

North Coventry Township
Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Meeting
April 7, 2014

The meeting of the North Coventry Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 pm, April 7, 2014 at the Township Building, 845 South Hanover Street, Pottstown. Present were, Chairman Jim Marks, Vice-Chairman Spencer Claypoole, Supervisors Harvey Greenawalt, Rebekah Elliott and Richard Scheler; and Kevin Hennessey, Township Manager and Lawrence Sager, Solicitor.

Chairman Marks announced that the meeting was being moved to the NORCO Fire House since the room would be filled over capacity due to the Public Hearing on the TND Overlay Ordinance. He asked everyone to go directly there.

Chairman Marks called the meeting at the fire house back to order and began it with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then asked the other members if there were any objections to moving the possible adoption of the Resolution to apply for DCNR Grant funding for the Boyer Tract and also asked that the Public Comment be moved to the end of the meeting. There were no objections or comments from the board members.

Chairman Marks asked if there were any corrections to the March 24, 2014 meeting minutes and there were none. **Vice-Chairman Claypoole made a motion to approve the March 24, 2014 minutes and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Scheler and unanimously carried.**

Chairman Marks asked if there were any questions from the board or the audience on the bills totaling \$87,422.47 and there were none. **Supervisor Scheler moved to approve payment of the bills totaling \$87,422.47 and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Greenawalt and unanimously carried.** There were no comments.

Developer Bills

- There was no comment on the developer bills.

Hearing for TND Overlay Ordinance

- Chairman Marks explained to the audience that the board is holding a number of hearings on different Ordinance. He said the first one will be on the TND Overlay; the second on the Official Map; and the third involves changes to the Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development as a result of our consolidating the stormwater provision in Chapter 194 of our Code. The Chairman said that the Court Reporter would take minutes during these hearings and said that for the record, the Ordinance Amendment has been duly advertised according to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code; it has been sent to the County Planning Commission for review and has been returned with their recommendation to adopt it. He said it was also sent to the Chester County Law Library. The Chairman said that the township has posted 50 signs across the 3 TND Districts to give adequate notice of our intended action here tonight as well as sending a notice to the property owners affected. He introduced Nanci Sarcenillo, who has been the lead planner working with LTL, the township's engineering firm

so that she could give a brief presentation on the proposal. He asked that the board and the audience ask questions or voice concerns after Ms. Sarcenillo's presentation is complete.

- The court reporter's transcribed minutes are duly noted to be an official part of these minutes.

Subdivision, Land Development and Conditional Use

- The Chairman said there was nothing to discuss.

Resolution to Apply for DCNR Grant Funding – Boyer Tract

- Chairman Marks said that the township is applying for a DCNR Grant to help fund the purchase of the 5-acre Boyer Tract and asked if the board had any questions; there were none. **Supervisor Greenawalt moved to adopt the Resolution to apply for the grant and name the Township Manager as the contact person. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Scheler and unanimously carried.** There were no comments.

Department Head Reports

- The Chairman asked if there were any questions or comments on the reports and there were none.

Administration

Action Item List - There were no comments on this list.

Checklist

- Township Manager Hennessey said he will be asking for approval on the PMRS Agreements for both uniform and non-uniform employees at the April 28th meeting. He explained that the agreements had been re-written in order to comply with IRS regulations and that currently, the Solicitor was reviewing the non-uniform agreement.
- Mr. Hennessey said that there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the South Pottstown Basketball Court on April 26th at 1 pm to celebrate the \$10,000 grant from the Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation. Mr. Hennessey said the courts are located near the township boat ramp.
- Township Manager Hennessey said the PA Regional Coordinator position is being advertised and that North Coventry is one of six municipalities involved. He said that the Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation will subsidize one-half of the salary and then the costs to the municipalities is zero the 1st year, \$625 for year 2, \$1,250 for year 3, and \$2,500 for year 4, with a maximum of \$5,000. Mr. Hennessey said the board will budget for this next year and the opportunity will allow for the Coordinator to help with grant writing for North Coventry.
- Mr. Hennessey explained that Roadmaster McKee qualified for the 1% bonus but has asked that he be permitted to take it in time off rather than money, which equates to 20.8 hours. **Supervisor Greenawalt made a motion to allow Mr. McKee to take the 20.8 hours off instead of receiving monetary pay, with the understanding that the time cannot accumulate or carryover, and that this time off be pre-approved by the Township Manager. Supervisor Scheler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.**
- The Township Manager reminded everyone that Road Tour was set for Tuesday morning, April 8th, beginning at 7:30 am at Sam's Diner.
- Supervisors Elliott, Scheler and Greenawalt had nothing for the checklist.
- Vice-Chairman Claypoole said he had nothing for the checklist.

- Solicitor Sager said he had read LTL's review of the preliminary plan on Fairway Farm and LTL has raised an issue on the intersection and the traffic issues. He asked if the board is taking the position to give LTL direction or let East Coventry take the lead? The Township Manager said that the traffic engineer has not yet submitted their review, but that McMahon Associates, North Coventry's traffic engineer is also East Coventry's, and he suggested not giving North Coventry's piece to East Coventry. Mr. Sager said that he would notify LTL to same.
- Mr. Sager said that PennDot has put an estimated condemnation cost of \$5,000 on the property along River Road.

Public Comment

- David Scandle, Chairman of the Board of Directors for NORCO Fire Company said that the fire company has a sign out front on Route 724 that advertises the various functions occurring at the fire house each month and that they have realized, especially with all the bad weather this winter, it is very difficult to get a ladder out there and change the letters by hand. He said that even though he was aware that the township ordinance does not permit electronic signs, he asked if the fire company could get an 'exemption' to the ordinance. The Township Manager said there is no exemption and if the township wanted to, they would have to amend the ordinance to accommodate an electronic sign. The Chairman said he agreed with the Manager in that the board has no power to waive the ordinance for the fire company; it must go through the review and amendment process. Mr. Scandle said he would like this to proceed because of the safety issue changing the current sign. Vice-Chairman Claypoole said the township could review the ordinance and amend to make for certain allowances that are not in the current ordinance. The Chairman asked when the ordinance was adopted and Mr. Hennessey replied that he thought it was back in 2008. Chairman Marks explained that the reasoning behind the ordinance was to prevent electronic signs all over the township. Mark Flynn said the ordinance should be updated so that the township stays current with technology. **Vice-Chairman Claypoole made a motion to send the Sign Ordinance to the Planning Commission for review. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Greenawalt and it unanimously carried.** There were no other comments.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin F. Hennessey, Township Manager