

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

6:00PM

December 22, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Witter – Chairman
Greg Richardson – Vice Chairman
Samuel Cressler – Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT

Carol Redding Esq. – Township Solicitor
Patrick Redding Esq. – Township Solicitor
Doug Shields – Code Enforcement
Maria Misner – Planning/Recording Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT

Seth Knorr – Hostetter Ave.
Galen Burkholder – New Chronicle
Bill Naugle – 870 Remington Dr.
Steve Wolfe – 8215 Scenic Dr.
Carl D. Bert - CBA

Chairman Witter called the meeting of December 22, 2015 to order at 6:00pm and announced the meeting was being recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

VISITOR REMARKS

There were no visitor remarks.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24th, 2015.

The minutes for November 24th, were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 Bonding - Samuel Cressler, stated that the preliminary budget was advertised appropriately and approved. There were no comments.

Steve Wolfe and Bill Naugle were present to request funds for Shippensburg Emergency Services stating Shippensburg EMS did put in a substation at Lurgan Avenue at the Township's request that created less response times for

Southampton Township. This did come at a cost for the ambulance service. Additionally, the ambulance service responds to support fire dispatches for which it is not compensated.

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to give the Shippensburg EMS \$2,000. Samuel Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

In order to balance the proposed budget, Supervisor Witter suggested taking the funds to support EMS from the road budget.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve the 2016 Final Budget as presented with the only change being to move \$2,000 from the road budget to the Shippensburg Area EMS. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2015-006 – Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement

Supervisor Cressler reported that this is a county-wide initiative to streamline cooperation between municipalities. Letterkenny and Lurgan Townships are already going through this process. It has been advertised as required.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve Ordinance 2015-005 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2015-007 CFJMA Fifth Amendment to Joint Agreement Increase to basic capacity.

MOTION: Supervisor Richardson moved to approve Ordinance 2015-007 CFJMA. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-010 Apply for TE-160 Traffic Signal Improvement

Supervisor Cressler stated that this is in regard to putting blinking lights in at the Orrstown/Thornwood Road Intersection. Solicitor Redding composed the Resolution which is the final item needed to file an application with PennDOT.

Supervisor Richardson questioned the language on the resolution and if it should be more specific than “Traffic Control Signal?”

Solicitor Redding stated that that is an umbrella term. This resolution authorizes the board to submit the permit. She suggested approving the resolution with the specific "TE-160 Application for Blinking Lights" and she will re-word it accordingly.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve Resolution 2015-10 to submit an application for blinking lights at the intersection of Thornwood Road with the change of referencing our TE-160 application. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Supervisor Witter asked Solicitor Redding if they could request the PennDOT traffic study that the Township required for Orrstown Road?

Solicitor Redding replied that they are entitled to see the data because it would be good to see that it was actually done and substantiates the outcome, as well as showing a baseline for potential future applications, as a comparison or to see what type of data they are looking for. She will contact PennDOT and request the data from the traffic study.

Stop Sign Ahead Request for Hostetter Road

Supervisor Cressler stated that the Township received a letter from Elaine Rothrock that she has concerns with Hostetter and is requesting a "Speed Limit", "Watch Children Playing" and "Stop Sign Ahead" signs.

Mr. Seth Knorr stated that he lives at the corner of Red Maple and Hostetter and works from his home. He stated that the bulk of the problem is people coming towards King Street that run the stop sign.

Supervisor Witter replied that they could do the Watch Children and Stop Ahead without a study. The Speed Limit sign would require a study, but it cannot be enforced because it is such a short distance from the previous sign. Reflective tape could be put on the stop signs, but he was not sure how much of a help it would be during the day.

Supervisor Richardson asked if anyone could draft a letter to the State Police to monitor the intersection?

Mr. Shields replied that he would.

Single Trash Hauler Report/Update

Supervisor Richardson has been investigating a single-trash hauler for the Township to lessen expenses to township residences.

MOTION: Supervisor Richardson moved to make a draft ordinance to go with a single trash hauler.

Steve Wolfe asked that the Supervisor's not proceed with this activity. He enjoys his freedoms and would like to choose the hauler of his choice.

Supervisor Richardson informed him that he can opt out of the agreement by signing a waiver and choose who he would like to be his hauler. A resident may decide not to participate by pledging to dispose of their trash responsibly.

Mr. Wolfe asked if there would be a cost to the Township?

Supervisor Richardson replied that the Township will receive a quarterly fee per resident to cover the cost of repairing and replacing cans. The cost for the residents is significantly less per quarter.

Mr. Carl Bert agreed with Mr. Wolfe and questioned the Township taking on a responsibility they were not required to do, creating "big government" to which he is opposed.

Supervisor Witter stated that when this subject came up previously, he agreed with Wolfe and Bert, but the opt-out feature still gives people some freedom. He needs to read exactly what the MOU will say before he makes a decision. He said the savings is \$20 a quarter which makes good sense financially for the residents.

Solicitor Patrick Redding stated that as long as there is an opt-out feature there is no legal requirement for residents to participate. It is not costing the township anything and gives the township more control over the collection.

Mr. Shields questioned limiting the possible collectors to just Southampton Cumberland, or will it be open to others?

Supervisor Richardson replied that going with Southampton Cumberland as a single trash hauler has been the only option that has been discussed.

There was discussion on whether Solicitor Redding should create a draft Ordinance and Memorandum of Understanding prior to a public meeting or wait until after all comments are in.

Solicitor Carol Redding suggested having the public hearing first, to outline it for the public, have comment on it and make decisions on how to proceed.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to have a public meeting at 5:30 on January 26th. Samuel Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Samuel Cressler moved to have the Solicitor look at the MOU and Ordinance and get with Supervisor Richardson on preparing the information for the public meeting to go with Southampton Cumberland for a single trash hauler. Supervisor Witter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISIONS

SD 2015-022 James & Ella Leid – Final Subdivision

Maria Misner said this subdivision was withdrawn the previous month and resubmitted because one of the property owner's sheds was across the property line. This plan was resubmitted with all the accessory structures on the appropriate properties. All comments have been satisfied.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve the Non-Building Waiver. Paul Witter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to approve the Final Subdivision Plan for SD2015-022 James & Ella Leid. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SD 2015-018 CVRDC Subdivision Plan

Mr. Carl Bert was present to discuss previous easements on the plan. He stated that the title company is taking issue with the easements shown on previous versions of the plan. They have requested a note on the plan saying this plan supersedes all previous plans. They also want all blanket easements properly identified.

Mr. Bert stated that they are trying to resolve the issue by the middle of January and are concerned that waiting until the Board of Supervisor's meeting on January 26th may be a problem for them.

MOTION: Samuel Cressler moved to advertise for the Organizational meeting on January 4th at 4:00, and for another Board of Supervisor's Meeting on January 12th at 4:00 to review this issue as well as any other outstanding items. Paul Witter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

US Xpress – Driveway Bond Release Plans –

Maria Misner stated that she has received a letter from Ryan Clark stating that he has no reservations about releasing the bond for US Xpress.

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to release the US Xpress Bond. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Solicitor Redding stated that the PSATS annual fee of \$250 for solicitors is due. She finds it very valuable for keeping up on township information.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve the 2016 PSATS fee for solicitors. Supervisor Witter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Maria Misner – Matrix Development, Lot 6 Stormwater Agreement Condition –
Maria reported that one of the conditions for Lot 6 was a Stormwater Agreement, which Solicitor Carol Redding has reviewed and finds satisfactory.

ACTION ON PAYING BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$49,695.96. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Witter at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner
Recording Secretary