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Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes Monday, 7:30 P.M., November 19, 2012

In attendance: Supervisors – Stephen R. Conary, Georgia F. Brutscher, Ricki Stumpo; Mark Knightly, Public Works Director; Richard Jensen, Zoning/Code Enforcement Official.

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

2. Announcements: Township provided support for the Riverside Homeowners Association PENNVEST funding request for naturalizing a stormwater management basin. Conary attended the November 8th meeting of the Chester County Association of Township Officials. The Board met in executive session on November 14th to discuss a legal matter. The Board acknowledged the death on November 9th of H. William Sellers who served for 23 years as a Township Supervisor.

3. Public Comment: Celeste Scozzafava and Scott Kirkland representing the Riverside Homeowners Association requested an update regarding the bamboo removal. Township is drafting an agreement.

4. Public Hearing for Ordinances/Code Amendments: *Motion:* Conary moved, Stumpo seconded, to close the regular meeting at 7:40 P.M. and open the Ordinance Hearing for **Ordinances 2012-2, 2012-3, 2012-4, 2012-5, and 2012-6;** motion unanimously approved.

Conary reviewed the legal exhibits for each of the Ordinances stating that all have been available for public review since October 31, 2012 and November 8, 2012. An affidavit was received confirming legal advertising of each Ordinance. Conary reviewed and called for public comment for the proposed Ordinances as follows:

2012-2 – amends Tax Chapter 203-31 to eliminate “Agreement Authorized.” No public comment.

2012-3 – amendment to repeal any existing chapters referring to establishing a township planning commission. No public comment.

2012-4 – amends Chapter 250 regarding conditional use requirement for certain signs. Public comment included discussion of types of signs requiring Board approval.

2012-5 – creates a new chapter “Grading, Erosion and Sediment Control.” Public comment included discussion regarding clarification of the proposed ordinance.

2012-6 – amends Chapter 170/Sewer into compliance with state regulations. Public comment included discussion regarding enforcement, particularly the role of the Township and the County.

Motion: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to close the Ordinance Hearing and re-open the regular meeting at 8:05 P.M.; motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2012-2: Amendment to Tax Chapter of the Code; motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2012-3: Establishing a Planning Commission; motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2012-4: Amendment to Chapter 250 of the Code regarding signage; motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2012-5: Creating a new Chapter "Grading, Erosion and Sediment Control"; motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2012-6: Amendment to Chapter 170 of the Code/Sewers; motion unanimously approved.

5. Public Works Report: Knightly reported chipping and leaf-pick up continues as scheduled. Brutscher will schedule the next township drive-around inspection.

6. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Report: Jensen will schedule a grease trap inspection for Brandywine Vista, LLC. He noted two recent requests regarding installation of solar panels on residential properties – one on Wawaset Road and one in the Riverside community. Scott Kirkland noted that the HOA is reviewing but have not approved the homeowner's application for solar panel installation. Both requests must meet all building and government agency standards. Jensen recommended approval of the revised terms of the agreement for Zoning Appeal No. 1-2012.

Motion: Conary moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve signing of the Settlement Agreement for Zoning Appeal No. 1-2012 regarding site inspections and to extend the removal of excess alpacas to December 22, 2012; motion unanimously approved.

7. 2013 Budget: **Motion:** Conary moved, Brutscher seconded, to advertise the 2013 budget in accordance with the 2nd Class Township Code for adoption during the public meeting scheduled for December 17, 2012 and to implement the 2012 general fund transfers detailed in the proposed budget; motion unanimously approved.

8. Old Business:

a. Red Bridge bridge repair proposal – the following Red Bridge HOA board members were in attendance: Laura Lasley, Karen Larsen, Steve Belote and Ross Tallman. Discussion included cost variables for replacing the existing wood with W-configured guiderails, painted red, at an approximate cost of \$10,000. Township Engineer continues to seek additional verbal quotes. The alternative would be tubular steel posts, painted red, with welded steel assembly at a cost between \$19,000 and \$25,000. HOA voiced concern as to aesthetics if the guiderail option is chosen. Board will put out the contract for repairs as soon as specifications are confirmed. Proposals will not address the approaches to the bridge – only the wood railings. HOA Board may poll the community with regard to levy of a special assessment for the additional cost of the tubular steel option. Discussion also included the Township drafting a letter to the Taylors Run at Red Bridge residents regarding the status of their homeowners association.

9. New Business:

a. Road signage requests – Conary and Stumpo noted safety deficiencies with Red Lion Road. Secretary is directed to correspond with PennDOT regarding the deficiencies particularly in light of the designation of Red Lion as part of the Route 52 roundabout detour route. Conary will inquire as to a road closure sign for the Birmingham-side of Route 926 alerting road closure due to flooding. Stumpo requests the Secretary to contact PennDOT regarding enhancing recent signage on Route 52 between Williamsburg Drive and Denton Hollow Road that might serve to provide additional traffic calming.

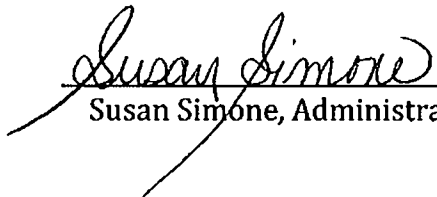
10. Correspondence: Conary noted that in a memo from Traffic Planning and Design, Inc., the cost for the Pocopson Road/Route 52 intersection work is \$945.12 less than the previously Township approved amount outlined in the September 21, 2012 Memo. Board agreed to grant the time extension requested by Road-Con for the overhead lane control mast arm that will not be available until January 15, 2013.

Motion: Conary moved, Brutscher seconded, to approve the signing of the Agreement for Chester County to collect real estate property taxes as reviewed by the Township Solicitor and the Treasurer, with an effective date of January 1, 2013; motion unanimously carried.

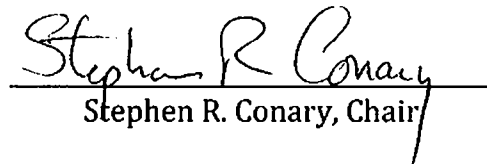
11. Treasurer's Warrants: Conary moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for November 6 - 19, 2012 recommended for payment by the Treasurer: **General Fund:** 18 bills paid totaling \$16,319.42; 3 debit card charges totaling \$412.49; **Highway Aid:** 4 bills paid totaling \$741.85; **Open Space Loan:** 1 bill paid for \$857.50; **Road Improvement Fund:** 1 bill paid for \$1,086.44; motion unanimously approved.

12. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes dated November 5, 2012 as corrected; motion unanimously approved.

13. Adjournment: At 9:00 P.M., Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion unanimously approved.



Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary



Stephen R. Conary, Chair