

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

6:00PM

August 25th, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

VISITORS PRESENT

Melvin Wadlinger – Resident
Galen Burkholder – News Chronicle
Mark Richardson – Resident
Wendy Sailor – Chambersburg
Nancy Richardson – Resident
Jerry Richardson – Resident
Michael Wadel – Newswanger Waiver Request
Kevin Snider – Resident

Chairman Witter called the meeting of August 25th, 2015 to order at 6:00pm and announced the meeting was being recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

VISITOR REMARKS

Mr. Mark Richardson asked if a truck driving school, or truck terminal fell under retail commercial and light commercial zoning.

Mr. Shields replied that under permitted uses, retail business, business services and personal services, not a truck terminal.

Mr. Richardson described a trucking problem that was occurring that sounded like a trucking terminal. He asked that signs be placed or State Police monitor the situation.

Mr. Jerry Richardson stated that he has a problem with the Township's solicitor attending the meetings though Skype and not physically being in attendance.

Kevin Snider asked the supervisors to put enough money into the budget in 2016 to take care of the hump in Mount Rock Road. He got a petition and signatures. It is especially bad on Sundays with the buggies when people drive out around them. It is very dangerous. He would rather the roads be fixed than the supervisors have a surplus in the bank.

Mr. Snider also added that he thinks the supervisors should have more than one meeting a month.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 28TH, 2015.

There was a correction on date for the previous meeting minutes as well as finalizing a motion that Supervisor Richardson made for the Park & Recreation Budget that was seconded by Samuel Cressler and approved by all. The minutes were then approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Proctor & Gamble Lighting

Doug Shields – Code Enforcement Officer – Talked with Mr. Alderman from Liberty Property Trust regarding the shrouds, they should begin installation within a week or so.

Park & Recreation Funding

Samuel Cressler stated that the Borough of Shippensburg voted to give Park & Rec. \$5,000 now and \$5,000 in September. The previous motion died because they didn't match the Township's conditional \$25,000 match offer.

Supervisor Richardson stated that he wanted to give Park & Rec \$25,000 but as long as the Borough does the same. He would like Park & Rec. to thrive, not to have to operate on a shoestring budget, but to do it fairly as previously agreed upon.

Supervisor Witter asked if they shouldn't at least match what the Borough offered?

Supervisor Richardson stated that he didn't think it would be enough.

Samuel Cressler stated that he has already given Park & Rec. two bills and is willing to match the borough. Some of this money is going to set up an office and to get a decent facility. It will help to entice a new director.

MOTION: Samuel Cressler stated that in the spirit of attempted cooperation, he moved to match the borough's \$10,000. Supervisor Witter seconded the motion, but would like to see more put in. The motion passed. Supervisor Richardson opposed.

Ordinance 2015-005 CFJMA Capacity

Solicitor Redding has researched previous agreements and felt this was just updating the usage rates and capacity. She had no concerns over this agreement.

MOTION: Supervisor Richardson moved to approve Ordinance 2015-005 CFJMA Capacity. Samuel Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resolution 2015-008 Comprehensive Plan

Maria Misner stated that the few minor revisions were printed out for their review. All of the necessary advertising and meetings have been completed as required. This is the final step.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve Resolution 2015-008 adopting the Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Township Fall Fest, Friday, October 30th

Maria Misner requested \$500 for Fall Fest. It has been very successful and has gotten bigger each year.

MOTION: Supervisor Richardson moved to approve \$500 to be spent on Fall Fest held on October 30th. Supervisor Witter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

“No Truck Signs” – Supervisor Richardson stated that he realized a problem on Lindsay Lot Road with UPS or other large vehicles being confused by the “No Trucks Signs.” He requested that the township add, “Except for Local Deliveries.” Supervisor Witter stated that he can simply get those signs. No motion necessary.

Insurance Renewal – Supervisor Cressler reported that Bell Insurance had a 4.76% reduction for insurance. This is for Property, Auto, Liability and Worker’s Comp. Supervisor Cressler did not seek other carriers because the cost went down. This policy is two years old.

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to renew the policy this year, but do some shopping for next year. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Orrstown CD Matures

Samuel Cressler stated that a company by the name of Genworth has a fixed annuity that has a principle guarantee and guarantees 6.15% for the first year, 3.65% the second, and then float at 1% or more for the remainder of the six year term with no penalty, but you can draw after one year with a penalty.

MOTION: Supervisor Richardson moved to put \$300,000 into Genworth. Supervisor Witter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Healthcare for Elected Officials

Supervisor Richardson submitted a letter to the Township stating he was losing his insurance through his wife's employer and wished to request enrollment in the Southampton Township's group health insurance that the other two supervisors receive.

Supervisor Cressler stated that he has not been provided insurance as a supervisor in the 17 or 18 years that he has been a supervisor. Nor has he ever asked as a supervisor to be on the Township healthcare.

Supervisor Witter stated that he has not either.

Supervisor Richardson disagreed with Mr. Cressler's statement. He felt that through the Second Class Township Code and an opinion by Solicitor Redding he should be enrolled.

Solicitor Redding stated that Supervisor Richardson has appropriately requested to be put on the Township Insurance. Now the Township needs to implement a policy indicating that elected, non-working supervisors would qualify for the Township Health Insurance Coverage. However, the Township Code is very clear that coverage would not be effective until the start of that Supervisor's next elected term.

Supervisor Richardson replied that he has hired his own attorney to validate or refute Mrs. Redding opinion as to whether or not he is eligible for benefits. Upon receipt of his findings coupled with having his current health benefits set to expire October 1st, he requested that the board be open to schedule a special meeting prior to the next board of supervisors meeting to address any possible inaccuracies. He continued that what he was initially advised was not what Mrs. Redding stated.

Supervisor Cressler stated he was open to a meeting and asked how Mr. Richardson wished to pursue this.

Supervisor Richardson added that he would leave his personal solicitor and the Township solicitors work out the details.

Solicitor Redding asked to clarify that the preliminary advisement was not from her.

Supervisor Richardson replied that his preliminary advisement was from third council. He felt the Second Class Township Code was clear, but the direction should be with the attorneys.

Solicitor Redding stated Mr. Richardson has made a request consistent with the code for the Township to implement a policy. It is now up to the Supervisors to choose whether or not to implement a policy granting insurance to non-working supervisors.

Mel Wadlinger commented that he has read the Township Code and didn't know if the township had the authority to go above what's provided in the Second Class Township Code. It says specifically that "elected supervisors may participate in the plan currently offered the employees of the township, if they notify the township of their intent to do so before the start of their term." He didn't feel the Supervisors could say they do or don't want a policy. It is a right written into the law. He didn't feel the law could be changed with a policy. He felt it was a mute issue.

Solicitor Redding disagreed. The Second Class Township Code provides that the Township "may" have a policy that elected supervisors be covered. It is a "may", it is not "shall."

MOTION: Samuel Cressler moved to table a decision to implement a policy regarding elected supervisors getting health insurance until the September meeting when they can have more information. Supervisor Witter seconded the motion which passed. Supervisor Richardson abstained.

West End Fire and Rescue Software Request

The township received a letter from WEFR stating that they are purchasing a software package that reports calls and also maps routes, saving time. They are requesting \$2,732 which includes the cost of the software and the first year of maintenance.

Supervisor Richardson stated that he would be more inclined to entertain such a request if someone from WEFR was present at the meeting.

Doug Shields stated that as EMC of the Township he highly recommends the software, it is very valuable and well worth it.

Mr. Jerry Richardson asked if Southampton Township was the only township that would benefit from this?

Doug Shields replied that Green Township already bought it for Station 4 in Chambersburg, their primary partner. This would benefit Southampton Township because it is a Franklin County effort. It would benefit all of Franklin County.

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved that Southampton Township pay for the software and the first annual maintenance fee. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Notice of Intent with Building Code Inspection Vendor

Supervisor Cressler stated that a few months ago they put Commonwealth Code on notice that they may be making some changes. The 90-days will be up in September. No action.

Doug Shields asked if someone was interested in becoming an Inspection Agency for the Township should they just come to a meeting or contact the Board?

Supervisor Cressler stated that they should come to a meeting, but should also submit a letter and/or literature prior to that so the board can prepare.

SUBDIVISION

SD2015-015 Raymond & Lucy Newswanger – Stormwater Waiver Request Section 906.2

Mike Wadel was present to explain the plan, indicating that Newswangers wanted to remove three smaller outbuildings and replace it with an equipment shed, connect it with gravel to the farm lane and also put up a high-tunnel. It is a net increase of 4,260 sq ft. He demonstrated the runoff leaves the area it goes across pasture area and runs into a drainage swale along two residential properties and then back onto the Newswanger property.

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to approve the Stormwater Waiver Request Section 906.2 for SD2015-015 Raymond & Lucy Newswanger. Samuel Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

US Xpress Cashier's Check Expiration Notice

Maria Misner – Planning – Reported that the Township is holding a cashier's check that is due to expire for US Xpress. She has contacted their engineer and told them if they want it reduced or released they would need an as-built approved by Martin & Martin. At the next meeting action will need to be taken on it.

E-waste Collection

Maria stated she was contacted by an e-waste recycling company who was interested in doing an electronics recycling event for the Township, but they wanted 20,000 pounds to make it worth their while. The Township only collected 7,000 pounds at the last bulky trash days. A decision needs to be made because of bulky trash days coming up quickly and the newsletter going out soon. She would like to do a community-wide event to generate enough tonnage. It could be done in coordination with Bulky Trash or on a separate date.

Without any firm commitments from the Recycling Company, and with such a short time-frame, it was decided that it would be best to try to coordinate with other municipalities and hold a separate community-wide e-waste collection

event at a separate date from bulky trash and not collect any electronic items at the October 2nd and 3rd bulky trash days.

Doug Shields – Code Enforcement Office requested that he and Maria attend a Latest Developments in Land Use. It is a two-hour free information session on September 24th.

MOTION: Paul Witter moved to send Doug and Maria to the Information Session on Land Use. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

New Fencing

Supervisor Witter said the fence is rusting near the building and a gate is needed for election days. Perry Fence estimated \$2,680 for 140 feet of fence with a gate installed, all galvanized.

MOTION: Supervisor Richardson moved to approve replacing the fence at a cost of \$2,680. Paul Witter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Replace Door Building 2

Supervisor Witter stated that there is a bad door on Building 2. They had trouble getting in and out with the trucks. They can't get parts for it any more. Cumberland Garage Door estimated \$2,561 to replace it.

MOTION: Samuel Cressler moved to replace the garage door at a cost of \$2,561. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Bid on Auction Trucks

Supervisor Witter said that the truck fleet is getting fairly old, but he is not in favor of getting new trucks because of the expense and problems with them. Franklin County has two trucks being auctioned off. They are both Internationals. It would be nice to have a spare because ours are getting older. He asked that they set a price limit.

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to set a high bid of \$15,000 if they are acceptable. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ACTION ON PAYING THE BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Richardson made a motion to pay the general fund in the amount of \$58,460.72. Supervisor Witter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Witter at 7:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner
Recording Secretary