

TOWNSHIP OF DERRY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, May 26, 2009
600 Clearwater Road, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033

CALL TO ORDER

The May 26, 2009 Township of Derry Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman, Michael H. W. Pries.

ROLL CALL

Supervisors Present:

E. Christopher Abruzzo, Vice-Chairman
August (Skip) T. Memmi, Jr.
George W. Porter
Michael H. W. Pries, Chairman

Supervisors Absent:

Kelly C. Fedeli, Township Secretary

Also Present:

Thomas Clark – Director of Public Works
Jill E. Horner – Assistant Township Manager
Cheryl L. Lontz – Manager of Payroll & Employee Benefits
Matthew J. Mandia – Director of Parks and Recreation
James N. Negley - Township Manager/Township Treasurer
Edward L. Small – Director of Community Development
Rita Smith - Hershey Public Library
William D. Smith – Chief of Police
Jon A. Yost - Township Solicitor

Public Present: Sandy Ballard

Press Present: Drew Weidman, The Sun

Executive Session:

Chairman Pries announced the Board of Supervisors met in executive session prior to this meeting to discuss legal, land, and personnel issues.

Chairman Pries advised that all public meetings are recorded for providing accurate minutes.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one came forward

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Pries called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2009 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Vice-Chairman Abruzzo abstained from voting as he was not in

attendance at the meeting. Supervisor Porter made a motion to approve the Minutes as written. Supervisor Memmi seconded. ***The motion carried 3-0-2.***

NEW BUSINESS:

A1-2 Adoption of Resolution No. 1229, a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Highway Occupancy Permit Condition Statement for the Hersheypark Drive and Hockersville Road/Hanover Street, HOP Application No. 237074.

James N. Negley - Township Manager/Township Treasurer

The resolution is necessary to submit documents in regards to the Bridge 122 Project in which the Township is an active participant.

Supervisor Memmi explained the project will relocate South Hanover to connect directly over to Hockersville Road. The connection piece of the project is the Township's responsibility.

Chairman Pries asked about the road after the current bridge is torn down and a new bridge is built further down the road. Supervisor Memmi said the old road will be removed once the new road is established.

Chairman Pries asked what the estimated cost would be. Supervisor Memmi said around \$7 million. The Township's cost will be around \$300,000. Supervisor Memmi said the bridge is one of two bridges that hasn't received an upgrade. There will be an agreement drawn up for the Township to pay their portion of the loan.

Motion: A motion was made by Supervisor Porter to approve Resolution No. 1229, a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Highway Occupancy Permit Condition Statement for the Hersheypark Drive and Hockersville Road/Hanover Street, HOP Application No. 237074. Supervisor Memmi seconded. ***The motion carried, 4-0.***

B1-2 Voluntary sidewalk and curb reconstruction project bid letting.

Thomas Clark, Director of Public Works

Mr. Clark announced that bids were opened on Wednesday, May 21, 2009 for the voluntary sidewalk and curb reconstruction program. This is the 2nd part of the program. Six bids were received with a low bidder being Red Rock Construction. Mr. Clark inquired to the City Housing Authority about Red Rock Construction. They had good things to say about them.

Motion: A motion made by Vice-Chairman Abruzzo and seconded by Supervisor Porter to award the sidewalk and curb replacement project bid to Red Rock Construction in the amount of \$56,596.12. ***The motion carried, 4-0.***

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Memmi referred to a letter from Kinglsey Construction. It indicated that Fiddlers Elbow Rd. Bridge over US 322 will be closed and traffic will be detoured. He was concerned that PaDOT was not the one to inform the Board of the closure. He also was concerned that they only gave 15-20 days notice before they planned to close the

road. He requested the Board to instruct Manager Negley to contact Rep. Payne for his help in scheduling a meeting between PaDOT, Public Works, Police Department, and a representative from the Board. All Board members agreed.

Chairman Pries requested Manager Negley to send a letter to Rep. Payne to establish a meeting with PaDot, Public Works, Police Department, and a Board member and that there will be no closure of roads until the meeting is held.

Chairman Pries referred to the \$525,000 grant that was awarded to the Township. He asked Supervisor Memmi if he would be representing the Board at the meeting to discuss the distribution of funds. Supervisor Memmi said he would not. He will be acting in his capacity of **Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development for the County of Dauphin**. Manager Negley added that Terry Weinhold from Finance and Marie Sirkot, his assistant would be attending the meeting on behalf of the Board.

Vice-Chairman Abruzzo referred to several letters received in regards to the Police Department. He commended Chief Smith and his staff for a job well done. He also commented that the Board hears many times of the great job the Police Department does.

Vice-Chairman Abruzzo thanked Matt Mandia for the terrific Memorial Day event. Supervisor Memmi referred to a second Memorial Day event that is held prior to Memorial Day morning. He thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their assistance with that event.

Vice-Chairman Abruzzo congratulated Chief Smith and the Police Department on behalf of the Board for their re-accreditation received from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Chief Smith shared that they have received international accreditation since 1997 and state accreditation for the past 4 years **since the state began the accreditation**.

BOARD/COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chairman Pries announced that the Board will be forwarding an amendment to the County and Township Planning Commissions regarding the old Township complex. He will reveal more details in approximately 35-40 days.

REPORTS

Thomas Clark, Director of Public Works

Mr. Clark announced that work will begin on East and West **Caracas**. He also mentioned that he will be doing a presentation and submitting photos to the County tomorrow for a grant to clean up four illegal dump sites in the Township.

Rita Smith – Hershey Public Library

Ms. Smith mentioned that the government has cut funding for libraries. She encouraged the Board and public to contact their elected officials in support of funding for the libraries.

Matthew J. Mandia – Director of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Mandia shared that they had a great opening at the Rec Center with over 3,000 in attendance. The Dome should open on June 8th. Mr. Mandia also thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their assistance with Memorial Day.

Edward L. Small – Director of Community Development

Mr. Small referred to a Hummelstown Borough meeting. The theme was wind turb energy.

Chairman Pries thanked the Police Department for their assistance at the viewing of Joe Allegrini.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (\$325,276.24) AND PAYROLL (\$263,432.85).

Vice-Chairman Abruzzo moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$325,276.24 and payroll in the amount of \$263,432.85. Supervisor Porter seconded.

The motion carried, 4-0.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one came forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Memmi moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Vice-Chairman Abruzzo seconded. ***The motion carried, 4-0.***

SUBMITTED BY:

Kelly C. Fedeli
Township Secretary

Brenda Van Deursen
Recording Secretary