

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
January 15, 2013
Approved special meeting/workshop minutes
6:30 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Makely, Chairman; Mark Toth, Vice Chairman; Chris Amentas, Member; Ed Porter, Member; Joe Pomorski, Member; Denise Miller, Township Secretary; Rosemary Moore, Township Treasurer.

Road department/storage – Mr. Makely stated that Tag, Public Works Director, asked the Board of Supervisors (“BOS”) if they could use the first garage stall for office storage. Mr. Toth asked Mrs. Miller if there are records that can and should be destroyed. Mrs. Miller replied “yes.” Mr. Toth asked Mrs. Miller to present a destruction list to the Board for destruction. Mrs. Miller explained that she was told to provide a destruction list to the Board in January 2012 and it was not approved. Mr. Toth stated that he will contact Toshiba to see if the township copier can scan to the Cloud System.

Township Cameras – Chief Porter stated that he received an estimate of \$10,000.00 to add five cameras in the township building and three in the police station, and two doors with a magnetic lock code, one for the township office and one for the police station. Chief Porter also stated that he will get a second and third estimate.

Voting location – Mr. Toth stated that the two political representatives have to make a request to Chester County Voters Services in order to change the township meeting room voting location. The Board agreed to send a letter to the two political representatives.

Mr. Amentas arrived at 6:40 PM.

Naming of Supervisor Liaisons – Mr. Amentas suggested that the “BOS” take a look at the role of the department liaisons and if employees should email the whole Board if they have something to discuss. Mr. Makely asked Mrs. Miller if “liaisons” are mandatory. Mrs. Miller replied that liaisons are primarily for the “liaison” to attend the committee meetings and report back to the other “BOS” with an update. Mr. Porter stated that the police liaison is mandatory per the police contract. Mr. Porter also stated that the three incidents that he was informed of, as the township liaison, were taken care of in a timely manner. After further Board discussion it was agreed to keep the liaisons the same as in 2012. Planning Commission, Chris Amentas and alternate Chris Makely; Library, Joe Pomorski; Historical Commission, Ed Porter and alternate Chris Makely; Emergency Services and Fire Marshal, Mark Toth; Financial Administration, Joe Pomorski; Trash and Recycling, Chris Amentas and alternate Mark Toth; Website, Joe Pomorski and alternate Mark Toth; Newsletter, Mark Toth and alternate Joe Pomorski; Park and Recreation, Joe Pomorski and alternate Chris Amentas; Police, Chris Makely and alternate Ed Porter; Public Works, Mark Toth and alternate Joe Pomorski; Township Office, Ed Porter and alternate Chris Makely.

MuniBilling – Mr. Makely directed Mrs. Miller to put “MuniBilling” on the February 12, 2013 workshop agenda.

Township Engineer – Mr. Makely stated that there were instances that occurred that the “BOS” were not happy about with the overlooking of Fieldstone Development (“Fieldstone”) basin being the major instance. Mr. Makely asked Chris Della Penna if he has any explanation on why the basin was overlooked. Mr. Della Penna replied that since 2001 over 1,000 homes were built and the issues that you are speaking to are in recent developments where builders either abandoned or ran out of money to finish the jobs. Mr. Della Penna also stated that he does not have the power or the authority to go to the builders and tell them to fix the homeowners complaints. Mr. Della Penna suggested holding building permits until problems are solved if that is allowed. Mr. Amentas stated that they need to review their assigned engineers and come down to a couple the whole board can review. Mr. Toth stated that all township services were put out to bid and price wise doesn’t see a reason to switch engineers. Mr. Makely suggested using one of the engineer applicants on the next project. Mr. Amentas disagreed because there was a reason why the bid was put out in the first place. Mr. Amentas stated, with no disrespect to Mr. Della Penna, the Providence Hill Development (“Providence Hill”) situation is emblematic of the overall problem with the township engineer services, and some of the Board members have a lack of confidence and have not adopted his opinion with regards to “Providence Hill.”

Mr. Porter stated that he hasn’t heard any indication towards the current township engineer that something has been wrong as far as following the plans that are put forth. Mr. Porter also stated that it was brought up about whether the direction of houses were changed and when he discussed this with a past supervisor he was told that you can turn a house as long as the plans are followed to a certain degree. Mr. Porter continued to state that with the amount of building in the township it has been a lot of work for a single engineer to handle, and the “BOS” controlled the zoning and at one point chose to have so many houses

put together that was bound to lead to so many problems in so many different ways. Mr. Della Penna asked Mr. Amentas if he feels he is not qualified. Mr. Amentas replied that if you are telling the "BOS" something the "BOS" should be adopting that, and when they didn't it suggested to him that they do not have confidence in your level of ability to ascertain whether or not what was proposed is a sound fix. Mr. Della Penna replied that you have to be confident in your consultants and if the "BOS" do not feel that he is confident then he should not be the township engineer. Mr. Toth replied that 60% of why he wanted to put the engineer position out to bid was for pricing. Mr. Makely asked Mr. Della Penna if there is a point where he would step up and say the plan is the way it is and was approved at the county level and built the way it is supposed to be. Mr. Della Penna replied "many times with the previous board." Mr. Porter suggested having a policy where the "BOS" asks the solicitor and engineer if all laws were followed and get their professional opinion. Mr. Della Penna replied that normally he works these types of issues out with the homeowner and the builder and they don't come before the Board. Mr. Della Penna also stated that drainage around a house is not something that the "BOS" should have to deal with.

Mr. Toth asked Mr. Della Penna if there are individual onsite stormwater management plans per lot. Mr. Della Penna replied that unless it's something like an infiltration basin on some of the lots. Mr. Toth stated that eventually all townships will have to have per lot stormwater management plans. The Board directed Mrs. Miller to put a vote to appoint an engineer on the February 26, 2013 agenda.

Mr. Porter asked the Board if they contacted any of their engineer firms. Mr. Pomorski replied that he received a high recommendation for URS. Mr. Amentas replied that he received high recommendations for Carroll Engineering and Pioni Engineering, but Pioni had a laid back reactive approach to matters, which is one thing that he doesn't like, and would like to see Mr. Della Penna be more of an advocate for the "BOS" and the residents. Mr. Della Penna replied that he omits the items that should not be released before the escrow release is presented to the "BOS."

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Makely made a motion to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:40 PM. Mr. Toth seconded.
Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Miller
Township Secretary