

Lower Oxford Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Lower Oxford Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building, 220 Township Road, on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

The following were in Attendance: Chairman Kenneth L. Hershey, Vice Chairman W. Ronald Kepler, Supervisor Joel C. Brown, Codes Enforcement Officer Deborah Kinney, Secretary/Treasurer Sara Laganelli, and seven guests.

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 and zoning hearing on March 9, 2016. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Presentation of Bills – Mr. Kepler moved to approve and pay the bills: totaling \$56,721.33 for General Fund and \$13,282.05 for Open Space Revenue Fund (including the third payment for McCummings' Ag Easement). Mr. Brown seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ✓ Letters from the OASA regarding sewer service to 320 & 325 Limestone Rd.
- ✓ Meeting Report from the ORPC meeting held March 23rd.
- ✓ PA State Police statistics report for February.
- ✓ Fax from Union Fire Co. No. 1 with information on the 1/3 scenario for the Ambulance contract.
- ✓ Information on a free shredding event to be held April 23rd at 121 Third St. in Oxford,
- ✓ Memo from PSATS with the 2016 Proposed Resolutions for the annual conference.
- ✓ The 2015 Chester Water Authority water quality report.
- ✓ Email from Patrick Fasano with information on the Emerald Ash Borer.
- ✓ Certificate of liability insurance from the Oxford Little League.
- ✓ Letter from Congressman Joe Pitts with a copy of the letter that the USPS sent regarding the mail delivery on Lavender Court.
- ✓ Union Fire Co. No. 1 incident listing for February.
- ✓ PSATS News Bulletin for January-February.
- ✓ *The Secretary sent a letter to PENNDOT in support of West Nottingham's efforts to have a traffic study done on Route 272.*
- ✓ *The Secretary sent letters to all of the property owners affected by the new FEMA floodplain expansion.*

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Secretary read the Building Inspector’s reports for March. There were two plan reviews, twenty-six regular inspections (four failed), and one storm water inspection. Mr. Kepler moved to approve the Building Inspector’s Report. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mrs. Kinney read the Building Permits & Zoning Violations Reports for March. She issued two residential building permits, three commercial permits, and one Use & Occupancy permit. There was a violation at 552 Union School Rd. for building a high tunnel without a permit. Collision Zone still did not replace the privacy fence but says they will comply by the end of May.

Mr. Kepler moved to approve the Codes Enforcement Officer’s reports. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

ENGINEER

No report.

OASA Report

No report.

ROADMASTER

The Secretary read the Roadmaster’s Report for March. Mr. Kepler moved to approve the Roadmaster’s Report. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

REGIONAL RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY

No report.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Secretary read the Historic Commission’s report in Mr. Jay Eaton’s absence. Mr. Kepler moved to approve the report. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kepler reported that the Township had filed the paperwork for snow assistance from FEMA for the blizzard. Mr. Brown moved to adopt Resolution 2016-II appointing Mr. Kepler as the designated agent. Mr. Hershey seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

OXFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Brown reported that the last meeting was on March 23rd, at which time they discussed Armstrong Cable services and the rising costs. The members thought that if all of the municipalities went together they could possibly negotiate a better contract or get Verizon to have a contract as well. Also, Brandywine Conservancy received a grant to help with MS4 storm water regulations by coordinating with the Engineers and Roadmasters. The next meeting is April 27th. Mr. Kepler moved to approve the report. Mr. Hershey seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Backyard Chicken Ordinance – The Supervisors discussed the draft ordinance that was prepared by the Township Solicitor to allow for up to 12 hens on 2 acres. Mr. Jerry Iler was in the audience and questioned the line that said “residential district” as well as the section that said poultry are not allowed to run at large. Mr. Kepler questioned the allowance of geese because they are noisy. Mr. Brown wondered if turkeys should be included. Mrs. Jessie Clemens was in the audience and asked about peacocks being allowed. Mr. Kepler moved to send the draft ordinance to the Solicitor with the mentioned changes and have her send it to the planning commissions for comments and advertise for adoption. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Road Project – Mr. Kepler moved to advertise the bids for the 2016 road project to be opened at the May 11th meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Route 10 Sewer Lateral Connection Fee – Mr. Kepler moved to adopt Resolution 2016-10 establishing the lateral connection fee for the east side of Route 10 to the public sewer line to be \$1,500.00. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

Complaint – Mr. Kepler discussed a complaint about dirt bikes riding in the field on a farm on Roney’s Corner Rd. The neighbors’ quality of life is being effected. Mr. Kepler spoke to the dirt bike riders and explained that the Township has an ordinance against disturbing the peace.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Teri Dignazio – Asked what Bombay Enterprises was.

Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Mr. Kepler seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara B. Laganelli

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