

LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2016

LF Municipal Building
53 Spring Mount Road

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

Board of Supervisors Present: Bob Yoder, Chairman
Ron Kerwood, Vice Chairman
Terry Sacks, Supervisor

Township Staff Present: Tom Keenan, Esquire
Carol Schuehler, Engineer
Tamara Twardowski, Manager

Meeting Minutes:

June 7, 2016 Regular Meeting –

A motion approving the minutes of the June 7, 2016 meeting -

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Sacks

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

July 5, 2016 Regular Meeting –

A motion approving the minutes of the July 5, 2016 meeting -

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Sacks

Motion Approved

July 26, 2016 Work Shop –

A motion approving the July 26, 2016 Work Shop meeting –

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

Reports:

Ms. Lorraine Cuddy, Treasurer submitted her monthly financial report for the Supervisors review.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay all bills –

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Sacks

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

At this point in the meeting Mr. Yoder turned the meeting over to Ms. Twardowski.

Engineer

Ms. Schuehler reported that the manhole lining work is scheduled for mid-September. She then reported on the proposed changes to the Stormwater Management Ordinance Chapter 134. These ordinance changes have been reviewed by both the township and county planning commissions. The changes have also been advertised.

Mr. Keenan advised that his office has reviewed these changes and helped with the language.

A motion approving the Stormwater Ordinance amendments 16-04 as presented by the Township Engineer -

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

Public Comment

Ellen Kenny, Little Road – discussed her entering the ASA program. Lower Frederick partners with Upper Frederick in this program. There was a payment made in error to Upper Frederick and she questioned if Lower Frederick was notified.

Response – The information was just recently received. Ms. Twardowski will look into it and discuss with county and will keep Ms. Kenny advised.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Keenan reported that he reviewed and summarized relevant portions of the project manual for the LFT waste water treatment plant. His office reviewed the notice requirements for a Conditional Use application. They also assisted the township in some personal matters.

Police

Chief Paul Maxey submitted his monthly report. During the month of July there were a total of 88 incidents requiring police assistance. Of these incidents 60 were handled by Lower Frederick Township Police Department and 28 by PA State Police. A special thank you was given to Thomas Rogers a LF resident for the gift card he donated to the police department. Mr. Rogers felt it important to show his support for police during these trying times.

Public Works

Mr. Tom Manning, Road Master submitted his monthly report. In addition to routine operations the crew sealed the concrete and graded around the new pavilion in Cuddy Park. They road mowed and trimmed around signs. They removed debris from under the Zieglerville Road Bridge. They repointed and painted the wall on Boulder Lane. They put in under-drain along Swamp Creek Road. They took out the #2 blower motor at the treatment plant to be rebuilt.

Ambulance

The Plymouth Community Ambulance report submitted for July shows they responded to 16 calls in Lower Frederick Township during the month of July. Year to date total call in the township is 93.

LF Fire Company

The Fire Company submitted a report for July. They responded to 10 calls during the month with 8 of those calls in Lower Frederick Township.

Building Inspector

Mr. Mark John, Code Enforcement Officer submitted his report for the month of July. There were 19 permits issued for an estimated construction value of \$229,525.00. He issued 9 Use and Occupancy permits for re-sale.

Manager

Ms. Twardowski discussed 3 properties in the township with failed systems. The owners of 112 Zieglerville Road, 3 Meng Road and 18 Fulmer have requested hooking to public sewer. The township does not have additional capacity but has allowed people with failed systems to connect as it is a public safety hazard.

Public Comment –

Mr. Ernie Schmitt, Silverbrook Dr. – questioned the address on Zieglerville Road

Response – 112 Zieglerville

A motion giving approval for purchase of public sewer connection to 112 Zieglerville Road, 3 Meng Road and 18 Fulmer Road –

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Sacks

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

She then advised that the township has come to an agreement with the police department for collective bargaining for 2017, 2018 and 2019. The agreement is within the parameters of what the supervisors had discussed. Mr. Keenan related that he has reviewed the document and would recommend the supervisors pass it.

A motion to authorize execution of the police contract from 2017,2018 & 2019 –

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Sacks

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

Mr. Yoder related that there was an article in the Schwenksville Post that Schwenksville is still entertaining the idea of buying police services from Lower Frederick. According to the article the borough would be assessing their residents approximately an additional \$414 per property.

Continuing with her report Ms. Twardowski requested authorization to repaint 18 Stop Bars throughout the township at a cost of \$120 per stop bar for a total of \$2,160.

A motion giving authorization for painting 18 stop bars at a cost of \$2,160

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion- Mr. Sacks

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

The next item on her report was a request for purchase of 4 Picnic tables and a grill for the pavilion at Cuddy Park. Two of the picnic tables are 8 foot oak tables and the other two are wheel chair accessible so the bench does not go the full length of the table. The total for these items is \$1,547.00

A motion approving purchase of 4 picnic tables and a grill

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

The last item for discussion was the status of the Old Gravel Pike Bridge. As a follow up to the July Work Shop Meeting Ms. Twardowski has composed a letter to county basically stating that the supervisors feel that it is a historic structure and should be refurbished. Mr. Keenan suggested adding a photo of the bridge with the letter as new commissioners may not be aware of its condition. The supervisors reviewed the letter and agreed to have it mailed.

With nothing further to report Ms. Twardowski requested an executive session following the meeting to discuss personal.

Public Comment and General Information

1. Ms. Joan Schmitt, Silverbrook Dr. – noted that the concert in the park is Thursday at 7:00pm at Coble Park. Chestnut Grove will be performing again this year. The rain date is next Thursday.
2. Mr. Yoder related that 2 picnic tables that were close to the creek have been moved up under the walnut trees. He then related that the sidewalk project submitted to county was denied but they encouraged the township to resubmit. The township will resubmit after having engineering details in place. County approval will mean that there will be a walk able area from the Perkiomen Trail across Spring Mount Road up the north side to Perkiomen Avenue. At this point there will no longer be sidewalk. Turning onto Marion Street will lead to the rain garden area across to Spring Mount Townhome development and onto sidewalk. He then talked about an article he read regarding the project at Seitz and Plank roads.
3. Carol Withers, Main Street – voiced concern about the speeding on Main Street and suggested having 25MPH painted on the road, electronic MPH sign and speed bumps.
Response – Mr. Yoder agreed that people are speeding. He did not have an answer but suggested more police visibility. Ms. Wither related that police could sit in her driveway.
4. Mr. Ernie Schmitt questioned who put the small slow down signs on Zieglerville Road
Response – Mr. Bob Burns

5. Ms. Gilliano questioned having a speed limit if it cannot be enforced

Response- there is certain criteria that the police have to meet in order for a speeding ticket to be upheld in court Mr. Yoder related that he will discuss this with Chief Maxey. Ms. Twardowski suggested reaching out to the State Police to use radar gun in the area.

6. Janet Ragusa, Schwenk Road – Questioned the metal plate that was on Zieglerville Road

Response – it is a culvert that failed and is going to be replaced. Pieces have been ordered and Zieglerville Road will be closed while the work is being done.

A motion to adjourn the meeting – Mr. Yoder
Meeting Adjourned.

Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood