

**LOWER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 9, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Lower Oxford Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building, 220 Township Road, on Wednesday, May 9, 2007.

The following were in Attendance: Chairman Arthur Astle, Vice Chairman Kenneth L. Hershey, Zoning Officer Debbie Kinney, Secretary/Treasurer Sara Laganelli, and fourteen guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Arthur Astle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Arthur Astle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and then asked for a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITION OF THOSE ASKING TO APPEAR ON THE AGENDA

Michael Wolf, Managing Director, Boenning & Scattergood, Inc. Mr. Wolf introduced himself and explained that Lower Oxford Township is in the process of acquiring a bond in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for Open Space. He said that this type of loan costs 1/5 less than any other form of lending. Mr. Wolf handed a packet of information to the Supervisors and reviewed it with them. He explained that in Exhibit C Proof of coverage, it shows conservative projections which predict that the bond could be paid off in full by the year 2012. If the Supervisors were to adopt the ordinance that authorizes this bond, the money would be available to the Township on June 13, 2007. Mr. Hershey asked about a Trustee for the bond. Mr. Wolf explained that they work with Commerce Bank and since the Township partners with the County to purchase the Development Rights, they will also act as a watchdog.

ORDINANCE 1-2007

Mr. Hershey moved to enact the Debt Incurring Ordinance 1-2007 for a bond which will be used to pay back the General Fund for money borrowed from the Open Space Fund and to make future purchases of Development Rights. Mr. Astle seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Hershey moved to approve the minutes for our regular meeting on April 11th. Mr. Astle seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Presentation of Bills The Secretary presented the bills that had been paid and needed to be paid for the month of April; totaling \$60,720.79 for General Fund and \$1,331.84 for Open Space Fund. Mr. Astle moved to approve and pay the bills. Mr. Hershey seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Fiduciary Transfers Mr. Astle moved to authorize the transfer of \$3,100.50 to the Master Escrow account from the six listed sub-accounts to reimburse General Fund for Legal and Engineering fees. Mr. Hershey seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ✓ Letter from the National Alliance of Mental Illness of Chester County introducing the services available to the County community.
- ✓ Brochures from the Chester County Ag Development Council to promote farm produce grown in the County.
- ✓ Cover letter along with 2 binders from the OASA for the 30-day Public Comment Period on the Regional Act 537 plan.
- ✓ Brochures from PA Agricultural Ombudsman Program designed to inform prospective homeowners that are considering moving to a rural/agricultural area.
- ✓ Notice from the Chester County Dept. of Community Development stating that the 2008 RFP s would be available April 16th.
- ✓ Letter from Chester County Dept. of Emergency Services expressing an interest in attending community fairs and open houses.
- ✓ Letter from PENNDOT in response to my inquiry about the speed limit on Street Road. They have marked where the speed limit signs will go and post them soon.
- ✓ Invitation to PECO s Chester County Municipal Forum in West Chester on May 11th.
- ✓ 2006 Operations Data and Annual Call Report along with an invoice for 2007 (\$17,246.00) from SCCEMS.
- ✓ PA State Police incident reports for March & April.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Supervisors reviewed John Coldiron s April Report. Mr. Hershey moved to approve the Building Inspector s Report. Mr. Astle seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Astle moved to appoint Municipal Solutions, Inc. as the business entity to do Lower Oxford s building inspections. Mr. Hershey seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mrs. Kinney reported that she issued seven Building Permits, six C of O s, one sign permit, & no Zoning Violations in April. She will post a reminder of the Weed Ordinance on the website.

Subdivisions & Land Development Plans

The Planning Commission passed the Deaver Subdivision onto the Board for approval. After the Supervisors reviewed the plan, they were not comfortable with the driveway situation. They suggested the driveway be placed in a different location to have the proper sight distance.

Mr. Hershey moved to adopt Resolution 2007-16 to approve the Final plan for Jones/Losito with conditions. Mr. Astle seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Hershey moved to adopt Resolution 2007-14 for the SFPM for Masciantonio s Subdivision. Mr. Astle seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Lighting Ordinance Mrs. Kinney explained that the Planning Commission has submitted a Lighting Ordinance and a Sign Lighting Ordinance to the Supervisors for review. It is the Planning Commission s recommendation that the Lighting Ordinance be placed in the Subdivision and Land Development Plan Chapter 22 and the Sign Lighting Ordinance become part of the current Sign Ordinance. Mr. Hershey requested to table this matter until next month s meeting so that the Supervisors will have adequate time to review the Ordinances. Mr. Hershey moved to approve the Zoning Officer s reports. Mr. Astle seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

ENGINEER

The Board read the Township Engineer s report for April. Mr. Astle moved to approve the Township Engineer s Report. Mr. Hershey seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

REGIONAL ACT 537 PLAN

Mr. Bob Yeatman had nothing new to report. They are just waiting on the Public Comment period to be over on May 18th.

Mr. Hershey commented on an article in the Oxford Tribune. He said it was a very negative article with very little facts. It said that the Lincoln Village won t get sewer. That is not true. Mr. Yeatman agreed that they didn t know what they were talking about. It s going to happen. Mr. Astle added that the Township received a \$350,000 grant from DCED to start work on the Lincoln Village Sewer. It is almost ready to bid the first phase. Mr. Hershey noted that the Oxford Area Sewer Authority is only doing what the member municipalities tell them to do. The OASA does not run sewer lines. They cannot finance such a thing. If a municipality wants to run sewer lines that is their privilege. OASA does treatment and disposal only.

ROADMASTER

The Secretary read the Roadmaster s Report for April. Mr. Astle moved to approve the Roadmaster s Report. Mr. Hershey seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

REGIONAL RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY

Mr. Lee Towner reported that the 2007 Oxford Fair needs volunteers. This year s event is going to be bigger and better than ever before with a lot of activities and entertainment planned, including the National Rodeo. They are working on RFP s for engineered drawings for construction. The two grants they received for construction do not include the drawings. Mr. Towner also expressed disappointment with the Oxford Tribune s reporting. They reported that the Fair committee wanted to have a beer garden and blew it all out of proportion. He said that the idea had been dropped two months ago.

Mr. Hershey moved to approve Mr. Towner s report for April. Mr. Astle seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan The Chester County Planning Commission has a questionnaire that they need from all interested municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Improvements for 2007 Mr. Astle moved to adopt Resolution 2007-13 to designate Cheek Road and Jackson School Roads for the 2007 State Funded road projects. Mr. Hershey seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

Railroad Track Crossings Mr. Astle noted that the Railroad Track Crossings located in the Township need some work. He would have Mr. Kepler contact the East Penn Railroad and see what can be done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Darien White Asked if there was anything to report on Bernard Park. He questioned the Act 537 Plan's purpose. He thought it was for the Lincoln Village. He asked if there was a budget for the Lincoln Village Sewer. Mr. White also wanted to know when the deadline was for the DCED Grant Application for 2008. He wanted to know if the Township could float a bond to finish the Lincoln Village Sewer rather than wait on Grants.

Mr. Hershey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Astle seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Note: Copies of all reports mentioned are available at the Lower Oxford Township Building, 220 Township Road, Oxford, PA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara B. Laganelli
Secretary/Treasurer