

## **EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2016**

The April 18, 2016 Business Meeting took place in the Township meeting room at 566 Beaumont Road, Devon and was called to order at 7:00 pm. Supervisors present included: Christopher D. Polites, Chairman; James W. Oram, Jr., Vice Chairman; Marc J. Heppe, Betsy Fadem, and Fred Pioggia. Also attending were Eugene C. Briggs, Jr., AICP, Assistant Township Manager; Dave Obzud, Police Chief; Gary Bernhard, Public Works Director; Kate Jones, Administrative Coordinator; and Andrew D. H. Rau, Esquire, Township Solicitor.

### **MINUTES**

On motion by Mrs. Fadem, and seconded by Mr. Pioggia, the minutes of the regular business meeting of April 4, 2016 were unanimously approved with one correction made by Mrs. Fadem.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following public meeting regarding proposed Devon Center Overlay Ordinance will take place at Beaumont Elementary School (575 Beaumont Rd, Devon): Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on Thursday, May 5, 7 pm.

The following public meetings will be held at the Township Building: Parks and Recreation on Tuesday, April 19, 7 pm and the next Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, May 2, 7 pm.

The following public meeting will be held at the Easttown Library (720 First Ave, Berwyn): Library Board on Wednesday, April 20, 7 pm.

State Representative Duane Milne is hosting a shredding, recycling, and drug-take back event in Saturday, April 30, 9 am to 1 pm, at the Penn State Great Valley Campus in Malvern.

Mr. Pioggia added that Sub Group 1 of the Comprehensive Task Force will meet on Monday, April 25 at 6:30 pm at the Township Building.

For more information about any of these announcements, please visit [www.easttown.org](http://www.easttown.org).

### **LIST OF BILLS**

On motion by Mr. Pioggia, seconded by Mr. Heppe, the Board unanimously approved payment of \$252,803.50, a total of Warrants (\$126,763.00) and Payroll (\$126,040.50), date ending April 14, 2016.

Mr. Oram requested that Staff obtain analytic data for online usage of its e-code website.

## **SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS**

Mr. Heppe read a letter from the W. Howard Fritz into the record:

“Dear Easttown Supervisors,

I would like to formally announce to you that the Wm. H. Fritz lumber company's property is under agreement of sale to Eadeh Enterprises. Eadeh Enterprise is a very responsible and community minded organization as you all know. The business at Fritz, will remain open till all inventory is sold. Presumably by September 1, 2016. This decision has been a very long and painful process. Wm. Fritz (Bill) is in his eighty seventh year and wishes to retire. I am sixty two and have health issues and concerns for both myself and my dear wife Roberta. My two adult children do not have an interest or desire to continue in this business. Neither have building experience or knowledge of it, nor do they have the required, management skills needed to sustain a viable and prosperous supply company. It is very disappointing to have to close a family business that has been in existence since the civil war...153 years ago. With that said...I am very grateful to our community and the Easttown Township for the many years of support. The Fritz family has been active community members....past and present. From helping to start a bank, a church and Station II. To most recently, our vocation for the Berwyn/Devon business Assoc., Veteran Assoc., Easttown Tricentennial, and the park and recreation committee to name a few. We also joyfully received the same high paying compensation the supervisors receive for all their hard work and efforts!! All jokes aside...I am honored to be allowed the opportunity to serve this very fine community which I lived in for twenty plus years. Obviously timely communications between us is an absolute must. We may be reached at our office at 610-644-0608 for any questions or concerns on this matter. Once again... we sincerely thank you all... and wish everyone the very best.

Sincerely, (and perhaps regretfully)

W. Howard Fritz  
V.P. WM. H. Fritz Inc.”

The Board discussed various ways to honor this family and its company, including a Proclamation, an accolade at the 2016 Township Volunteer Reception, and an historic marker to mark the Fritz Lumber Company position on Lancaster Avenue. Mr. Oram stated that he would follow up with the Historical Commission regarding the potential marker.

Mr. Oram then gave an update on the Historical Commission, which continues to work toward updating an historic resource map to officially use as a reference to the Township Code.

Mr. Pioggia told the Board that Citizen Advisory Committee member Tom McGurk and Mr. Bernhard presented the Hilltop House Subcommittee with a 2016 and 2017 budget for Hilltop House and that it was revised as part of the meeting.

Mrs. Fadem stated that she and Mr. Heppe had attend the regular Planning Commission meeting on April 5, 2016 and the special Planning Commission meeting on April 6, 2016, where the Commission unanimously recommended the proposed Devon Center Overly Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Fadem also gave an updated regarding the Citizens Advisory Committee. The Committee continues to discuss the progress of resolution of the audit items to work towards designing a funding formula for fire and EMS services. The Committee also heard an update on the Hilltop House Phase I Plans and has begun considering a financial dashboard report.

Mr. Pioggia and Mrs. Fadem, along with Mr. Briggs, attended the Annual Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors conference prior to the meeting tonight and will provide more detailed summaries at the next Board of Supervisors regular public meeting.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Mr. Briggs updated the Board on Planning and Zoning related matters.

Berwyn Fire Company EMS Captain Michael Baskin and Paoli Fire Company Ambulance Captain Andy Worth were in attendance to present the fire department reports for the first quarter of 2016 and the month of March 2016. There was discussion regarding false alarms. Mr. Rau suggested the Township, as a first step to address this ongoing issue, craft a letter in coordination with the Police Department and Fire Companies to the property owners with repeat false alarms. These property owners will be determined through an analysis of the raw data provided by the Berwyn Fire Company.

Chief Obzud updated the Board on police related matters.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Non-extension of Snow Plowing and De-icing Contract**

Mr. Rau presented this item to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Pioggia, seconded by Mr. Heppe, the Board unanimously authorized Staff to provide Greenscape Landscape Contractor Inc. with notice that its current contract for Snowplowing and Deicing Support Services will expire on June 30, 2016, and will not be extended or renewed. In addition, Staff is authorized to prepare invitations for bid for future Snowplowing and Deicing Support Services, and shall provide a bid package for final Board review and approval.

Chairman Polites announced that the Board will meet in executive session after the meeting to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Joan Bergquist, of 217 Devon Boulevard, received clarification from the Board regarding the conditional use process, which is a “by-right” development, subject to conditions in the PBO District.

Louise Story, of 2060 Buttonwood Road, and Joseph Durante, of 580 Kromer Avenue, received clarification regarding the Zoning Hearing Board process in the Township.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Jones  
Assistant Township Secretary