

**LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP of LEHIGH COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard Harris called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m. Present were Supervisors Donna Wright and William Roy. Also present were Township Manager Ellen Koplin; Township Solicitor Emil Kantra; Police Chief John Dondero and approximately 15 others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Public comments were accepted throughout the meeting.

Regular Business:

MOTION was made by Roy to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Wright seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

MOTION was made by Wright to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2010 Board of Supervisors Workshop with a change to the second page, first section under Emergency Generator Maintenance as follows: "*A \$1,564.24 proposal was*" Roy seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

Harris announced an Executive Session held February 16, 2010 regarding personnel issues.

MOTION was made by Wright to accept the Treasurers Report as of January 31, 2010 as follows:

- General Fund \$280,860
- Sewer Fund 870
- Fire Fund 97,548
- Capital Reserve Fund 177,722
- Road Projects Fund 352,175
- State Liquid Fuels Tax Account 35,310
- Developer Escrows (Non Twp. Funds) 40,133

Roy seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

MOTION was made by Wright to pay the February 2010 bills. Roy seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

Police Business:

The Police Reports were made available to the public.

Public Works Business:

The Public Works Report was made available to the public.

A member of the audience mentioned that pot holes need to be repaired on Chestnut Hill Church Road.

Wright announced that PENNDOT closed Spinnerstown Road from Plover to Limeport Pike for work to be done on the bridge.

Zoning Business:

The Zoning Report was made available to the public.

Manager's Business:

Manager's report was made available to the public.

Wright announced that PPL has donated \$3,000 and Fitzpatrick, Lentz & Bubba donated \$1,000 toward the Lower Milford Community Park in response to letters sent by the Recreation and Open Space Board asking for contributions.

Subdivisions/Land Developments:

There were no new Subdivisions or Land Developments. There was no action due.

Fire Co. Report:

The Fire Co. report was made available to the public

Tom Foulke of the Fire Co. commented on the report.

Library Report:

The Library meeting was cancelled, so no report was available.

Harris explained the purpose of the Lehigh County Tax Collection Committee Update

Old Business:

MOTION was made by Roy to adopt Resolution 2010-5 adopting the Earned Income Tax Appeals Procedure. Wright seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

MOTION was made by Wright to adopt Ordinance No. 116 regulating Sewerage System Connections. Roy seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

The new Fee Schedule and the changes were reviewed.

MOTION was made by Roy to adopt Resolution 2010-6 establishing the 2010 Fee Schedule. Wright seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

MOTION was made by Roy to adopt Resolution 2010-7 establishing the Historical Commission. Harris seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

MOTION was made by Harris to appoint Lowell Linde to a one year term on the Historical Commission. Roy seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

MOTION was made by Roy to appoint Linda Fetzer to a two year term on the Historical Commission. Harris seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

MOTION was made by Harris to appoint Danelle Roy to a three year term on the Historical Commission. Wright seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

Jean Schoch asked if those were the only three interested in the position. Wright said they were the only ones that expressed an interest.

Wright said the Lower Milford Recreation and Open Space Plan needs to be reviewed so that the Board can proceed with adoption. The plan will be on the March workshop agenda.

New Business:

Since there is no longer a need for Ordinance No. 83 Escrow Funding for Curative Amendments, it must be repealed by ordinance. The new fee schedule allows for a per meeting fee rather than an escrow.

MOTION was made by Harris to authorize advertising to repeal Ordinance No. 83. Roy seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

MOTION was made by Roy to ratify a snow Declaration of Emergency (declared 2/11/10). Harris seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

Wright announced Storm Water materials available on the back table in order to fulfill municipal public education requirements.

Correspondence:

Southern Lehigh Public Library agenda, minutes and reports were available

Announcements:

Lower Milford Community Park donations: \$3,000 from PPL

\$1,000 from Fitzpatrick, Lentz and Bubba

Koplin announced that we can now look into the Green Future Fund now that we have a park plan which can be used for construction. Approximately \$115,000 is sitting there to be utilized.

Officer Dondero gave an update on the QRS vehicle which should arrive in 6 – 8 weeks and answered questions. He explained that the QRS vehicle will be the main use police vehicle so an on duty trained officer will be able to answer to an EMS call as a first responder. Three officers will have training as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), the fourth officer is trained as a first responder and will receive EMT training in the near future.

Citizens Comments:

Marlene Shelly and Jean Schoch had questions on the check detail.

Charles Haas inquired about the new Zoning Ordinance, and asked why he was not notified of the re-zoning. Attorney Kantra explained that the township followed the correct procedure for advertising. Koplin said the Township also sent a notification to each resident prior to adopting the new ordinance upon the request of the Planning Commission.

Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Koplin
Township Secretary