

EAST PENNSBORO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 18, 2018

Regular Meeting

7:30 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the East Pennsboro Township Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community and Municipal Center, 98 S. Enola Drive, Enola, Pennsylvania.

Those present were: Commissioners – John Kuntzelman, President; George Tyson, Vice President; Kristy Magaro, Charles Gelb and Raymond Skip Magaro; John Pietropaoli, Township Manager; Lisa M. Coyne, Esquire, Township Solicitor; John B. Owen, Codes Enforcement Officer; Jared Hockenberry, Township Engineer; Dearan Quigley, Housing & Community Development; Mike Dobson, Parks Department; Andy Kirkessner, WWTP; Acting Chief Mark Green, Police Department; and Erik Owen, Fire Marshal.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A moment of silent meditation was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Kuntzelman noted for the record the board held an Executive Session before the start of the workshop for personnel issues and possible litigation.

III. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

President Kuntzelman stated in reference to the Summerdale property, the board has not heard anything, no zoning amendment or correspondence has been presented.

There was no other business from the floor.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

MOTION to approve Resolution no. 2018-09 of the Township of East Pennsboro, Cumberland County, supporting current House Bill No. 2148 and Senate Bill 251 to amend Title 44 (Law and Justice) and Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to lift the prohibition to allow radar enforcement systems by local law enforcement agencies, was made by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Ms. Magaro, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

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MOTION directing the township staff to draft and send a letter to Governor Tom Wolf requesting the consideration of the Village of West Fairview as a separate Keystone Opportunity Zone to help with invigorating reinvestment and attract the necessary redevelopment resources, was made by Ms. Magaro, seconded by Mr. Gelb, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

The board discussed the proposed 2018 roadway improvements per proposal from C.S. Davidson dated April 11, 2018, in the amount of \$31,000. Mr. Hockenberry noted the next step is design of the pavement preservation techniques for about 2 miles of roadway, with bidding and construction administrative assistance from C.S. Davidson. Mr. Skip Magaro asked to table this item until May so he could better review it and see if the money is in the budget.

MOTION to table authorization of the 2018 roadway improvements per proposal from C.S. Davidson dated April 11, 2018, in the amount of \$31,000 was made by Mr. Skip Magaro, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

Mr. Pietropaoli asked the board members to stop in and see Jared so they are ready to go for the May meeting. Mr. Skip Magaro noted which roads are indicated to be paved and suggested there are roads that are more neglected, such as a section of Magaro Road that is very bad from the park entrance to the top where the Adams farm is, as well as Third and Second Streets, and Belle Vista. He noted that Belle Vista has been talked about paving for 20 years. He believes there are roads that are not on the list that should be. Mr. Hockenberry noted if only the worst roads are paved the township will never catch up and the costs will be more significant than the costs put before the board now.

MOTION to approve the appointment of Eugene Assante of 817 Acri Road, Mechanicsburg, to the East Pennsboro Township Civil Service Commission as an alternate member, was made by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Ms. Magaro, and was carried by a majority of aye votes, with Mr. Gelb voting in the negative.

MOTION to approve the request from Cheryl Baker, 121 Brian Drive, Enola, Pennsylvania, to extend the unoccupied structure relief for trash service through third quarter 2018 due to a structure fire in August 2017, was made by Ms. Magaro, seconded by Mr. Gelb, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

The board reviewed the school district's recommended tax assessment appeal settlement. Ms. Coyne recapped that following the last meeting the board asked her to reach out to the school district to solicit from them additional information as far as their basis for recommended settlement amount for a tax assessment appeal relating to 225 Grandview Avenue. She received information such as a summary from the business office including the various experts they consulted with, as well as a review of the taxpayer's appraisal, which she provided to the board.

She reiterated that the original property was assessed for \$23.2 million. The property was purchased on November 8, 2016, for \$1.8 million. The property owner appealed, filed a tax assessment appeal seeking a reduction to \$5.3 million. The county board reduced the assessment from \$23.2 million to \$14.7 million, and the property owner appealed that. There have been negotiations with the school district and the county in the appeal in reaching an agreed settlement amount. The recommended proposal from the school district is for a \$7.5 million settlement for the assessment effective January 1, 2018, and moving forward.

President Kuntzelman noted the township has been hit in the last four years where it is losing hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Board of Commissioners is trying to get a working committee together with the school board to find out why they are so easily agreeing to have their property value reduced.

MOTION to approve the school district's recommended settlement of the tax assessment appeal regarding 225 Grandview Avenue, East Pennsboro Township, Tax Parcel no. 09-19592-037 for a current market value in the amount of \$7,500,000.00 effective January 1, 2018, and authorize Solicitor Coyne to execute the Stipulation and Joint Motion for an Agreed Order incorporating the recommended and approved terms of settlement, was made by Mr. Gelb, seconded by Mr. Tyson, with significant disgust and disappointment noted, and was carried by a majority of aye votes, with Mr. Skip Magaro and Mr. Kuntzelman voting in the negative.

MOTION to approve the bonfire request for Central Penn College for April 20 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., as recommended by the Township Fire Marshal, was made by Ms. Magaro, seconded by Mr. Gelb, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., was made by Ms. Magaro, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.