

EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2016

The July 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, and Betsy Fadem. Also attending were Dan Fox, Township Manager; Dave Obzud, Police Chief; Eugene C. Briggs, Jr., AICP; Assistant Township Manager; Gary Bernhard, Director of Public Works; Kate Jones, Administrative Coordinator; and Andrew D. H. Rau, Esquire, Township Solicitor.

MINUTES

On motion by Mrs. Fadem, and seconded by Mr. Heppe, the minutes of the regular business meeting of June 20, 2016 were unanimously approved with a correction made by Mrs. Fadem. Mrs. Fadem asked for a copy of the corrected minutes in Board packets moving forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Polites announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the regular meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters. They also met on June 29 and July 6 to discuss personnel matters.

The following public meetings will take place at the Township Building unless otherwise stated:

- Parks & Recreation Board on Tuesday, July 19, 7 pm
- Zoning Hearing Board on Wednesday, July 27, 7 pm
- Planning Commission on Tuesday, August 2, 7 pm (6:30 pm workshop)
- Citizens Advisory Committee on Monday, August 8, 6:15 pm
- Municipal Authority on Tuesday, August 9, 7 pm
- Historical Commission meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 7 pm at the Easttown Library
- Next Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, August 15, 7 pm

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Polites adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm to hold a public hearing regarding Conditional Use Application 95 for Hertz Car Rental at 105 Lancaster Avenue. The meeting was called back to order at 7:20 pm.

On a motion made by Mr. Heppe, and seconded by Mr. Oram, the Board unanimously approved Conditional Use Application 95 for Hertz Car Rental at 105 Lancaster Avenue, with the caveat that the overall number of

parking spots the Applicant will use for its purpose does not exceed the total of 23 designated spots on the property.

A copy of the official transcript of this public hearing is available for review at the Easttown Township Building.

LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Fadem requested that staff develop a refined policy for the use of petty cash in both the administrative and police departments.

Mrs. Fadem also requested that staff revisit quotes for Tyler Technology financial software modules for consideration moving forward.

On motion by Mr. Oram seconded by Mr. Heppe, the Board unanimously approved payments of \$385,126.74, a total of Warrants (\$269,345.04) and Payroll (\$115,781.70) date ending July 1, 2016, and of \$1,143,280.15, a total of Warrants (\$1,019,060.47) and Payroll (\$124,219.68) date ending July 13, 2016.

SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Fadem updated the Board regarding the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 6, which included continued discussion of the proposed land development application for 4 Midland Avenue and the proposed subdivision application for 15 Leopard Road. The Commission also reviewed two Zoning Hearing Board applications.

Mrs. Fadem also updated the Board regarding the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, July 11, which included a presentation by Kate Jones regarding the new website layout. She added that there will be a soft rollout of the website in August and an announcement of the new site made in September.

Lastly, Mrs. Fadem stated that she and Mr. Heppe continue to meet and have productive dialog with the TE Fire Companies Funding Coalition.

Chairman Polites read remarks from Mr. Pioggia, who was not in attendance, which included that the Fourth of July Annual Parade and Picnic was a success and that there has been no movement with PECO regarding LED street lighting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Members of the Berwyn and Paoli Fire Companies presented respective quarterly reports. The Board Congratulated Andrea Testa on her appointment to the position of Fire Chief of Paoli Fire Company. There was discussion regarding how to educate the public regarding false alarms.

Mr. Fox updated the Board regarding administrative and financial matters. Mrs. Fadem asked Mr. Fox to provide the Board with the total payments received from Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd.

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

Chief Obzud updated the Board regarding his Police Department, including a discussion of a four way stop sign system at the intersection of Woodside and Berwyn Avenues. Staff will complete a traffic study.

Mr. Bernhard updated the Board on Public Works related matters.

NEW BUSINESS

LD 109; 4 Midland Ave – Land Development Decision Extension Agreement #2

Mr. Briggs updated the Board on this application. The Planning Commission first reviewed this proposal as a Sketch Plan on February 2, 2016 and then again on July 6, 2016. The Commission also reviewed this proposal as a formally submitted land development application on April 5, 2016 and June 7, 2016. The Applicant's current sketch plan proposal is to demolish a commercial building for the construction of 3 apartment buildings with a total of eighteen condominium dwelling units. Section 400-15.D.(3) of the Township Code establishes a 90-day deadline for the Board of Supervisors to render a decision on the Application. The original decision deadline was set to expire on July 4, 2016, but was extended to August 16, 2016 by agreement between the Applicant and Board.

Since the Applicant has not yet received a recommendation from the Commission and expects to submit revised Plans for review by the Commission on September 7, 2016, the Applicant has submitted the attached letter granting a second time extension for Board's decision. If agreed to by the Board, then the new deadline for its decision will be September 30, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Heppe, seconded by Mr. Oram, the Board granted a second time extension proposed by the Applicant establishing a new deadline of September 30, 2016 in which to render a decision on Land Development Application 109.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Fadem requested that staff compose a resolution to extend current credit card resolution (2016-13) for the Board to consider at its public meeting on August 15, 2016.

PUBLIC FORUM

Patricia Crutchfield, of 48 Walnut Avenue, Lucille Washington, of 15 Leopard Road, and Maxine Washington of 51 Walnut Road, discussed a traffic study completed on Walnut Avenue by the Police

Department with Chief Obzud. Chief Obzud noted that the Department's traffic officer did not see any consistent violations on the road during his study. Residents discussed the possibility of flashing lights, more signage, speed humps, and/or writing on the roadway to deter illegal driving behavior.

Mrs. Maxine Washington requested an onsite visit with Mr. Briggs to discuss potential property maintenance violations at 15 Leopard Road.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Jones
Assistant Township Secretary