

LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP of LEHIGH COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Acting Chair Donna Wright called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Present was Supervisor Arland Schantz; Chairman Richard Harris arrived later. Also present were Township Manager Ellen Koplin; Township Solicitor Emil Kantra; Public Works Director Richard Kinsey and approximately 12 others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Public comments were accepted throughout the meeting.

Regular Business:

MOTION was made by Schantz to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2009 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Wright seconded the motion. **Unanimous**

MOTION was made by Schantz to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2009 Board of Supervisors Workshop. Wright seconded the motion. **Unanimous**
Schantz asked for the meaning of the word "Much" concerning the change order.

MOTION was made by Wright to accept the Treasurers Report as of August 31, 2009 as follows:

• General Fund	\$551,619.00
• Sewer Fund	13,859.00
• Fire Fund	96,962.00
• Park & Rec. Donation Fund	8,255.00
• Park & Rec. Grant	24,000.00
• Capital Reserve Fund	176,893.00
• Road Projects Fund	350,240.00
• State Liquid Fuels Tax Account	58,269.00
• Developer Escrows (Non Twp. Funds)	44,363.00

Schantz seconded the motion.

Unanimous

MOTION was made by Schantz to pay the September 2009 bills. Wright 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.

Jean Schoch mentioned the fact that Allied Waste trash collection cancelled service to Scout Road residents because of the weight limitations. Wright suggested getting another contractor that may have trucks which would better navigate the roads.

Zoning Business:

The Zoning Report was made available to the public.

Manager's Business:

Manager's report was made available to the public.

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.

Library Report:

There was no report available.

Old Business:

A letter from Police Chief Dondero gave a range of donations given to the MERT Team from municipalities in the Lehigh Valley area ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
(Chairman Harris arrived)

MOTION was made by Schantz to contribute \$1,250 to MERT. Harris seconded the motion.
Unanimous

Schantz questioned the wording in the 9/3/09 minutes concerning the Engineering Agreement Change Order. It was clarified that Cowan Associates will be absorbing much of the cost but the Township will owe an additional \$28,000.

MOTION was made by Harris to accept the Engineering Agreement Change Order. Wright seconded the motion. 2 - Aye, 1- Nay (Schantz)
Motion Carried

New Business:

Wright gave an update on the progress of Lower Milford Community Park. The time to plant the trees and shrubbery was discussed. Kinsey will contact the nursery concerning November planting.

MOTION was made by Wright to authorize the expenditure of \$6,834.50 the estimated cost of trees for Lower Milford Community Park. Schantz seconded the motion.
Unanimous

If further discussion is required it will be discussed in the October workshop meeting.

A design for a sign, required by DCNR to be placed at the Lower Milford Community Park site acknowledging them as financial contributor, was discussed.

The Board considered an agreement for Brandywine Conservancy to prepare a Draft Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO), received in the amount of \$15,000. Kantra and Koplín explained the terms of the agreement.

It was agreed that a quote will be sought from Cowan Associates for reviewing the draft ordinance from an engineer's prospective.

Wright announced a letter received from the Commonwealth concerning the allocation from the Volunteer Fire Relief Association. A total of \$29,100.14 was received for the Lower Milford Fire Company. Ken Knapp explained the expenditures of the funds and that it is audited regularly.

The Marlborough Elementary School sent a request for sponsorship in the amount of \$150 for a Nature Walk fundraiser. I was decided to decline since it is out of the Southern Lehigh Area.

Schantz questioned the amount for solicitor and legal fees which is meeting its budgeted limit.

Koplin said that it was decided a couple of months ago to track the account and amend the 2009 budget at the end of the year.

Correspondence:

- Southern Lehigh Public Library
- Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Community Park
- Lehigh County Office of Solid Waste Management - Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Announcements:

- Fire Co. Truck Dedication and Chicken Barbeque - October 10 at 2 pm
- Special Election - September 29 at the Township Building - Polls open 7 am to 8 pm
- Fall Festival - September 26 - 10 am to 5 pm

Citizens Comments:

Schantz began a discussion on whether advertisements for political organizations should be allowed to be posted at the township and the difference between a non-profit and a political organization. The main thrust was concerning the Lower Milford Resident's Association.

Harris adjourned the meeting at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Koplin
Township Secretary