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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

James H. Raith
James P. Kelly
Sheri Perkins
Public Meetings
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month

MINUTES
Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors Public Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2017

The Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors held a Public Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at the Township Administration Building, Township Drive, Cheyney PA. Chairman Raith called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. with a salute to the flag.

PRESENT:
James H. Raith, Chairman
James P. Kelly, Vice Chairman
Sheri L. Perkins, Supervisor
Jeffrey Seagraves, Township Manager
Geoffrey Carbutt, Township Secretary
Lindsey Price, Roadmaster
Kenneth D. Kynett, Esq., Township Solicitor
Michael Ciocco, PE, Township Engineer
Charles Faulkner, PE, Township Sewer Engineer

Attendees: 34

Chairman Raith announced, that for the first time, the Board will be hosting two Jr. Supervisors this year. He thanked Amy Chessock and then introduced Danielle Berkowitz and Joseph Kephart to be sworn in by Judge Spiros Angelos. After the ceremony Judge Angelos wished everyone a Happy New Year congratulated everyone. Chairman Raith wished everyone a Happy New Year and then thanked JP, Sheri and everyone for their continued support. He then announced that the Board previously held a brief Executive Session this evening regarding legal matters.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS

On a motion by James Kelly, seconded by Sheri Perkins, and carried unanimously, the General Fund check register in the amount of $140,836.95, for the period December 8, 2016, through January 3, 2017, was approved. Chairman Raith called for comment. There was no comment.

On a motion by Sheri Perkins, seconded by James Kelly, and carried unanimously, the Sewer Fund check register in the amount of $44,464.53, for the period December 8, 2016, through January 3, 2017, was approved. Chairman Raith called for comment. There was no comment.

On a motion by James Kelly, seconded by Sheri Perkins, and carried unanimously, the Capital Improvement Fund check register in the amount of $3,683.99, for the period December 8, 2016, through January 3, 2017, was approved. Chairman Raith called for comment. There was no comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Sheri Perkins, seconded by James Kelly, and carried unanimously, the Wednesday, December 7, 2016 Public Meeting minutes were approved as presented. Chairman Raith called for public comment. There was no public comment.

BOARDS AND COMMISSSIONS

PARKS & RECREATION

Joe Burke wished everyone a Happy New Year and said he had nothing to report tonight. He then mentioned the upcoming Skyzone event and he mentioned the Easter Egg Hunt and he mentioned the Annual Dog Show. Sheri thanked Joe for a great Holiday Season. Joe then went on to mention the tree lighting and the train ride, which always sells out quickly, and that they were a great success this year. Somebody finally had to ask Joe to please wrap it up.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Ric Miller was not present.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jim Quinn, unlike Joe Burke, really did have nothing to report.

SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ted Jacquet wished everyone a Happy New Year and mentioned the Sewer Advisory Committee had nothing new to report tonight.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Rich White was not present.

LIBRARY BOARD

Jean Mackenzie was not present but her report was submitted.

JUNIOR SUPERVISORS

Chairman Raith introduced Junior Supervisors Danielle Berkowitz & Joseph Kephart. Joe reported that Rustin DECA, competed in the District competition held in Valley Forge. We had many first, second and third place winners, we also had many finalists as well. The students represented many business categories that involved Automotive Services all the way to Restaurant & Food Services. One of our vocalist students was selected to take part in the National Association for Music Education, which took place in Texas. We also had many students audition to partake in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association. The students that auditioned will be given the chance to compete for seats in the Region 6 Festival. With the holidays just behind us, our students helped out the Knights in Community Services food drive by bringing in non-perishable items that were donated to the Chester County Food Bank.

Danielle reported, Rustin students participated in many charitable acts to make the holidays great for everyone. One of the biggest events that occurred during December was

Rustinõs mini-thon that hosted a volleyball tournament, a large party with a DJ and games after school, and raised almost 4,000 dollars for children with cancer. Rustinõs help the homeless club held a successful mittens drive and all the mittens went to the Friends Association. Another club that got into the holiday spirit was SADD, students against destructive decisions, who held their annual giving tree fundraiser, which raised funds for suicide prevention activities at Rustin. Now that we are back to school, some students are preparing for the literature and biology keystones next week just before the end of the second marking period.

AGENDA ITEMS

Ken Kynett detailed the Mortgage Satisfaction action and the need to ratify that.

On a motion by James Kelly, seconded by Sheri Perkins, and carried unanimously, ratifying the Mortgage Satisfaction Piece for 66 Carter Road, Thornton, was approved. Chairman Raith called for comment. There was comment.

On a motion by Sheri Perkins, seconded by James Kelly, and carried unanimously, the extension granted on the Polnerow Land Development at 26 Westtown Road, extending the present action date from January 8, to April 8, 2017, was accepted. Chairman Raith called for comment. There was comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pete Haws of Station Road felt it very important to report a PennDot road sign was misspelled.

STAFF REPORTS

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT- Jeff Seagraves

The Managerõs report was submitted and is attached. Thanked the Board for reappointment. We have been in contact with Justin Ritter of the Pennsylvania Game Commission regarding the beaver dam that has been constructed in Barrettõs Meadow. We are continuing to monitor the water level that has continued to build as a result of the blockage of the tributary that leads from the tall Trees development. He stated that the animal will be relocated.
We have finalized all required documents for the dedication of Andover and anticipate recommending that the township take dedication of the public improvements at our next meeting. We are still working with both of the developers of Mill Creek and Greenbriar II to take dedication of those public improvements as well. We held a paint day for children on Tuesday December 27, 2016. There were 17 children that attended. We have an adult paint night scheduled for Thursday February 9, 2017 from 6 to 9:30 PM at Grace Winery.
We held a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday 12-21-16. We collected 23 pints of blood, bringing our total collected to over 100 pints though blood drives held in Thornbury Township. We have received three (3) nominations for the Mark Kelly Volunteer of the year award.
He mentioned working on scheduling a meeting of the committee so we will be prepared to make the presentation at the Volunteer Recognition dinner on February 12, 2017. We received notification from DEP of an assessment that resulted from a site visit in June of 2016. I am recommending that we acknowledge the consent, but not execute the agreement.

On a motion by James Kelly, seconded by Sheri Perkins, and carried unanimously, the acknowledgement of the consent letter from the PA DEP dated November 21, 2016, was approved. Chairman Raith called for comment. There was comment.

We recently held a Senior Holiday Dinner that was well attended. We have scheduled a complete cleaning of the EQ tank at the Sewage Treatment Plant. The work is scheduled for overnight on Thursday night. The work needs to be done when the flow is at a minimum. The grinder pump was replaced last week at Creek Road West, and the core will be returned by DELCORA. We are also scheduling the replacement of the Bar Screen for Mid-January. There was no comment on the Manager's report.

TOWNSHIP ROADMASTER'S REPORT – Lindsey Price

The Roadmaster's report was submitted and is attached. Lindsey thanked the Board for another year. He mentioned the work at Douglass Cottage and also the work being done on the Cobblestone's inlets. There was no comment on the Roadmaster's report.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Kenneth Kynett, Esq.

The Township Solicitor's Report was submitted and is attached. Ken thanked the Board for reappointment and mentioned, as it is his usual practice, Mr. Seagraves has already commented on most of the things that are in his report. Ken added that he is working on re-documenting the 53 Sweetwater Road agreement since the removal of the pond. There was no comment on the Solicitor's report.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER'S REPORT – MIKE CIOCCO, PE

The Township Engineer's Report was submitted and is attached. Mike mentioned working on the Andover Subdivision for next meeting. There was no comment on the Engineer's report.

TOWNSHIP SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT – Charles Faulkner, PE

The Township Sewer Engineer's Report was submitted and is attached. Chuck thanked the Board for reappointment, and mentioned Jeff and Mike have already touched on the items in his report. He then reported on the items needed at the treatment plant. There was no comment on the Sewer Engineer's report.

Chairman Raith reminded the audience about the VMDT Hearing Continuance on January 18th, right after the Work Session Meeting. He also mentioned this is our 5th year hosting the Jr. Supervisors Program and we are looking forward to working with Danielle and Joe. He then thanked and congratulated them both.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Carbutt, Township Secretary

cc: Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Kynett, Esq.
Jeffrey Seagraves, Township Manager