
**LIMERICK TOWNSHIP - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 24, 2009
9:00 A.M.**

A meeting of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, in the Public Meeting Room of the Limerick Township Municipal Building with Renee K. Chesler, Vice-Chairman, presiding.

Members Present: Supervisors Renee K. Chesler, Joseph St. Pedro, Kara Shuler, and Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr.

Members Absent: D. Elaine DeWan

Others Present: Daniel K. Kerr, Township Manager; Beth F. DiPrete, Asst. Twp. Mgr./Finance Director/Treasurer; and Martena Roshon, Director of Sewer Department and Community Planning.

Call To Order: Ms. Chesler called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and she led the pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Comments/Announcements

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED.

Yard & Leaf Waste Drop-Off Date: April 6, 2009 – 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Ms. Chesler announced that for the convenience of everyone, there will still be public comments on Agenda items at the beginning of the meetings as usual, and there will also be comments as the Agenda items are discussed, but the comments must remain on topic. Public Comments will still be heard at the end of the meeting as well.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Cathy Regan, 135 Sunny Brook Road, Limerick, said she would like to know about the bulk hydrogen peroxide. Is that for the sewer, and why do we use that? Is there a certain chemical balance that we use?

Ms. Roshon responded and explained that it is for odor control.

Bills List: Upon motion made by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Mr. Sperring, Bills List #6 for the period of 3/12/09 through 3/23/09 in the amount of \$211,235.50 was unanimously approved.

Ms. Regan asked for a breakdown on the legal fees from the Bills List.

A current Bills List was not available outside the meeting room.

Subdivision and Land Development

Extensions: **Upon motion made** by Mr. Sperring and seconded by Ms. Shuler, the following extensions to the 90-day review period were unanimously accepted:

- a. Hirschorn Tract Subdivision (#07-23): Extended to 6/29/09
- b. Sanatoga Springs (#08-14): Extended to 6/2/09

New Business

Authorization to Advertise – Bid for Purchase of Bulk Hydrogen Peroxide: Ms. Roshon explained that the One-Year Contract with Main Line Pool & Chemical whose contract expires May 31, 2009 must be re-bid. This solution is used for odor control at the pump stations and treatment plants.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to authorize the advertisement for bids for purchase of Bulk Hydrogen Peroxide. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Janet Stokes, 91 Souder Road, Royersford, had a question regarding the legal fees for Ballard Spahr Andrews on the Bills List from the last Board meeting. Why was the meeting switched from Thursday to Tuesday? Where would I find the payment for ??? firm? How often do we pay them and where would it show up?

Ms. Chesler explained that the Township is trying to obtain some Federal highway funding for roadways near the Power Plant and the Outlet Mall. This funding is only available every six (6) years.

Mr. Kerr explained that applications have been submitted through our representatives in Congress.

A discussion ensued regarding federal funding for Township roads/projects.

A comment was made regarding Supervisor salary donations.

Ms. Regan asked whether the Board members still feel the same regarding the recent cuts that were made in the Code Department and whether they would vote the same as they did 2 weeks ago.

A discussion ensued.

Ms. Stokes asked whether the engineering firm employees handling the Code Department work are working in-house or out of their own offices.

A discussion ensued.

Paul Chestnut, 355 Gerloff Road, asked the Board if they are comfortable with the numbers they were presented with? What is your knowledge to know whether the numbers you were given are correct?

A discussion ensued.

Alvin J. Regan, 581 Limerick Center Road, commented that the outsourcing of the Code Department was a blunt decision, and most of the time before a decision like that is made the information is analyzed extensively. Was anything else done to see if the road crew could be outsourced and also any Police Offices? Every department should be reviewed and outsourced if cheaper instead of just singling out one person or department.

Michele Chrisman, 688 North Limerick Road, asked what month and year did Administration begin looking at when compiling the figures for comparison?

Mr. Kerr responded and a discussion ensued.

Mr. Chestnut commented that the Code Department should exist without Building Permits because they are just a part of the operation. He feels that the safety of residents is at risk. He also ask if at the time Mr. Kerr was Director and Zoning Officer for Towamencin Township was there any testing or certification requirements needed to hold that position?

Ms. Stokes suggested that the Board take a look at what the cost savings would be if health insurance benefits were not offered to the Supervisors. If no one is taking it, why do we offer it?

Adjournment: There being no further business, **motion was made** by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 A.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel K. Kerr
Township Manager