
**LIMERICK TOWNSHIP - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC WORK SHOP MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, in the Public Meeting Room of the Limerick Township Municipal Building with Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr., Chairman, presiding.

Members Present: Supervisors Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr., Joseph St. Pedro, Kara Shuler, and Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr.

Members Absent: Supervisor D. Elaine DeWan

Others Present: Joseph J. McGrory, Esq., Township Solicitor; Daniel K. Kerr, Township Manager; Beth F. DiPrete, Asst. Twp. Mgr./Finance Director/Treasurer; William J. Albany, Chief of Police; Dennis E. Rumler, Fire Code Official/Emergency Management Coordinator; Martena Roshon, Director of Sewer Department and Community Planning; and Stuart L. Rosenthal, P.E., Sewer Engineer.

Call To Order: Mr. Sperring called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Comments/Announcements

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED.

Yard and Leaf Waste Drop-Off – Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at Limerick Twp. Public Works Facility

American Red Cross Blood Drive - Monday, September 20, 2010 from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the Township Building

Consideration of Minutes: Upon motion made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, the August 17, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes and the August 30, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Bills List: Upon motion made by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Ms. Shuler, Bills List #17 for the period of 8/14/10 through 9/03/10 in the amount of \$250,695.55 was unanimously approved.

CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS

Update – Sanatoga/Lower Pottsgrove Master Plan – Mr. Kerr explained that Limerick Township has some development issues and traffic issues that we have been working on before getting back into the combined effort with Lower Pottsgrove. Justin Keller of Simone Collins presented an update and reviewed various proposed land uses and the accompanying trip generations.

This all ties into the traffic trips and improvements that are planned for the Sanatoga/Delta Funding Project that we are seeking for the new ramps. The next step for this project is to review and finalize the Official Roadway Map and Trail Map. Ordinance revisions will be necessary to ensure that future development for this area doesn't exceed the acceptable levels. Thereafter a series of streetscapes will be developed along with building design guidelines to ensure that the new development that occurs has the right kind of look and feel for the Township. Mr. Kerr noted that everything is in line with the Comp Plan, Regional studies, and the traffic funding program that the Township is pursuing. A brief discussion ensued among the Supervisors. No action was taken.

Performance Food Centers – 59 Airport Road – Roger Altemose of Arthur A. Altemose Architect & Associates was present on behalf of Young & Hocker Partnership. He explained the proposal to build a two-story office in place of a one-story existing house used as an office for Performance Food Centers located at 59 Airport Road. The proposal includes adding some additional parking. Mr. Altemose questioned whether the Board would allow the submission of an abbreviated development plan for this project. A brief discussion ensued among the Board and Staff, and it was clarified that the owner is looking to expedite the process. The Board agreed to allow submission of a Preliminary/Final Plan.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

G&B Sheds (#10-05) – The Applicant requested to be removed from the Agenda this evening.

430 Linfield Trappe Road (#10-01) – Rob Lewis of Kaplin Stewart was present on behalf of the Applicant. He advised that the Applicant is proposing to construct a four-story hotel with an associated attached restaurant facility. He noted that the project previously received Preliminary Plan Approval. Since that time additional Zoning Relief has been obtained with regard to the basement and its impact on the floor area ratio. There are a few minor items that need to be cleaned up on the Plan prior to submission for signatures. Mr. Lewis requested that if the Board were to grant Final Approval this evening, the Motion reflect that the Applicant will construct the sidewalk out to Lewis Road but will be entitled to a credit for the cost as approved by the Township Engineer against any other fees being paid for waivers, or in lieu of other improvements. Mr. McGrory said he would prefer to calculate the credit amount now so it may be included in the Resolution. **Motion was made** by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Mr. Neafcy, to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare a Resolution for Board consideration at an upcoming meeting, to include the credit value for extension of the sidewalk. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Streetscape and Buffering Committee – Ms. Shuler requested that an announcement be made on the Township website and in the newspaper that the Township is searching for volunteers to form a Streetscape and Buffering Committee. Mr. Neafcy provided the following names of residents who are willing to volunteer their time and service on this newly formed committee: Rick Fidler, Bob Robinson, Marta Pecharo, Keith Daywalt, and Ralph Antonacci. Mr. Kerr explained that this committee will start working on streetscape standards in the areas within the Comp Plan identified as the growth areas i.e. Limerick Village, Lewis Road, and Sanatoga Area. There is also a desire to have the committee look at overall landscaping standards. A discussion ensued regarding the areas that this committee will cover and the frequency of their meetings. Mr. Neafcy volunteered to be the Board Liaison to the committee. **Motion was made** by Mr. Neafcy and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to appoint Rick Fidler, Bob Robinson, Marta Pecharo, Keith Daywalt, and Ralph Antonacci to the newly formed Streetscape and Buffering Committee, with Tom Neafcy as the Board Liaison. Motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that an announcement will be posted on the Township website and in The Mercury that the Township is searching for additional Volunteers for this committee.

Board Briefing – Emergency Management – Dennis E. Rumler, Fire Code Official/Emergency Management Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Emergency Preparedness and reviewing the procedures and chain of command should an emergency or disaster strike the Township.

Police Canine Program – Chief Albany provided information regarding the costs of obtaining a Police K-9, noting that a Grant is available through Homeland Security for a Bomb Detection K-9 only. It does not include a Drug Detection K-9. Training classes begin in January, 2011, but the Chief will need some direction from the Board prior to the approval of the 2011 Budget so that he can take the necessary preliminary steps during the next several weeks if the Board approves the Township's participation in this program. It was the consensus of the Board that Chief Albany should proceed with any necessary steps necessary to participate in the program.

2011 Budget Schedule – Mr. Kerr advised that internal Departmental Budget Meetings will be held between now and Mid-October. The Preliminary 2011 Budget will be adopted at the November 16th Board Meeting, and the Final 2011 Budget will be adopted at the December 21st Board Meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to hold a Public Workshop Meeting on a Saturday vs. weeknight meetings. Mr. Kerr will circulate potential dates for the Board to consider.

Sewer Maintenance Bond Release – Kennedy Mazda – Mr. Rosenthal advised that the final Maintenance Bond punch list inspection has been completed for the Kennedy Mazda project, and no outstanding punch list items have been observed related to the sanitary sewer system. Everything is in order for release of the Maintenance Bond. **Motion was made** by Mr. Neafcy and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve the release of the Sewer Maintenance Bond for Kennedy Mazda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Building – Schematic Design Proposal – **Motion was made** by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to approve KCBA’s proposal for preparation of a schematic design at a cost not to exceed \$4,250.00 for the Public Works Building Renovation. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Lorraine Schell, a realtor who lives in Montgomery Township but is also a homeowner in Limerick Township, asked the Board to stop the road and the further development behind the Fernwood Cemetery, noting the historic value of the cemetery which contains the bodies of Civil War Soldiers, and WW I and WW II soldiers, as well as the grave of George B. Luks, a famous artist. (She handed out copies of Mr. Luks’ obituary and a magazine article on him.) She has contacted the Philadelphia Museum of Art which has expressed an interest in educating the teachers of the Spring-Ford School District to pass on this historic information to the students, or to present an adult lecture. (Copies of Pennsylvania Laws Regarding Burial Practices and Cemeteries were passed around.) Ms. Schell questioned the meaning of “perpetual care” of the graves, noting that the paving of the roads within Fernwood Cemetery is a total disgrace. She questioned why sections of fencing are missing. According to the Laws, there should be a fund set up for perpetual care, and she questioned if Fernwood Cemetery has such a fund. A discussion ensued regarding the Township’s responsibility, if any, in the perpetual care of the cemetery. Mr. Kerr explained that the Township would only get involved if it becomes a public nuisance. Mr. McGrory advised Ms. Schell to send the Township a letter requesting to be notified whenever a proposal for a development is received for the area behind the cemetery. He also recommended that Ms. Schell contact Senator Rafferty for assistance regarding the issues pertaining to the perpetual care of Fernwood Cemetery.

Another resident who lives at 19 Steinmetz Road complained that she has been trying for a year and a half to get something done about the grass across the street from her property. She said she filled out two Complaint Forms with the Township and has not received a response. Mr. Rumler said he took pictures and passed the information along to the Township’s Code Enforcement Officer who sent a letter to the property owner. A brief discussion ensued, and Mr. Rumler said he will follow up on the matter.

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Adjournment: There being no further business, **motion was made** by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Ms. Shuler to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel K. Kerr
Township Manager