

## LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2016

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. He then advised that an executive session be held after this meeting to discuss personnel.

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

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

A Public Hearing was held on a conditional use application filed by Sacks & Sons Inc. for the former Bergey Car dealership property in Zieglerville.

A motion to approve the Conditional Use  
Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood  
Mr. Sacks abstained from this vote.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

September 6, 2016 Regular Meeting –

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2016 Regular Meeting –  
Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood Approved – Mr. Sacks

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and pay all bills –  
Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood Approved – Mr. Sacks

### **Reports:**

#### Engineer

Ms. Schuehler reported that manhole lining work began today and over the next few days 13 sanitary sewer manholes will be cleaned and lined. Last week Ms. Schuehler presented to the board a feasibility evaluation for construction of sidewalk on the north side of Spring Mount Road to include Main Street and Perkiomen Ave., that information will be used by the township in a grant application for the Montco Implementation Grant program. The Township Public

Works Department successfully replaced a collapsed pipe in Zieglerville Road. The sewer treatment plant project is out for bidding, bids are due September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Solicitor

Reported by Tom Keenan. During the past month Mr. Keenan prepared for the conditional use hearing held this evening. His office reviewed some agricultural security area issues and the use of Upper Frederick Township's agricultural security area by farmers within Lower Frederick Township. He reviewed the Lower Frederick Township Use and Occupancy regulations, ordinances and checklists and compared them to other townships for township review. His office filed 56 sewer liens and discussed several issues with the township staff concerning the Melbourne Hill Project.

Tamara Twardowski issued reports on the following departments for August:

### Public Works

The public works department cleaned lift station and mowed parks and open spaces. Replaced a cross pike on Swamp Creek Road and also on Zieglerville Road, repaired the water service at the sewer treatment plant, serviced the emergency generators and also helped Upper Frederick with a project, Guide mark put down stop bars on the new chipped sealed roads and the township lines were also painted.

### Ambulance

The ambulance had 16 calls in Lower Frederick Township during the month and their year to date calls for Lower Frederick Township is 109. Those interested in an ambulance membership or has any questions can call Plymouth Ambulance at 610-277-2776 and ask for the billing department.

### Police

During the month of August there were 139 incidents requiring police assistance. Lower Frederick Township Police responded to 106 incidences, 33 were handled by the state police in their absence. There are copies of all those reports at the township if anybody wants further information or they can also find the information online.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission did meet during the month of August. There was a representative from Metropolitan Companies who has the Ragusa Tract under agreement. They were there to present the status of the development planning and also raise a couple issues that were brought to light by the Montgomery County Conservation District. They had some questions regarding sidewalks and impervious surface. Currently the plan show sidewalks on both sides of the road and they had talked with the planning commission to see if they would be amenable to sidewalks on just one side of the road because of some issues with the conservation district and new storm water requirements. Within the next couple months they anticipate being in with the Planning Commission to submit a revised plan. They also talked briefly about Sacks & Sons conditional use as well as the Old Gravel Pike Bridge. Mr. Smith, secretary of the Planning

Commission had been writing to the county and Representative Marcy Toepel to once again urge the county to do repairs to the Old Gravel Pike Bridge just to keep it from falling into the creek. It's in a deteriorating status and has been closed but it is a historic icon and many members of the community would like it stay as a historical site even thou it may never be used for traffic. They would like potentially see it open as a walking trail.

#### Park Board

The Park Board did not meet last night due to the Labor Day holiday but will most likely meet this coming Monday. The Concert in the Park last month was well attended. The next event will be the Fall Fest in Foy Park Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-3pm. There will be a moon bounce, hay ride, pumpkin painting and a band performance by "Dave loves Donna."

*Doris Swanson, Salford Station Road:* Has the township applied for a grant for the ambulance or fire company in available in Pennsylvania?

*Ms. Twardowski:* The township hasn't applied for any grants. Those departments typically apply for their own grants.

*Ernie Schmitt, 209 Silverbrook Dr.* – There's a section on Silverbrook Rd. in need of road mowing.

*Ms. Twardowski:* I will follow up with the Public Works Dept.

#### Manager

A motion to approve Resolution 16-33 to authorize execution of employment agreement with Chief Paul Maxey for 2017-2020.

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood Approved- Mr. Sacks

A motion to approve 2017 Municipal Minimum Obligation Resolution 16-34 in the amount of \$82,733 per year to the police pension fund.

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood Approved- Mr. Sacks

*Mr. Yoder comment:* We did enter into a 3-year contract with our officers that passed a few months ago. Police Chief has his own 4 year contract which covers him until 2020. The township has secured policing for the next 3-4 years and he would like to thank Tamara for negotiating on the townships behalf, keeping costs down and coming to a reasonable conclusion where both parties are satisfied. He also commented on the increase in police presence on Main Street in Spring Mount which is now a cut-thru due to the detour on Gravel Pike causing an increase in traffic. Attempts are being made to keep the traffic speed down along the detour route until the bridge re-opens.

*John Rose, Big Road:* Have our police expanded their patrolling area to include Schwenksville and if so does that have any effect on the contracts?

*Mr. Yoder:* No, the current contract includes policing Lower Frederick Township only at this time. We have made a proposal to Schwenksville to take them on and provide police protection, but that would not affect our contract with the officers.

Discussion with Mrs. Kenney, 46 Little Road, regarding an application fee she paid to Upper Frederick Township for the Agricultural Security Area Program resulting in:

A Motion to reimburse Upper Frederick Township \$1,455.60 contingent upon Upper Frederick Township refunding Mrs. Kenny's escrow of \$1,000 in full.

Motion- Mr. Yoder      Second- Mr. Kerwood      Approved: Terry Sacks

### Public Comment

*Ed Hill, Zieglerville Road:* Expressed concern of public safety with the increase in volume and fast moving traffic on Zieglerville Road and Main Street due to local construction on the bridges. Posted speed limit is 25mph, some residents along the road have posted signs to slow traffic down.

*Ms. Twardowski:* Our police have been consistently sitting on Zieglerville Road by the water tower and are writing tickets. We have reached out to the state regarding the use of radar however they don't have the ability at this point, they're understaffed as well. Our police don't have the ability to use radar. There's been legislation before the house and senate for the past 5 years at least allowing municipal officers to use radar but it keeps getting rejected or doesn't pass. Residents can reach out to their Representative or Senator Mensch to say they're in favor of this and would like them to vote to have it passed.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.