

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
March 23, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Township Council held on, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., in the Township Administration Building located at 27 North Pennell Road

Present: M. Amoroso, L. Bradshaw, S. Galloway, M. Kirchgasser, and N. Shropshire

B. Clark, J. Damico, Esquire, E. Janetka

1. OPENING

Chairman Mr. Kirchgasser called the meeting of the Council to order at 7:08 P.M., and led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He noted that an executive session took place prior to the meeting to discuss legal issues regarding a real estate matter and Township personnel issues.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bibianna Dussling, 76 War Admiral Drive, stated she was at the November meeting and was requesting an update regarding her concern for speeding in the Riddlewood neighborhood. Mr. Kirchgasser responded that this was going to be discussed later in the meeting. Ms. Dussling stated that she would withhold comments until that point.

3. REPORTS

A. CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Kirchgasser stated that the Township is aware of the abundance of potholes and that road crews are working to repair these areas. He commented that some of the roads in the Township are actually State roads and the Township is not permitted to repair them. He noted that portions of both Valley Road and Darlington Road are State roads. He emphasized that the Township is doing everything it can to address the road conditions; however, the State is responsible for repairing State roads.

B. MANAGER

Mr. Clark noted that there will be a PADOT pre-construction meeting on April 1st with the general contractor for the Rails to Trails project. He stated that this meeting would address the time frame for the project and that he would report more information following the meeting.

Mr. Clark also reported that the County is working on an open space and recreational plan and that the County Planning Department would be holding an informational meeting on March 30th at 6 PM. He informed the Public that they should contact the County office for more information.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Final Subdivision Plan—Coppock: 150-160 Orchard Lane

Mr. Clark explained that the applicant was requesting a minor subdivision for two properties owned by the same family, in which the driveway for Parcel 1 crosses through an easement over Parcel 2. This subdivision request is to move the common lot line to get the driveway completely on Parcel 1 without having to cross Parcel 2. Mr. Clark reported that the plan was reviewed by the County and the Township Planning Commission, and that it has been recommended for approval.

Mr. Clark noted that a Planning Commission member suggested one of the lots be deed restricted against further subdivision; however, the lot size for this lot already is subdividable and the lot line change would not allow an additional lot. He also reported that the Sewer Authority has put forth a condition of approval, requiring Parcel 2 to have a dedicated area for an onsite sewer system and seepage bed or to make connection to the public system in the future.

Mr. Janetka confirmed that Mr. Clark's summary sufficiently outlined the subdivision plan and engineer's comments. Mike Ciocco, engineer for Mr. and Mrs. Coppock, noted that his clients were agreeable to the engineer's comments, including the Sewer Authority's condition for approval.

Ms. Bradshaw motioned to approve the Final Subdivision Plan for 150-160 Orchard Lane. Ms. Amoroso seconded this motion and Resolution 2015-36 was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

B. Rt. 1/Rt. 452 Intersection—Improvement Analysis (Phase 2)

Mr. Kirchgasser stated that Al Federico and Mike Maguire of McCormick & Taylor were present to answer any questions or concerns regarding the Traffic Improvement Analysis for Rt. 1/Rt. 452. He stated that different options were presented to help relieve congestion at this intersection, and inquired what the next step of the process would be. Mr. Federico reported that PADOT's consultant is still considering extending the Rt. 1/Rt. 352 interchange upgrade to this part of Rt. 1; however, there has been no official update provided for this project. He emphasized that anything the Township could do to move this project forward should be done and indicated that

the proposal presented to Council would do further engineering analysis to refine the options previously outlined and allow the Township to identify a preferred design.

Ms. Amoroso asked how long before construction would begin. Mr. Federico responded that once the contract was executed to allow working on the expanded scope, it could still be 6-8 years before construction started. Mr. Shropshire asked if the Rt. 1/Rt. 452 project would begin upon the completion of the Rt. 352/Rt. 1 interchange upgrade. Mr. Maguire explained that this would theoretically be part of the same PADOT project and would hopefully be staged accordingly by the same contractor.

Kathleen Smith, 58 S. Pennell Road, reminded Council and the representatives of McCormick & Taylor that Rt. 452 is a residential road from Rt. 1 to Aston Township. She expressed that a double turn lane adding more traffic flow to S. Pennell Road would not make sense because of this and asked that the residential aspect of the road be considered throughout the planning process.

Joe Walls, 49 War Admiral Lane, asked how long the project would take once it started. Mr. Federico stated it was too soon to tell and that more information was needed to make a guess.

Ms. Bradshaw motioned to approve the Phase II Intersection Improvement Analysis. Mr. Galloway seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2015-37 unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

C. Council Committee Appointment

Mr. Kirchgasser reported that John Rayer resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board. He recommended the appointment of Jeff Koenig for this vacant position.

Mr. Galloway motioned to approve Jeff Koenig to the Zoning Hearing Board. Ms. Bradshaw seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2015-38 unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Shropshire motioned to amend the agenda to add Item 4CA: Introduction of Draft Ordinance for a Three-Way stop sign at Man of War Drive and War Admiral Lane. Mr. Galloway seconded this motion and Council approved amending the agenda unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

CA. Introduction of Draft Ordinance for a Three-Way Stop Sign at Man of War Drive and War Admiral Lane

Mr. Clark explained that there were concerns expressed about traffic flow at the intersection of Man of War Drive and War Admiral Lane and a request was made for a three-way stop sign for this location. He reported that Kelly & Close performed a study to see if a multi-way stop sign was permissible at this location. This study determined that a three-way stop sign was warranted under the Motor Vehicle Code. Mr. Clark stated that in order for this stop sign to be approved, an ordinance would first need to be introduced and advertised.

Mr. Galloway motioned to introduce the ordinance for approval of the three-way stop sign at the intersection of Man of War Drive and War Admiral Lane. Mr. Shropshire seconded this motion and Council approved introduction of the Ordinance unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Kirchgasser reported that the Ordinance would likely be adopted at the April 13, 2015 meeting and then the stop sign could be installed.

Ms. Dussling explained that the main concern for her and several neighbors was regarding speeding through the intersection and she felt that a stop sign would not be enough. She asked if any other ideas were considered. Mr. Shropshire reported that the State Police have been asked to increase traffic enforcement at this location once the signage is increased. He also expressed that Mr. Carlson was involved in this process and would stay on top of it. Ms. Dussling commented that 7 AM – 9AM was when the majority of non-local traffic speed through the neighborhood.

D. Approval of Bill List

Mr. Kirchgasser read aloud the bill list presented for Council's consideration for approval for payment.

Ms. Bradshaw moved that payments under the March 23, 2015 Bill List be authorized for payment by the Finance Department:

GENERAL FUND		
Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc	January Hydrant Rental	\$11,280.75
Riggins, Inc.	Diesel & Unleaded Fuel	\$7,878.35
A.J. Blosenski, Inc.	February Recycling & Yard	\$17,656.00

Waste

Total General Fund \$36,815.10

STATE AID

Oceanport, LLC Salt \$10,241.54

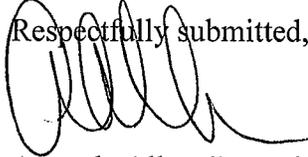
Morton Salt, Inc. Salt \$5,062.42

\$15,303.96

Ms. Amoroso seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2015-39 unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kirchgasser adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Allen, Recorder

