

LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting Minutes
General Meeting

May 2, 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:

Carol Schuehler, PE
Damien Brewster, Esquire
Paul Maxey, Chief of Police

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2017, General Meeting

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

A motion to approve Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2017, Supervisors Work Session

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

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

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

Chief Paul Maxey introduced the newest member of the Police Staff, part-time Officer Stephen Rinker. District Justice Maurice Saylor administered the Oath of Office.

Marci Toepel, State Representative, 147th Legislative District was present for her annual meet and greet. She wanted residents to know of the Gun Safety Seminar being held at Lower Frederick's Township Building May 18th and the free Shredding Event Saturday May 13th at New Hanover Township's Recreational Center.

Reports

Police: Report for April presented by Chief Maxey

- There were 114 incidents in April requiring police assistance.
- Presented results of radar recorder data obtained in a variety of locations. The data collected will assist the Police Department with conducting enforcement in targeted areas throughout the Township.
- Officers conducted in-house and mandatory service training.

Linda Jansson (Simmons Road) commented about speeding traffic & large trucks on Simmons Rd.

Engineer: Report for April presented by Ms. Schuehler

- The Sewer Treatment Plant NPDES permit for construction was received. Ms. Schuehler discussed ongoing progress at the site.
- Presented details regarding the sewer collection system extension at Fulmer and Riverside Rds. Once NPDES permit is secured, meetings will be scheduled with property owners to secure easements. Project construction is projected for 2018.
- NPDES construction permit was issued for Colonial Park. An image of the proposed improvements was made available for tonight's meeting and is on display in the lobby of the Township Building.
- MS4 Permit & PRP Plan: Presented ongoing work in obtaining the MS4 Permit and submission of the Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP)
- Bergey Lane: A proposal prepared by Urwiler & Walter was given to the Board for consideration to change ownership of Bergey Lane to Lower Frederick Township.

A motion to advertise the public notice for the PRP plan.

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

A motion to approve Urwiler & Walter to move forward with the Berger Lane plan.

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

Brian Hill (Zieglerville Road): Had questions regarding the timeline and projected costs to homeowners tying into the new sewer plant.

Solicitor: Report for April presented by Damien Brewster.

- Prepared an offer of employment to part-time police officer Stephen Rinker.
- Attended the monthly General Meeting and Supervisors Work Session.
- Drafted a resolution designating Victory Bank as a depository of township funds.
- Researched issues related to bonding requirements for township officials.
- Assisted the building code official with questions regarding Use & Occupancy and building permits.
- Reviewed correspondence relating to Stonehill open space.
- Met and corresponded with township engineer and representative of the Little, Ragusa & Melbourne Hill Tracts.
- Assisted the township with sewer collection matters
- Prepared an advertisement for a proposed sewer tapping fee resolution.
- Assisted the Township with a personnel matter and attended 3 Executive Sessions (April 3, April 10 and April 25, 2017) related to that matter.
- An Executive Session was held at the Township Building prior to tonight's meeting at 6:00pm to discuss a personnel matter. Damien Brewster, Labor Council Chris Gerber, Vice Chairman Ron Kerwood and supervisor Terry Sacks were present.

A motion to terminate the employment of Township Manager Tamara Twardowski with cause, effective May 5, 2017 at 12:01am.

Motion: Mr. Kerwood Seconded: Mr. Sacks *Approved: 2-0

* Bob Yoder abstained/recused himself from this vote.

Administrative:

A motion for payment of Estimate #4 to Lobar for \$265,233.13

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

A motion for payment of Estimate #2 to Garden Spot Electric for \$13,500

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

A motion for destruction of GPS records from 2007, Resolution 2017-32

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

Mr. Yoder presented reports on the following departments for April.

- Plymouth Ambulance responded to 16 calls, 65 calls year to date.
- Public Works: In addition to routine tasks put snow plows away, performed sewer inspections and street sweeping and started mowing.

Public Comment

Ernie Schmitt (Silverbrook Dr.) Commended Plymouth Ambulance for their diligent work and encouraged residents to respond to their fund drive.

Ron Knecht (Delphi Rd.): Wanted to know the status of any changes to the Swamp Creek Greenway Trail Feasibility Study. Mr. Yoder replied that the County has removed all trails from private property. Representative Marci Toepel has requested a response from Mike Stokes from the Montgomery County Planning Commission regarding what happens upon completion of the Feasibility Study.

Pam Hartman (Spring Mount Rd): Wanted to know if the County is allowed to change the name of the Swamp Creek as part of the plans for the Sunrise Mill trail. Ron Kerwood responded that he had requested information from the County regarding the definition of a greenway. He has not received a reply.

Linda Jansson (Simmons Rd): Gave an update on the progress of the Agricultural Security Area.

With no further items the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00pm