

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Minutes of October 8, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 8, 2015, as advertised, at the Township Building, 1370 Bridgeton Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania. Present were Supervisors Gard Holby, Roger Keller and Michael Lynch. Also present was Secretary/Treasurer Tammy Macaluso and David Shafkowitz, the Township Solicitor. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Supervisor Holby called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Supervisor Holby reported that the agenda has been amended to include public discussion for the two proposed Ordinances to be presented by the Township Solicitor for adoption by the Board. Supervisor Holby called for public comment on the meeting agenda. No public comment was received.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Barbara Prowker, Township resident is requesting an update of the status of the proposed Noise/Nuisance Ordinance that the Township Planning Commission has been working on. Supervisor Holby stated that the proposed Ordinance in its current state as a 'draft document' has just been forwarded on to the Supervisors for final language development. The Supervisors will review this draft and, if necessary, make any changes through the Solicitor, motion to advertise it at the November Board meeting, and at the December Board meeting present it for the required public hearing and if adequate motion to adopt it.

Ms. Prowker would like to obtain a copy of the current draft. After discussion and understanding that this Ordinance is still in the draft state and not a legal binding document, Supervisor Keller will forward a copy to Ms. Prowker for her perusal.

Barbara Fox, Township resident inquired whether there were any regulations on types of guns used on a firing range. Solicitor Shafkowitz stated that there are state regulations that must be adhered to.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the minutes from the September 10, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors were approved.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of \$22,638.31 from September 2015 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the Treasurer's report from September 2015 was approved.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company – None.

2. Open Space – None.

3. Solicitor - The Township Solicitor advised the Board that two public hearings were scheduled for today. The first one is regarding the adoption of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Townships of Bridgeton, Tinicum and Nockamixon; the second is regarding the adoption of an Ordinance amending section 306 of the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance.

A. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the hearing for consideration of the adoption of an Ordinance of Bridgeton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Adopting Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between the Townships of Bridgeton, Tinicum and Nockamixon to Mutual Aid in the Event of Township Emergencies, Pursuant to Section 1507 of the Second Class Township Code and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law designated as Ordinance number 2015-5, was opened by the Solicitor and the following documents were marked as Exhibits:

A1: A copy of the Ordinance;

A2: A copy of the legal notice;

A3: Proof of Publication; and

A4: Proof of Filing with the County Law Library

The solicitor then proceeded to provide the Board with a summary of the proposed Ordinance. Following any questions or comments from the Board, the Hearing was opened to the public for comments. No comments were received. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3 0, the hearing on the proposed Ordinance was closed. Upon motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the Board adopted Ordinance 2015-5, An Ordinance of Bridgeton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Adopting

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Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between the Townships of Bridgeton, Tinicum and Nockamixon to Mutual Aid in the Event of Township Emergencies, Pursuant to Section 1507 of the Second Class Township Code and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law.

B. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the hearing for consideration of the adoption of an Ordinance of Bridgeton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Amending Section 306 of the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance to Remove Townhouse Residential Use as a Use Permitted as a Conditional Use in the VR Zoning District and to Permit Townhouse Residential Units in the VC District with Approved Central Sewer and Water Service by Conditional Use designated as Ordinance number 2015-6, was opened by the Solicitor and the following documents were marked as Exhibits:

- B1: A copy of the Ordinance;
- B2: A copy of the legal notice;
- B3: Proof of Publication;
- B4: Proof of Filing with the County Law Library; and
- B5: Copy of the Cover Letter asking for the Bucks County Planning Commission's

Consideration, none was received within the 30-day waiting period.

The solicitor then proceeded to provide the Board with a summary of the proposed Ordinance. The Solicitor advised the Board that the Ordinance has been reviewed by the Township Planning Commission and recommended for approval. Following any questions or comments from the Board, the Hearing was opened to the public for comments.

A question was asked if this Ordinance would be retroactive. Solicitor Shafkowitz stated that the Ordinance will only go forward, nothing previous will be affected.

Being no further public comments, upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the hearing on the proposed Ordinance was closed. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the Board adopted Ordinance 2015-6, An Ordinance of Bridgeton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Amending Section 306 of the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance to Remove Townhouse Residential Use as a Use Permitted as a Conditional Use in the VR Zoning District and to Permit Townhouse Residential Units in the VC District with Approved Central Sewer and Water Service by Conditional Use.

4. Planning Commission – Minutes for the August 26, 2015 meeting have been received and are on file with the Township.

5. Secretary/Treasurer – Secretary Macaluso presented an email received from Senator Mensch's office inquiring if there are any transportation concerns for Bridgeton Township?; Does the Township have any economic development projects planned?; Are there any upcoming events or celebrations?; Also if there are any other community issues or concerns. Supervisor Holby will draft a letter to the Senator concerning the dangers on the state owned roads within the Township due to dangerous road erosion and serious potholes.

6. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – Minutes for the August 19, 2015 meeting have been received and are on file with the Township.

7. Roadmaster – Rich Pursell, Roadmaster reported that the proposed road maintenance agreement for repair of potholes by the Township on State owned roads presented by PennDot would incur too much liability for the Township. Mr. Pursell also stated that the Township would be losing money due to the reimbursement offered by PennDot would not cover the material, labor and rental equipment needed.

8. Zoning – Zoning Officer's Report for September 2015 has been received and is on file with the Township.

9. Emergency Management – EOP has been received and is under review by the Supervisors.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Internet/Phone Upgrade – Phone equipment has been installed and installation is scheduled for October 19th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Awarding of bid to Morton Salt, Inc. for 2015- 2016 Rock Salt Supply – Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the Board awarded the 2015- 2016 Rock

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Salt bid to Morton Salt, Inc., at a cost of \$63.97 per ton, based on the Township's participation in the Bucks County Consortium bid process.

2. Motion to Advertise Special Budget Meeting – Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the motion to Advertise the Special Budget Meeting was approved.

3. 2015 Foreign Fire Insurance Disbursement to Upper Black Eddy Fire Company in the amount of \$12,974.01– Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the Board approved the disbursement of the 2015 Foreign Fire Insurance funds in the amount of \$12,974.01 to the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company.

PUBLIC COMMENT: C C Hopf, Township resident, would like the Board to consider submitting the proposed Noise/Nuisance Ordinance to the Bucks County Planning Commission for their review. Solicitor Shafkowitz stated once again that submission to the County Planning Commission is not necessary due to the fact that this proposed Ordinance would be a stand-alone Ordinance, not amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance, which would require the County Planning Commission's consideration.

C C would also like the Board to consider allowing the Chair of the Township Planning Commission to have a key and pass code to the Township building. Last month's meeting was held outside due to the fact no one was present with a key to open the doors.

Barbara Prowker, Township resident would like to see the Board meeting agenda available at least 48 hours prior to the Board meeting. Terry Brown, Township resident recommended that the agenda be posted on the outdoor message board and the Township website. These recommendations will be followed for future Board meetings.

Being no further business, upon a motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled to be held on November 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Macaluso
Secretary/Treasurer