

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
March 24, 2014

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Township Council Held on, March 24, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., in the Township Administration Building located at 27 North Pennell Road

Present: M. Amoroso, L. Bradshaw, R. Carlson, M. Kirchgasser, S. Galloway, C. Quinn, N. Shropshire

M. Merino, A. Rothe, P.E., and J. Damico, Esquire

1. Chairperson Mr. Kirchgasser called the meeting of the Council to order at 7:02 P.M., and led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Bradshaw motioned to approve the minutes for the January 27, 2014 meeting. Ms. Amoroso seconded this motion and Council approved unanimously.

Ms. Bradshaw motioned to approve the minutes for the February 10, 2014 meeting. Ms. Amoroso seconded this motion and Council approved unanimously.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No Comments

4. REPORTS

A. CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Kirchgasser noted Meredith Merino, Assistant Township Manager, was present at this meeting in Mr. Clark's absence.

B. MANAGER

Ms. Merino reported there is a short, online survey under announcements on the Township's website about the yard waste and recycling program. She asked the residents in attendance to complete the survey in order to provide feedback on the current program in place. She explained that the results of the survey would be used in preparation for the upcoming bid on the 3 year contract for the yard waste and recycling program. She then reminded the audience of the size specifications for the yard waste and the date of the pickups.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Revised Final Land Development Plan-Granite Farms Estates-1343 W. Baltimore Pike

Mr. Joe Hanna, engineer for the applicant, expressed that Granite Farms Estates wished to construct a fitness center that would be attached to the central facility. He noted this would be an additional 5,000 square feet of building coverage and in conformance with zoning. Mr. Hanna went on to state that he met with Mr. Rothe and that the applicant was willing to comply with his comments. In particular, Mr. Hanna noted the storm water for the previous approval Granite Farms received last year for a different project allowed for two 36 inch pipes to collect the roof water runoff. If there was excess flow, it was engineered to go into the existing storm sewer and existing basin. Mr. Hanna reported that in order to accommodate the additional flow the fitness center would create, Granite Farms estates was prepared to enlarge these pipes to 60 inches each.

Mr. Kirchgasser asked if there were any questions for Mr. Hanna. No questions were asked. Ms. Bradshaw motioned to approve the Revised Land Development Plan for Granite Farms Estates. Mr. Carlson seconded the motion and Council approved Resolution 2014-29 unanimously.

B. Approval of Temporary Banner—Tyler Arboretum

Mr. Galloway motioned to approve Tyler Arboretum hanging a temporary banner over Barren Road. Mr. Shropshire seconded the motion and Council approved Resolution 2014-30 unanimously.

C. Review of Zoning Hearing Board Application 2014-03-Avery-13 Carriage Drive

Ms. Merino reported the resident at 13 Carriage Drive filed for a variance from the permitted uses of the R1 Zoning District to allow for parking of several commercial vehicles associated with a mobile pet grooming business. When asked by Mr. Kirchgasser if any of the Council would like to have the solicitor appear at the Zoning Hearing Board in regards to this matter, Mr. Galloway and Mr. Shropshire recommended that the Solicitor attend, and Council members agreed unanimously. Mr. Kirchgasser asked Mr. Damico to make arrangements for Council to have this representation at the hearing on behalf of the Township.

D. Application for County Aid-Liquid Fuels Funding—Road Resurfacing

Ms. Merino reported that every year the Township applies to the County for an allocation of the County liquid fuels fund that is distributed by the state for road resurfacing. She noted the Township usually requests \$30,000 and is approved for \$20,385 based on the

distribution. Mr. Shropshire motioned for approval of application for the County Aid. Ms. Bradshaw seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2014-31 unanimously.

E. Use of Liquid Fuels Funds for Road Resurfacing

Ms. Merino explained the Township also receives liquid fuels funds from the State and that along with the previous resolution, the Township is required to state its intention to use a portion of the funding for the 2014 road resurfacing program. She noted the total amount of road resurfacing for 2014 would be 2.7 miles. Ms. Bradshaw motioned to approve this intention and Mr. Carlson seconded the motion. Council approved Resolution 2014-32 unanimously.

F. Amendment of Agreement—Sleighton Park Athletic Field Use—Rose Tree Soccer Club

Ms. Merino reported there was an agreement between the Township and Rose Tree Soccer Club (RTSC) that was executed in 2012 and allowed for certain time frames for the soccer club's use. RTSC is requesting increased access to the multi-purpose field and the soccer field, as well as, additional time frames of use. Mr. Kirchgasser explained this increased use would be from 8 AM – 5 PM on Saturdays through Memorial Day.

Mr. Shropshire asked if the Parks and Recreation Department was responsible for reviewing these types of requests and Ms. Merino answered in the affirmative. Mr. Kirchgasser noted that in exchange for the time RTSC has access to the field, the soccer club provides a significant amount of time to the maintenance and watering of the fields. Mr. Galloway then commented that he wished to publically thank Mr. Quinn for his efforts with Sleighton Park; noting that Mr. Quinn was responsible for the relationship between the Township and RTSC. Ms. Amoroso asked if RTSC was acknowledged on the "Friends of Sleighton Park" signage and Mr. Quinn answered in the negative, but noted RTSC needed to be added. Ms. Amoroso agreed.

Mr. Quinn motioned to approve amending the agreement with Rose Tree Soccer Club for their use of Sleighton Park Athletic Field. Ms. Amoroso seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2014-33 unanimously.

G. Authorization of Agricultural Field Lease—Smedley Tract

Ms. Merino explained the Township received a request from Richard Billheim, the farmer who has been leasing the farm fields on the Smedley tract since 2012, for renewal of the farm lease for Field Area A for another term of nine months. This request would lengthen his lease through the end of 2014.

Mr. Quinn asked if Council should have discussion about when the Township would move forward with development on this property prior to approval. Mr. Kirchgasser commented that it was not necessary since development would not be taking place in the next nine

months; however, he agreed it would be a good idea to contact the Parks and Recreation Department and inquire what their vision and timeline is for this property.

Ms. Bradshaw motioned to approve the extension of the lease for Field Area A of the Smedley tract. Mr. Quinn seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2014-34 unanimously.

H. Approval of Bill List

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

Mr. Galloway moved that payments under the March 24, 2014 Bill List be authorized for payment by the Finance Department:

<u>General Fund</u>		
Independent Blue Cross	March Health Insurance	\$8,006.22
	highway Share	\$10,881.71
	Sewer, Cobra, and Library Share	\$4,677.74
	Recreation Share	<u>\$2,839.82</u>
		\$26,405.49
Riggins Inc.	Fuel	\$7,342.09
US Bank	2014 Pension Contribution	\$113,384.00
McCusker & Ogborne	January & February Recycling Services	\$35,914.48
Barbacane Thornton & Co LLP	Township 2013 Audits	\$30,350.00
Aqua PA, Inc.	February Hydrant Rental	<u>\$11,280.75</u>
	Total General Fund	<u><u>\$224,676.81</u></u>
<u>Capital Reserve</u>		
The Bank of New York	Series 2011 GOB Principal	\$430,000.00
	Series 2011 GOB Interest	\$24,750.00
	Series 2011 GOB Interest	\$12,506.25
	Series 2011 GOB Interest	<u>\$5,601.25</u>
		<u><u>\$472,857.50</u></u>
<u>State Aid</u>		
International Salt	Salt	<u><u>\$31,953.64</u></u>

Ms. Bradshaw seconded the motion, and Council approved Resolution 2014-35 unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Galloway motioned for adjournment and Ms. Amoroso seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Allen', written in a cursive style.

Amanda Allen, Recorder

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