

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP MEETING
October 9, 2012
Approved workshop minutes
6:30 PM

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

Engineer bids – The Board picked two engineering bids each to review, contact references, and give a formal report at the October 23, BOS meeting. Mr. Amentas will review Pennoni and Associates and Carroll Engineering, Mr. Toth will review McCormick Taylor and LTL Consultants, Mr. Pomorski will review URS and Wilson Consulting Group, Mr. Porter will review Della Penna Engineering and ARRO, and Mr. Makely will review D.L. Howell and Boucher & James. Mr. Amentas asked Mr. Della Penna about his engineering billing. Mr. Della Penna replied that he bills most of his charges to the individual projects. Mr. Amentas stated that some issues to review are whether the engineering firm is located in Chester County, their references, and how long they worked at a municipality. Mr. Toth stated that there are positives in the larger firms.

ARRO Consulting –Bradley Smith and Freddy Lutz presented a proposal from their company for the Board to review, and offered to provide a proposal, free of charge, for Mr. Richardson, 315 Providence Hill Road, and Ms. Cassidy's, 311 Providence Hill Road property in the Providence Hill Development. Mr. Amentas asked for a more detailed proposal in writing.

Rouse Chamberlin ("Rouse") – Steve Gallo presented the Board with their engineer letter stating that their design was adequate to capture the flow of water shown on the video, presented by Mr. Richardson, regarding the September 18 storm event. Mr. Amentas asked Mr. Gallo where "Rouse" stands with Mr. Richardson's property. Lot #58 gave them their "sign off", lot #57 waived any work being done on their property, and lots #53, #55, and #56 have either retracted or given their permission to perform work. Mr. Gallo also stated that he met with Mr. Richardson on site, and attempted to address his concerns about the stormwater on the west side of his house, and how it would be handled by the system, with a more detailed grading plan. Mr. Richardson asked Mr. Gallo to add the details to his "Acknowledgement Release Form." Mr. Gallo stated that he has not heard back from Mr. Richardson since this form was submitted to him. Mr. Amentas stated that, in his opinion, the township's objective has to be to review and sign off on a plan that is acceptable, hopefully after ARRO's review of the properties combined with Mr. Della Penna's opinion. If the homeowners are not going to agree to approve the final plan then they are at an impasse, and the township has no choice but to give "Rouse" their money because at that point the township would have a plan that the township has approved. Mr. Gallo asked the Board what their concerns are that "Rouses's" professional engineer has not resolved. Mr. Amentas replied that their concerns are still filtered through the residents' concerns. Mr. Gallo stated that the development design included a rear yard swale that was to convey water from the top down to the bottom. A certain amount of water was to come out to the streets in between the houses, which is what they are trying to accomplish with a pipe conveyance system. Mr. Gallo also stated that "Rouse" stands ready to implement the proposed plan. Kevin Richardson spoke on behalf of himself and Ms. Cassidy. Mr. Richardson stated that the amount of water that ran through their back yards on September 18 was significantly worse than in February. Mr. Richardson also stated that Mr. Della Penna has acknowledged that the engineer calculations were based on a "100" year storm. Those drains also do not accommodate that volume of water. Mr. Richardson stated that the builder did not deliver what they paid for, therefore they will not be signing anything until they consult with their legal council on Sunday. Mr. Della Penna stated that "Rouse" has proposed a "fix" for all the lots that can be repaired independently. Mr. Amentas stated that if "Rouse" can't change the grading then they can't possibly solve the problem. Mr. Richardson asked Mr. Amentas if he would have to disclose that he had water in his basement if he ever sold his house. Mr. Amentas replied "yes you would."

Fieldstone Village update – Mr. Della Penna presented the Board with field report #0631 from June 18, 2007 where Jim Demchak of the Conservation District suggested that the seepage bed be removed in order to install the pump station. The intent was to have the sediment removed, construct the pump station, and once the site was stabilized, the seepage bed was to be installed. It was not installed because the developer ran into financial trouble. Mr. Della Penna also stated that the NPDES permit has been transferred to Longview Investments ("Longview") and Fei Xue, "Longview" representative, said that they will complete the needed improvements.

Kurowski & Wilson LLC ("K&W") Engineers – Mark Kurowski, representing "K&W", stated that he presented the Park and Recreation Commission ("P&RC") with their infiltration system, part of the stormwater management design, regarding the South Brandywine Middle School project. The "P&RC" raised some questions and concerns on how the line was to run through the park and asked "K&W" to present some less intrusive options. Mr. Kurowski stated that one option would be to run

down Strasburg and connect sewer down along Doe Run Road and connect to the existing system, or run further down and come up Buck Run Road. Mr. Kurowski asked the Board for direction on moving forward. Mr. Amentas asked Mr. Kurowski to be more specific on the impact to the park. Mr. Kurowski replied that two main concerns from the "P&RC" were that the pump station will look intrusive being outside the tree line and the impact in the wooded areas around the force main.

Mr. Kurowski stated that they always planned to put a vegetation screen around it. Mr. Kurowski also stated that he is afraid he is going to get three different ideas from all the committees. Mr. Amentas replied that ultimately the Planning Commission and the "P&RC" are advisory boards for the Board and they ultimately make the decisions. Mr. Porter asked Mr. Kurowski if he knows why the prior Board recommended going down Strasburg Road, and stated that if there was future development on Doe Run Road that would be a great location to service. Mr. Kurowski replied that he believes that one of the Board members liked the idea of that side of Strasburg Road but does not recall the specifics. Mr. Della Penna asked Mr. Kurowski to explain where the pump station will be in proximity to the dam and the basin in the Brook Crossing Development. Mr. Kurowski replied "close to the tree line."

York Waste – Mike Roberts stated that York Waste will start using a truck with a bigger hopper, if he can get one, so they can pick up larger cardboard.

Local Government Management Services L.L.C ("LGMS") – Mr. Amentas stated that he previously recommended hiring ("LGMS") to find the township some viable township manager candidates, and the Board will proceed from there. The Board agreed, with Mr. Porter having no comment.

Fee Schedule increases – Mrs. Miller asked the Board if she should proceed with the increases to the fee schedule made by Rob McLarnon, Code Official. Mr. Amentas would like to know why Mr. McLarnon specifically made the scrap yard license fee increase from \$100.00 to \$150.00 and inspections after hours, weekend, and or holidays from \$80.00 to \$125.00.

Set up first budget meeting – The Board set the first budget meeting for Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 5:30 PM with the township BOS meeting starting at 6:30 PM.

Coatesville Library donation – Mr. Toth stated that he would like to give the Coatesville Library a donation. Mr. Amentas replied that he would like to see where the township is financially first. Mr. Amentas asked Mrs. Moore for the status on the earned income tax. Mrs. Moore replied "it slowed down a lot and they are at 90% of their budget number."

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Amentas made a motion to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:37 PM. Mr. Toth seconded.
Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Miller
Township Secretary