

Dave Roberts (Old Gravel Pike): Is concerned the trail will disrupt the pristine nature of his property at the Old Gravel Pike Bridge. Despite what the County says about preservation, he feels a trail would destroy it. He wants to enjoy his property as he has for the past 30+ years and wants his grandchildren to be able to as well.

Kristen Jones (Old Gravel Pike): Expressed concern for her family's privacy if a trail is placed on Old Gravel Pike.

There was a discussion regarding the ownership and condition of the Old Gravel Pike Bridge. The County currently owns the bridge. It is need of repair and has been condemned by PennDot.

With no further items the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm