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Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes Monday, December 5, 2011, 7:30 P.M.

In attendance: Supervisors – Stephen R. Conary, Georgia F. Brutscher, Laouessa J. McNemar, P.E.; Mark Knightly, Public Works Director; Don Lane, Chair, Deer Management Committee.

1. Call to Order: Conary called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Announcements: Conary reported on a meeting hosted by PennDOT on November 23rd regarding proposed plans for the Route 926 bridge replacement project. Earliest construction start will be in 2014. Conary and Brutscher attended an informational meeting hosted by Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company on November 26th regarding financial situation of the fire company. Brutscher emphasized that residents may not be aware that Po-Mar-Lin is a volunteer fire company without a paid staff. Conary stated for the record a reminder that the proposed 2012 budget is available on-line with paper copies available in the Office and that the board expects to adopt it on December 19th.

3. Public Comment: Scott Kirkland for the Riverside Homeowners Association (HOA) reported an erosion issue in the community. Board requested a copy of the quarterly stormwater management inspection report be reviewed by the Township Engineer. Kirkland reported completion of the sump pump discharge connection to the stormwater management facility in the area behind the carriage homes. Township Engineer will be notified of the connection.

4. Route 52 Roundabout Project Update: Conary provided a brief history of the project including the need to address the failing intersection of Route 52, South Wawaset, and Lenape-Unionville Roads. He introduced **Paul T. Linahan, P.E., Consultant Project Manager**, and **Lili Bhatt, Highway Designer**, who led an informal discussion and provided maps and aerial photographs of the proposed roundabout construction. Linahan noted that the roundabout is designed to slow the speed of the traffic. PennDOT provided formal comments on the safety plan submission and a final decision is expected in the near future. Archeological and environmental studies show no anticipated impact. Residents noted certain conflict points with the revised design, particularly the site distance for the northbound approach. Board noted that the final PennDOT safety review will identify installation of components to address such issues. Public hearings will be scheduled when the design is finalized during 2012. The Board is mindful that the timing of the construction be the least disruptive for the school year as possible. Ed McQuillen on behalf of Four Streams Farms requested information regarding the construction of a stormwater basin as shown on the proposed plan and was assured that the area would be replanted and stabilized to the satisfaction of the community.

5. Constable Services: Conary introduced **Michael Balsama, Constable**, who provided background regarding the Chester County Common Pleas Administrative Ruling on warrants issued

by Magisterial District Judges for municipal ordinance violations. The Avondale State Police will not serve warrants for municipal violations.

Motion: Conary moved, McNemar seconded, to approve a contract with Michael Balsama to provide constable services for the Township conditioned upon contract review by the Township Solicitor, and to notify the Magisterial District Court and the Avondale State Police of such contract for warrant services when finalized; motion unanimously approved.

6. Deer Management Committee: Board reviewed and accepted the Deer Management Committee Report dated December 5, 2011 as submitted. Lane noted that the Committee desires to add additional archery hunters. There are on-going discussions regarding plans to hunt the Township land east of Pocopson Road. Board thanked Lane for the work he and the Committee continue to do to oversee safe, responsible hunting on Township lands.

7. Public Works Report: Board reviewed and accepted the Public Works Report dated December 5, 2011 as submitted. Brutscher recognized Knightly for his communication efforts with PennDOT to address road repairs for Red Lion Road. Board acknowledged correspondence from a resident regarding the exemplary work of the Public Works Department to repair a stormwater drain in her community.

8. Old Business: no action required.

9. New Business: Board discussed properties proposed for inclusion in the Open Space Plan.

Motion: Conary moved, McNemar seconded, to proceed with legal advertising of a public hearing to be held on December 19, 2011, for acquisition of open space parcels as identified by the Open Space Advisory Committee; motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Conary moved, Brutscher seconded, to approve Administrative Resolution 2011-30 designating Township Treasurer to execute PEMA documents on behalf of the Township with regard to financial remuneration; motion unanimously approved.

10. Correspondence: **Motion:** Conary moved, McNemar seconded, to sign the Locust Grove Schoolhouse Web Site Design Agreement with Rock River Design as reviewed by the Township Solicitor; motion unanimously approved.

11. Treasurer's Warrants: McNemar moved, Brutscher seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for November 22 – December 5, 2011 recommended for payment by the Treasurer; **General Fund** – 21 bills paid totaling \$39,937.70; 6 debit card charges totaling \$315.52. **Highway Aid** – 6 bills paid totaling \$26,920.88; motion unanimously approved.

12. Approval of November 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes: Brutscher moved, McNemar seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes dated November 21, 2011 as reviewed; motion unanimously approved.

13. Adjournment: At 8:35 P.M., Conary moved, Brutscher seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion unanimously approved.

Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary

Stephen R. Conary, Chair