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Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
7:30 P.M., Monday, February 14, 2011

In attendance: Supervisors – Stephen R. Conary, Georgia F. Brutscher, Laressa J. McNemar, P.E.; Mark Knightly, Director, Public Works; Ezekiel Hubbard, Chairman, Parks, Recreation and Trails (PRT) Committee.

1. Call to Order: Conary called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and upon motion made dispensed with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Announcements: Representatives from PennDOT, Birmingham and Pocopson Townships, and the offices of State Representative Stephen Barrar and State Senator Dominic Pileggi (Officials) met to discuss the last revised engineered plans for the Route 926 Bridge Replacement Project. A request was made that PennDOT re-evaluate the revised plans to address frequency of road closures due to flooding. Architect Dennis Melton will prepare a proposal for scope of work needed to stabilize the Barnard House.

3. Public Comment: none.

4. Barnard House: Brutscher reported that the Founders Day Committee supports making the Barnard House a hayride destination on September 18th as part of the 2011 theme focusing on The Kennett Underground Railroad Center (KURC). Visitors will have access to one or two rooms in the House that will include an exhibition set up by KURC. Opening the House affords the community an opportunity to become familiar with the proposal to repurpose the property. Volunteers from KURC and the Barnard House Steering Committee will be on site during Founders Day to guide visitors. Programming will be discussed during a Barnard House Steering Committee meeting on February 17th. Final programming is contingent upon preparing the House for visitors. Going forward, Brutscher anticipates a fundraiser on the property during 2011. She will be meeting with Krisp Communications to develop a list of potential financial contributors.

5. Public Works Report: Public Works Director submitted and the Board accepted as written a Public Works Report dated February 14, 2011. State mandated stormwater inspections are underway and will be completed by March 9th. Board discussed failing road conditions as outlined in the Report and identified other failing road conditions that are the responsibility of PennDOT. Knightly will bring the road repair issues to the attention of PennDOT personnel. Board reviewed request to retain the services of TimberTech to design and prepare a bid package for a concrete and wood salt shed.

Motion: Brutscher moved to accept the proposal from TimberTech in the sum of \$3,000.00 to design and prepare a bid package for the construction of a salt shed; Conary seconded; motion unanimously approved.

6. New Business: A.J. McCarthy, Chief, Longwood Fire Company, and Brad Bowman, President, Board of Directors, appeared before the Board to discuss the possibility of the **Fire Company establishing a satellite substation in the Township** to better serve the area. They expect a fire protection study being conducted by a consultant for the Fire Company will show that portions of the eastern end of the district are underserved. The Board noted that certain Township lands are restricted to recreational or agricultural uses and as such, may not be viable locations. The Supervisors agreed to support the efforts of the Fire Company should they choose to approach the County regarding land availability. The Board requested to be kept apprised of the results of the study. McCarthy agreed to contact the Board when the consultant's final report is submitted.

Board reviewed proposed **ordinance revisions** that will be discussed by the Township Planning Commission during their regular meeting February 16th.

Board discussed Toll Brothers, Inc., request dated February 7, 2011, to extend the **Pump and Haul Permit for The Preserve** to October 23, 2011, and to decrease the frequency of the pumping from once every three days to once per week.

Motion: Conary moved to adopt Pocopson Township Resolution No. 2011-7 granting conditional approval for the Pump and Haul Permit Extension for The Preserve as requested with contingencies as recommended by Castle Valley Consultants, Inc., and with all approvals required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; McNemar seconded; motion unanimously approved.

7. Old Business: Secretary is directed to contact Township Solicitor regarding status of the Comcast Franchise Extension. Hubbard requested and Board approved contacting Brandywine Conservancy regarding a proposal to conduct a land use study for the 34-acre parcel on the east side of Pocopson Road. Hubbard reported that the PRT Committee recommends that decisions to plant memorial trees in Pocopson Park be considered by the Board of Supervisors on a case-by-case basis. PRT Committee also recommends that the Board recognize Township volunteers during Founders Day by awarding a certificate of service. Brutscher requested and the Board approved Hubbard proceed in obtaining proposals for installation of a trail in accordance with an existing easement to connect the Schoolhouse and Pocopson Park. Secretary will work with Hubbard on requests for proposals.

8. Treasurer's Warrants: Conary noted that the County increased the contribution for fire and ambulance protection as a result of a recent request by the Township to do so. Conary moved, Brutscher seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for January 25 – February 14, 2011 recommended for payment by the Treasurer. **General Fund:** 24 bills paid/checks written totaling \$34,898.93; 4 debit card purchases of \$208.45. **Highway Aid:** 8 bills paid totaling \$26,359.79. **Barnard House/Township Facilities Fund:** 1 bill for \$500.00.

9. The Preserve Off-site Roadway Improvements Escrow #2; On-site Improvements (non-sanitary) #2: Board discussed escrow requests by Toll Brothers, Inc.

Motion: Brutscher moved, McNemar seconded, to approve Escrow Release #2 for The Preserve On-site Improvements (non-sanitary) dated January 21, 2011 as reviewed and recommended for approval by VanDemark & Lynch, Inc., in the amount of \$156,148.20.

Board discussed Escrow Release #2 for The Preserve Off-site Roadway Improvements dated August 26, 2010 as reviewed and recommended for approval by VanDemark & Lynch, Inc., in

the amount of \$149,224.00. Knightly expressed concern that a manhole/manhole cover as currently installed impedes the Township's snow removal efforts. Board tabled action on Escrow Release #2 pending resolution of this issue.

10. Correspondence: Board discussed Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) recommendation regarding proceeding with proposals for easement and purchase of land development rights by the Township for approximately 120 acres.

Motion: Brutscher moved, McNemar seconded, to approve the to OSAC request to solicit proposals from the Brandywine Conservancy, the Brandywine Valley Association, and Bearoff & Company as set forth in the letter of February 14, 2011; motion unanimously approved.

11. Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2011: Brutscher moved, Conary seconded, to approve the January 24, 2011 Minutes as corrected.

12. Adjournment: At 8:30P.M. Conary moved, McNemar seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary

Stephen R. Conary, Chair