

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 11, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

Attendees: Supervisors – Ricki Stumpo, Elaine DiMonte, Alice J. Balsama; Colleen McKinney, Founders Day Committee Co-Chairman.

Public in attendance: 4

1. **Call to Order:** Stumpo called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Sunshine Announcement:** no sunshine announcements.
3. **Announcements:** Stumpo acknowledged a generous \$10,000 donation to the Locust Grove Schoolhouse that will be used toward restoration.
4. **Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:** no public comment.
5. **Founders Day Committee Event Update:** McKinney reported that she has not received the confirmed printing estimate from Taggart Printing but assumes that it will not be more than the 2015 expenditure. Savings have been realized with regard to other costs such as the tent and moon bounce. Kevin Delaney was contacted regarding providing live music for the event. Stumpo noted that a good public address system is required as acoustics in Pocopson Park can be challenging. Sound quality is very important so that attendees can hear all of the announcements and remarks. McKinney reported that the food vendor will be The Mushroom Café who has agreed to offer for sale a wide variety of foods and refreshments. The food truck vendor will not be available. Straw bales will be purchased from Hicks Brothers and returned for credit or offered to the Baily Farm. There will be a "touch a truck" exhibit this year with vehicles provided by the Public Works Department and Longwood Fire Company. Depending on the season, McKinney hopes to once again offer for the children the opportunity to decorate pumpkins and to participate in a donut eating contest. Attendance by the beehive man has not been confirmed. Township residents will offer woodcarving crafts for sale. Board thanked McKinney for her hard work and agreed to list approval of the budget and the postcard mailer for the July 25th meeting.
6. **Barnard House (BH):** John O'Neal, Kennett Underground Railroad Center (KURC) Board President and Treasurer, as well as KURC Board Member Michelle Sullivan appeared before the Supervisors to discuss the status of the BH. Sullivan expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Township to date to keep costs reasonable but noted that the objective for the BH has not been articulated by the current Board of Supervisors. Stumpo responded that the Board agrees that the BH is not appropriate as a Township Office. Instead, the Supervisors look to the possibility of using the facility as a meeting room for community groups, voting site, and establishing a reference library for abolition and Underground Railroad materials. She indicated that the Supervisors are waiting for feedback from the County Commissioners as to revising the covenants and restrictions on the property. Balsama stated that clearly it is the intent of the Supervisors to shepherd the preservation of this building as evidenced by the expenses paid to date that include the authorization for installation of a security system on or before the end of July and the replacement or preservation of doors and windows via

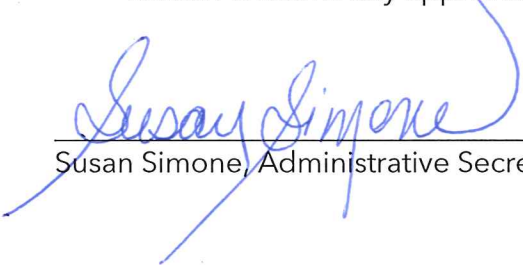
the Keystone Grant. She noted that 3 independent consultants, as part of contracted work received by the Township in 2015, provided unsolicited comments confirming that the BH is not suitable for municipal offices. Balsama further indicated that executive sessions have been held in order to identify possible options and funding sources as discussed with State Representative Barrar and the County Commissioners. Sullivan commented that Kennett Township recently purchased "The Pines" and plans to renovate it as a multi-purpose building housing the police department as well as providing opportunity for expressing its use as a stop on the Underground Railroad. He suggested that the BH repurposing be completed as a multi-use building as has been identified by the Barnard House Steering Committee (BHSC). He was not aware of written reports from consultants stating that the BH was inappropriate as a Township Office. He indicated that the Kennett Underground Railroad Center (KURC) is not interested in leasing a modern office in an old house without the benefit of accessing other areas of the house, such as the kitchen, for which there is historical documentation. Balsama and DiMonte noted O'Neal's concern regarding repurposing but confirmed that the Township is moving forward with complying with the lease agreement with the KURC and they will be notified in writing when all components of the lease are completed. DiMonte was firm that the Board agreed at the beginning of the year to include the BH as a permanent Board agenda item so that the topic can be discussed publicly. She also noted that KURC moved some of its possessions into the BH prior to the effective date of the lease agreement without the knowledge or consent of the Supervisors. The Supervisors agreed that they had no previous knowledge of the concerns and dissatisfaction O'Neal raised as to allowing use of areas beyond that which is designated in the lease. Balsama commented that it would be helpful if KURC would clarify its concerns in writing with specifics as to what KURC wants to see happen at the site. Public Comment: O'Neal asked if the Supervisors would consider reinstating the Barnard House Steering Committee as well as act upon the bid documents created in 2015. Supervisors indicated that they would take a request to reinstate the BHSC under advisement, but going forward, the Supervisors will oversee matters concerning the BH. O'Neal commented that the BH site is in need of landscaping and asked if the Supervisors were aware of the Friends of the Barnard House group? The Supervisors have no knowledge of such group which apparently is not under the aegis of the Township. Haaf expressed that communication is a challenge as a number of people are financially and emotionally invested in the building and those people are frustrated because they do not know what the Township plans for the BH. Haaf noted that previously the BHSC was active in reviewing site plans and planning for the repurposing. Balsama suggested that Haaf reach out to those people and ask that they come forward for a discussion with the Supervisors. Sullivan commented that KURC will wait to hear from the Supervisors with regard to completion of the components of the lease agreement. Supervisors noted that they anticipate a response from the County Commissioners in August or September.

7. Old Business:

- a. Resolution 2016-18 to Terminate Open Space Loan – Balsama noted passage was tabled during the June 27th meeting. Requested changes have been incorporated in the document: MOTION: DiMonte moved, Balsama seconded, to enact Resolution 2016-18 regarding the Open Space Loan; motion unanimously approved.
- b. Resolution 2016-20 for Disposition of Records – MOTION: DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to enact Resolution 2016-20 providing for the disposition of approximately 4.168 cubic feet of non-permanent records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual; motion unanimously approved.

8. Correspondence: no correspondence.

9. **Treasurer's Warrants:** Stumpo moved, DiMonte seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for June 28 – July 11, 2016 recommended for payment by the Treasurer; General Fund: 16 bills paid totaling \$20,426.28; 2 debit card charges totaling \$92.68; Highway Aid: 8 bills paid totaling \$121,399.17; Parks, Rec & Trails Committee: 2 bills paid totaling \$118.59; motion unanimously approved. Stumpo reviewed paving approval request submitted by Mark Knightly, Public Works Director, to pave the driveway and back lot at the Public Works Garage. The request is to purchase the material through CoStars (estimated price \$20,000 with price of blacktop fluctuating with oil prices) and hire a vendor to haul and place the blacktop. A savings of \$2,000 to \$5,000 would be realized over having the vendor purchase and install the material. Three written quotes were obtained from local paving contractors as follows: Long's Asphalt \$10,000; R Smith Paving \$16,700; Harlan Construction \$17,158. MOTION: DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the Township's purchase of blacktop through CoStars for paving around the Public Works Garage at 1440 Lenape Road; motion unanimously approved. MOTION: Balsama moved, DiMonte seconded, to accept the written quote from Long's Asphalt of \$10,000 as representative of the lowest responsible quote to haul and place blacktop around the Public Works Garage at 1440 Lenape Road; motion unanimously approved.
10. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the Minutes of June 27, 2016 as amended; motion unanimously approved.
11. **Adjournment:** At 8:25 P.M. DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion unanimously approved.



Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary

Ricki Stumpo, Chairman