Lower Oxford Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Lower Oxford Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building, 220 Township Road, on Wednesday, August 8, 2012.

The following were in Attendance: Chairman Kenneth L. Hershey, Vice Chairman W. Ronald Kepler, Supervisor W. Ralph Cheek, Codes Enforcement Officer Deborah Kinney, Secretary/Treasurer Sara Laganelli, and two guests. The Roadmaster Steve Price and Building Inspector Scott Moran were absent.

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Kenneth L. Hershey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE
Mr. Kenneth L. Hershey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and asked for a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None.

RECOGNITION OF THOSE ASKING TO APPEAR ON THE AGENDA
None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Mr. Kepler moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on July 11th and the Special Comp Plan Hearing on July 25th. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORTS
Presentation of Bills – Mr. Cheek moved to approve and pay the bills: totaling $54,100.18 for General Fund and $3,146.13 for Open Space Revenue Fund. Mr. Kepler seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Fiduciary Refunds – Mr. Kepler moved to transfer $1,192.44 from the four listed escrow sub-accounts to the Master Escrow account to reimburse for engineering fees incurred. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE
- ✓ Invitation to the Chester County local elected officials' breakfast hosted by Congressman Pitts on September 26th in Kennett Square.
- ✓ Email from Colonel Edward Atkins of the Chester County Dept. of Emergency Services regarding some recently streamlined operations in the department.
- ✓ E-news alert from Chester County Water Resources Authority announcing that the draft addendum of the Act 167 Plan has been posted for review and comment.
- ✓ PSATS Township Legal Defense Partnership newsletter for summer 2012.
- ✓ PA State Police Statistics reports for June and July.
- ✓ Letter from Armstrong Cable announcing that they have been given the Independent Customer Service Award by Cable Fax Magazine.
- ✓ Letter from DEP approving the Route 10 Low Pressure Sewer Line.
- ✓ Letter from PSATS regarding the Distress Determination Score for our defined benefit pension plan. No action needs to be taken.

- ✓ PSATS News Bulletin for June-July 2012.
- ✓ Letter from Keeping Pennsylvania Beautiful with the survey results about illegal dump sites.
- ✓ Letter from Rep. John Lawrence in response to our letter requesting the continuation of funding for farmland preservation.
- ✓ Email from the County Commissioners regarding the Municipal Cost Recovery fee for the Dept. of Emergency Services. As a result of feedback and correspondence, they have decided that this method of cost recovery will not be pursued.
- ✓ Union Fire Co. No. 1 incident listing for June.

Mr. Kepler moved to accept the correspondence. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Secretary reported that the Building Inspector had four plan reviews and eighty-one regular inspections (ten failed) for the month of July. Mr. Kepler moved to approve the Building Inspector's Report. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mrs. Kinney read the Building Permits & Zoning Violations Reports for July. She issued seven residential building permits, one commercial permit, three certificates of occupancy, and one sign permit.
There was a weed violation at 100 & 102 Elkview Rd. Also, a complaint was received about a car parked in the roadway at 401 Dalton Rd.

Subdivisions & Land Development Plans – Mrs. Kinney presented the Board with the Ellsworth McAllister 2-lot subdivision plans. The Planning Commission had recommended approval of the plans at their July 23rd meeting. Mr. Hershey moved to approve the 2-lot subdivision for Ellsworth McAllister. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.
Mrs. Kinney noted that DEP approved the Brown Partnership SFPM for the 2-lot subdivision, so the Board could now sign those plans.
Mr. Kepler moved to approve the Codes Enforcement Officer's reports. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

ENGINEER

The Secretary read the Engineer's report for July. Mr. Kepler moved to approve the Engineer's report. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

OASA

Mr. Bob Yeatman gave his report for the month of July. He said that the lagoon was on schedule. They are working on the pump station now. There was a question of whether or not they could fit a new lagoon on the Beiler property. Ed Lennex did an analysis; they can afford some, but not all of the Beiler & Martin properties. He said it's up to the (OASA) Board to decide what they can afford.
Mr. Kepler commented that he was out at the current lagoon project when Soil Conservation did their inspection and there were no violations.
Mr. Kepler moved to approve Mr. Yeatman's report. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

ROADMASTER

The Secretary read the Roadmaster's Report for July. Mr. Hershey commented that the guys fixed the flail mower and saved $500- $800 by doing the work themselves. He says we are very fortunate to have a capable road crew. Mr. Kepler moved to approve the Roadmaster's Report. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Hershey thanked Mr. Price for putting the light on the Township sign.

REGIONAL RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY

The Secretary reported that the Rec. Authority will receive a donation from Wal-Mart at their grand opening. An audit was completed for a cost of over $6,000. They are going to look into having someone do it for less money. Perhaps one of the member municipalities' CPA's would give them a better deal. The rain gardens need weeded. The "Young Lungs at Play" signs are up – no smoking allowed at the park. Phase 2 bids are in and the Engineer is reviewing the lowest bid. Mr. Kepler moved to approve OARA report. Mr. Hershey seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Space Preservation – The County sent a request for Certification of Township Matching funds for the 2012 Challenge Grant Program. Mr. Kepler moved to look at each eligible farms on a case by case basis and not commit to a dollar amount. The Township Open Space funds are low and we would like to replenish them before committing to a dollar amount. We don't want to turn any farms down, so there is the possibility that payment arrangements can be made. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Joel Brown reported that the Comp Plan was approved and adopted by five of the six municipalities at the Special Meeting on July 25th at the Herr's Visitor Center. East Nottingham did not approve the plan yet. The County would like to meet sometime in September to discuss the implementation agreement. Mr. Hershey thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. Kepler for a fine job and moved to approve the Comp Plan report. Mr. Kepler seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Clean-up – Mr. Kepler moved to set the dates and advertise for Fall Trash Days on Friday, Sept. 28th from 7 am until 3pm and Saturday, Sept. 29 from 7 am until Noon. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

2013-2016 Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program – Mr. Kepler moved to sign and return the commitment form for the 2013-2016 Regional Hazardous Waste program. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Penn View Tax Appeal - Mr. Kepler explained that the Penn View Associates two parcels were assessed at $3 million, they appealed for $2.3 million and the amount settled upon was $2.7 million. The Township will lose $100 a year in Real Estate Taxes with the new lower assessment.
Mr. Kepler moved to approve a stipulated settlement for the tax assessment appeal by Penn View Associates for Tax Parcels 56-3-69 and 56-3-70, providing for a market value for the two parcels of $2,700,000.00. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Route 10 Sewer Line from BK Campbell – Mr. Kepler moved to adopt Resolution #2012-23 to accept the deed of dedication from BK Campbell for the Route 10 Low Pressure Sewer Line. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Route 10 Sewer Line to OASA - Mr. Kepler moved to authorize the granting of a Deed of Dedication; which has just been received by Lower Oxford Township, and assigning our interest in that Deed of Dedication to the Oxford Area Sewer Authority, and authorize execution outside a public meeting after the Campbell Deed is recorded. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Reimbursement of Tapping fees for Route 10 Sewer Line – Mr. Kepler moved to agree to enter into the Reimbursement Component Tapping Fee agreement with the Oxford Area Sewer Authority for their collection of

$2,700.00 for each connection to the line which we have just accepted and granted dedication to. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

Documentary filming – Mr. Kepler said that there would be filming of a documentary about Amish taking place on Jackson School Road. The road will be closed from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. tomorrow August 9th.

Wal-Mart – Mr. Hershey announced that the Wal-Mart Grand Opening will be August 15th at 7:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Mr. Kepler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Cheek 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,

Digitally signed by Sara Laganelli
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