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Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes Monday, 7:30 P.M., June 9, 2014

In attendance: Supervisors – Ricki Stumpo, Georgia F. Brutscher, Barney Leonard; Richard Jensen, Zoning/Code Enforcement Official; Colleen McKinney and Christine Hagen, Chairs, Founders Day Committee.

Number of citizens in attendance: 17.

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

2. Announcements: Board met in Executive Session on May 12th and on May 30th regarding a legal matter. Leonard noted work continues to deploy newly designed Township website. Stumpo attended the Kennett Area Regional Planning Commission meeting in May. KARPC next meets on June 17th.

3. Public Comment: Sarah Mims requested an update on the progress to alleviate the traffic concerns on Denton Hollow Road. Discussion deferred to the Public Works agenda item #8.

4. Founders Day Committee Update: McKinney and Hagen reported that planning for the event is well underway. To date, 15 vendors are confirmed. Committee members will contact businesses on the sponsor list to garner additional financial support. Board provided comments regarding the collateral promotional material, including suggesting symbols for patriotism and listing the name of the entertainer on the postcard and the flyer. The Committee will continue to update Facebook to promote the event. The banner will be installed one month before the event and new this year, yard signs will be displayed around the Township a week before the event. A pie eating contest is planned for adults and prizes will be awarded to children who dress in red, white and blue. The Board thanked McKinney and Hagen for all their efforts and their service to the Township in organizing this annual community event.

5. Winterwood Pre-dedication Punchlist Item: Winterwood homeowners John Hess and Susan Palovich appeared before the Board regarding the status of the conversion of a stormwater basin adjacent to Lot 1, subject of a Review and Comment Letter from the Township Engineer dated April 29, 2014. Supervisor Leonard visited the site and noted that going forward, the spring-fed nature of the basin may require significant annual maintenance to achieve the intended result per the approved subdivision plan. Supervisor Stumpo pointed out that the Riverside community experienced a similar situation with a basin that required significant modification and post-dedication maintenance work for that

HOA. The Board agreed with the Winterwood residents in attendance that all parties must take time to evaluate the options. The Board is mindful of the financial and legal obligation of Megill Homes to amend the recorded documents if the basin is modified as a living marsh. Hess and Palovitch will contact Megill Homes to set up a date to discuss the HOA turnover and to discuss estimated maintenance costs for this basin for which the HOA will be responsible post-dedication. Board agreed that the Township will list the matter for further discussion after the residents meet with Megill and establish the HOA.

6. Planning Commission May 21st Meeting Report: Secretary submitted a report from the May 21st meeting including the scope of work submitted by Unruh, Turner, Burke and Frees, Township Solicitors, to amend the Code sections regarding communication devices and cell towers.

Motion: Brutscher moved, Leonard seconded, to appropriate \$5,500.00 to review Pocopson Ordinances and address compliance issues related to wireless broadband, cell towers, and distributed antenna systems; motion unanimously approved.

7. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Report: Jensen indicated that bid packages for the Wawaset Road Park Project should be completed on or before June 13th.

8. Public Works Report: Stumpo read a prepared statement regarding actions taken by the Township to date to alleviate traffic concerns on all Township roads affected by the detour, which include obtaining quotes for guiderails, installation of a borrowed radar speed monitor, and installation of permanent and temporary road signage. The Board will review the financial impact of contracting with a local police force to enforce speed limits. A trooper from the Avondale State Police Barracks will attend a July Board meeting to provide an update on their efforts in monitoring the roads. Sarah Mims acknowledged the efforts of the Board but noted that heavy truck traffic is still an issue, including tractor trailers that get stuck on the one-lane County Bridge on Denton Hollow. She asked that the Board consider making Denton Hollow a one-way road as a long-term solution in light of the Route 926 Bridge work scheduled for 2015. Residents in attendance from Bittersweet expressed appreciation for the Board's efforts and added that mowing the road bank on Denton Hollow will improve sight distances. A resident from Tullamore noted that signage at the intersection of Tullamore Drive and Denton Hollow should be adjusted because it is difficult to maneuver the intersection with the increase in the volume of cars at rush hour.

9. Old Business: The Melton Architect Proposal for the Wawaset Road Park Project will be resubmitted based on the comments from the Kennett Underground Railroad Board.

10. New Business: no action required.

11. Correspondence:

a. Breiseth Letter re: Drobish: Board signed the letter of response to the inquiry submitted by Suzanne Breiseth.

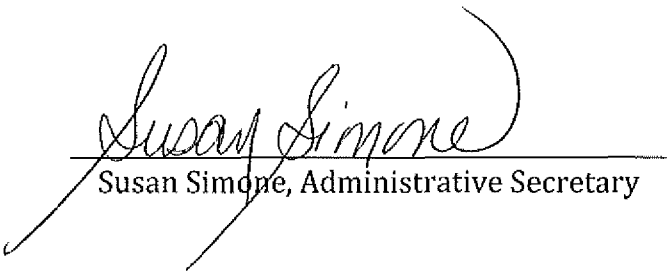
b. Consulting Party/Rep Route 926: Board agreed that Brutscher will be listed as the representative for the historic preservation meetings for the Route 926 Bridge project.

c. Brandywine Creek Greenway: Board directed the Secretary to refer to the Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee the request from the Brandywine Conservancy for a public meeting.

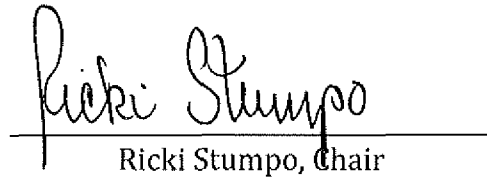
12. Treasurer's Warrants: Leonard moved, Brutscher seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for May 13 - June 9, 2014 recommended for payment by the Treasurer; **General Fund:** 29 bills paid totaling \$44,909.56; 9 debit card charges totaling \$357.55; **Highway Aid Fund:** 5 bills paid totaling \$1,622.44; **Historical Committee Fund:** 1 bill for \$34.98; **Parks, Rec & Trails:** 3 bills totaling \$1,560.60; **Township Facilities:** 1 bill for \$6,314.68; motion unanimously approved.

13. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated May 12, 2014; motion approved. Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes dated April 24, 2014 and May 2, 2014; motion approved.

14. Adjournment: At 8:20 P.M., Leonard moved, Stumpo seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion unanimously approved.



Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary



Ricki Stumpo, Chair