



Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 24, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

Attendance: Supervisors - Ricki Stumpo, Elaine DiMonte; Mark Knightly, Director, Public Works Department; Al Davis, Alternate Commissioner, Kennett Area Fire and Emergency Services Regional Commission ("EMS Commission"). Supervisor Alice J. Balsama was not in attendance.

Public in attendance: 4

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Stumpo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Sunshine Announcements:** Board met with the Friends of Barnard Station on September 17th.
3. **Announcements:** Stumpo announced the budget work session will be held on October 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Stumpo and Knightly joined a number of residents at a meeting in Representative Barrar's Office on September 10th to discuss a water concern with the PA Department of Environmental Protection and the County of Chester. Stumpo noted that Planning Commissioner Sam Kanjula submitted a resignation notice.
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
 - a. 1800 Brooks Road - Amy and Rod Smith and Chuck Selfe commented on their grave concerns regarding the property noting that its condition could lead to a negative impact on property values. They also noted that in addition to the disturbances, there is generally an overall concern for safety. They described an entrance gate on the property as most likely representative of a zoning violation. DiMonte requested background which was provided by the residents as follows: large groups of people appear to camp on the property; there is continual loud noise on the property from voices, gun fire, and music during the camping events; hazardous conditions exist including bonfires, trash, broken glass, and lack of the availability of sanitation for the people to make use of during the parties; residents are aware that children are in attendance for the parties putting the children in harm's way; and sizeable trees have been cut down to construct a log cabin. Stumpo noted that the Township Zoning Official and Township Solicitor are aware of the concerns and clarified that the Township cannot enter the property without permission from the owner. Secretary indicated that all concerns to date have been submitted to the Avondale State Police and to Chester County Children Youth and Families. Selfe commented that he has communicated with the Township Zoning Official who may be able to observe the property from his property later during the fall season following the first frost. Selfe is aware that the Township Zoning Official contacted Chester County Conservation District with regard to grading activity to widen the driveway. Board agreed that the Township will continue to monitor the progress of the Township consultants to identify a resolution to the concerns of the residents.
 - b. Pocopson Park Tennis Courts - Lise Borel commented that it appears people are deliberately dumping and leaving their trash at this site. Generally, the trash cans are overflowing without space for residents and dog walkers to deposit poop bags. There

is concern that the overflow of trash will draw vermin to the site. DiMonte wondered if removal of the trash cans or limiting access to the site would eliminate the illegal dumping. The Township could consider installation of surveillance cameras to identify license plate numbers in the event residents are not able to obtain the license plate numbers in order to report the violation.

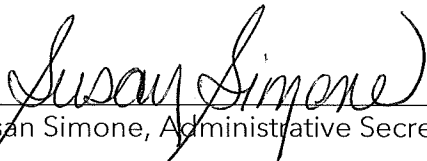
- c. Deer hunting/management - Borel commented that she had a positive conversation with Supervisor Balsama regarding thinning the deer herds throughout the Township. Their conversation included the liability concern in limiting hunting to Township property given that private landowners are not willing to sign the hunting waiver provided by the Township. Borel is not certain that contracting with private hunting clubs is as beneficial as allowing the current Township Deer Management Committee (TDMC) to organize as a formal hunting club contracting with the Township and the contract fee used by the club to pay for its own liability insurance. The TDMC is familiar with the land and there may be a savings in assisting TDMC with supporting its own liability insurance versus a contract price to an outside private hunting club. Borel noted that the current deer population represents a danger to the community in the form of property damage and to the herd itself in as much as the sheer number of deer could starve to death over the winter. Stumpo and DiMonte agreed to circle back with Balsama regarding the request.
5. **Work Session September 18, 2018:** the work session was cancelled.
6. **Public Hearing to Adopt PA Act 172 Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit Ordinance:**
MOTION: at 7:07 p.m., DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to close the public meeting and open an ordinance hearing; no discussion; motion carried. Stumpo stated Ordinance No. 2018-1 is an ordinance amending Chapter 203 by adding a new Article VI, "Volunteer Service Real Property Tax Credit" to provide incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies. By adopting the Ordinance the Township is providing for Real Property Tax Credit as set forth in the Ordinance. Board reviewed the exhibits noting that the proposed Ordinance has been available for public review since September 7, 2018. No discussion or public comment. MOTION: at 7:12 p.m., Stumpo moved, DiMonte seconded, to close the hearing and reopen the public meeting to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-1 adding a new Article VI providing incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies; motion carried.
7. **Planning Commission (PC) Report September 5th Meeting:** Board reviewed the report submitted by the PC. Board accepted the resignation of Sam Kanjula and agreed to table filling the vacancy at the request of the PC to allow them the opportunity to discuss during their October 3rd meeting.
8. **Public Works Report:** Knightly reported the department is finishing final road mowing for the season and paving is completed for Beversrede. Selfe thanked the Public Works Department for the great paving work.
9. **Facilities:** DiMonte reported that the Board is finalizing the date for a public meeting work session in October to present the feasibility study.
10. **Zoning Official Report:** Board reviewed the report dated September 19, 2018.
11. **Kennett Fire & EMS Regional Commission Report:** Davis reported he and Stumpo attended the September 11th EMS Commission meeting. He noted that efforts are still underway to address concessions associated with the recommendation to consolidate ambulance services. DiMonte responded that she hopes the negotiations proceed as the consolidations are anticipated to be for the benefit of the community.
12. **New Business:**
 - a. **Minimum Municipal Obligation Pension (MMO) -** Board reviewed correspondence submitted by the Treasurer regarding funding requirements. DiMonte noted that the projections are estimated 2018 pay/employee and that the MMO bill for 2018 is due

December 31, 2019. She will clarify the reporting dates during the Budget Work Session.

- b. Appointment to Brandywine Creek Water Trail Feasibility Study - Stumpo reported that the Brandywine Conservancy invited a member of the Township Parks, Recreation, and Trails (PRT) Committee to serve on this advisory study group.

MOTION: Stumpo moved, DiMonte seconded, to submit the name of Jesse Noa, a member of the PRT to the Brandywine Conservancy as the appointed representative of Pocopson Township; motion carried.

13. **Old Business:** no old business submitted.
14. **Correspondence:** no correspondence submitted.
15. **Treasurer's Warrants:** Stumpo moved, DiMonte seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for August 28 - September 24, 2018, recommended for payment by the Treasurer; General Fund: 33 bills paid totaling \$43,240.40; 11 debit card charges totaling \$1,501.86; Capital Reserve: 1 bill for \$5,250.00; Highway Aid: 7 bills totaling \$89,532.16; Parks, Recreation & Trails: 1 bills for \$80.00; motion carried. DiMonte noted the continued benefit to the Board to receive a Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting.
16. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the August 27, 2018 meeting minutes; motion carried.
17. **Adjournment:** At 7:24 p.m., DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.



Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary



Ricki Stumpo, Chairman