

Easttown Township  
Board of Supervisors (BOS)  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 7, 2018 (7 PM)  
Meeting Minutes

BOS Present – Marc Heppe (Chair), Betsy Fadem (Vice Chair), Chris Polites, Jim Oram, and Karl Romberger

Staff Present – Dan Fox (Manager), Andy Rau (Solicitor), Gene Briggs (Assistant Manager), Scott Albee (LT of Police), Brady Flaharty (Township Engineer) and Don Curley (Public Works Director)

The Chair called the meeting to order at around 7 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes - Chris Polites made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of 04/16/2018. Betsy Fadem seconded the motion. The Supervisors discussed the draft minutes and agreed to two changes. One, the first paragraph of Page 4 should be changed to reflect that the first key step for rehabilitating the Devon train station would be submitting an eligibility determination request. Two, the fifth paragraph of Page 7 should be changed to reflect that the commitment of paving the Greens is a commitment for consideration as part of the 2019 budget but not necessarily a commitment to prioritize the paving in the Greens. The Chair called for public comment. No one from the public commented. The Chair called the vote. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Announcements – The Chair read the announcements that were listed on the agenda for the meeting.
3. List of Bills – Betsy Fadem made a motion to approve the List of Bills for the date ending 05/02/18 for \$671,839.22 (Warrants of \$380,308.87 and Payroll of \$291,530.35). Chris Polites seconded the motion. The BOS questioned the staff on various aspects of the bills. The Chair called for public comment. No one from the public commented. The Chair called the vote. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Liaison Reports and 2018 Projects – The Chair announced that the Liaison Reports would be delivered at the second meeting of the month.
5. Departmental Reports –
  - A. Administration – Dan Fox generally summarized his report (dated 05/04/18 and included in the agenda packet) to the BOS. In particular, the BOS and the staff discussed the ARLE Grant and the 2017 audit. The Chair called for public comment. Michael Wacey (1049 Beaumont Road) asked about the timing of the ARLE Grant. Mr. Fox indicated that a kickoff meeting would likely occur in summer.
  - B. Public Works – Don Curley generally summarized his report (dated 05/03/18 and included in the agenda packet). In particular, the BOS and the Staff discussed the prospective clearing

and grubbing of sanitary sewer easements and paving. The Chair called for public comment. No one from the public provided comment.

## 6. New Business

- A. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Application SD 616: 2325 White Horse Road for Final Minor Subdivision/Land Development Plan – Eugene Briggs described the application (as defined in his memo dated 05/04/18 and included in the packet). The Applicant’s Solicitor (John Snyder) and the Applicant indicated acceptance of the conditions identified in Mr. Brigg’s memo but stated a preference for a fee in lieu instead of a widening of the road, explained why they believe the fee in lieu is preferable to the widening, and made a request that the BOS allow the fee in lieu instead of the widening. The BOS discussed the issue with the Applicant, the Applicant’s Solicitor, The Township Engineer (Brady Flaharty), the Township Solicitor (Andy Rau), and the Staff. After a long discussion, Jim Oram made a motion to approve the application with a condition that the Staff report back to the BOS on the facts and circumstances presented by the Applicant and the Applicant’s Solicitor regarding their reasoning for their request. Specifically, the motion indicated that the report shall include any knowledge of Newton’s intent to pave White Horse Road in the near future and that, upon review of the information provided to the Supervisors from the Staff, the Supervisors may choose to amend their approval to allow fee in lieu instead of road widening. Betsy Fadem seconded the motion. The BOS discussed some additional general and some additional particular provisions of the application. Supervisor Polites asked that the record reflect his support for the position identified by the applicant. The Chair called for public comment. Michael Wacey (1049 Beaumont Road) asked about the extent and jurisdiction of the Right of Way and discussed it with the Staff. Joan Bergquist (217 Devon Boulevard) indicated a concern that widening the road would be adverse for trees and storm water management. The Chair called the vote. The motion passed four to one (Mr. Polites voting nay).
- B. Consideration of Motions to Appoint Members to the Planning Commission and to the Easttown Citizen Advisory Committee – The Chair described the circumstances associated with the vacancy of the above-mentioned boards and summarized the credentials of the prospective appointees. Betsy Fadem made a motion to appoint Ann Rothman to the Planning Commission to fill the term (vacated by Michael Cappelletti) that expires on 12/31/19. Chris Polites seconded the motion. The Chair called for public comment. No one from the public commented. The Chair called the vote. The motion passed unanimously. Chris Polites made a motion to appoint Michael Wacey to the Easttown Citizen Advisory Committee for a term that expires on 12/31/18. Betsy Fadem seconded the motion. The Chair called for public comment. No one from the public commented. The Chair called the vote. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Policy 121: Township Sidewalk Fund – Betsy Fadem outlined the background and reasoning for the policy. Karl Romberger made a motion to approve the policy. Jim Oram seconded the motion. The BOS discussed aspects of this policy and other policies. There was unanimous consent that the words “and bicyclist” should be removed from the first sentence of the second paragraph under Background, that a minor editorial change should be made to item 1.b under Policy, and that Policy No. 160 should be reclassified as Policy No. 141. The Chair called for public comment. No one from the public commented. The Chair called the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. A Hearing Regarding Prospective Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application – Mr. Curley generally summarized his memo (dated 05/01/18 and included in the packet) regarding paving streets in Berwyn. The Supervisors and Staff discussed the prospective grant. No one from the public commented.
- E. Consideration of Resolution 2018-12 Authorizing the Submission of a CDBG Application – Jim Oram made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-12. Betsy Fadem seconded the motion. The Chair called for public comment. Michael Wacey (1049 Beaumont Rd) asked about the dollar amount of the request and was informed by the Staff of the amount (as specified in the resolution). Ann Rothman asked if there was any reason to not submit the application. Staff indicated none but expressed caution that the award of funds is competitive and not certain. The Chair called the vote. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Consideration of a Motion to Issue RFI/RFQ for Hilltop House – Mr. Curley generally summarized his memo on the issue (dated 05/02/18 and included in the packet). Jim Oram made a motion to issue the FRI/RFQ. Betsy Fadem seconded the motion. The BOS discussed the issue with the Staff. The Chair called for public comment. No one from the public provided comment. The Chair called the vote. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize Clearing, Grubbing, and Tree Removal on Top of Sewer Infrastructure at Various Township Sites - Mr. Curley generally summarized his memo on the issue (dated 05/02/18 and included in the packet). Betsy Fadem made a motion to engage M&M Landscaping LLC to perform the work by December 2018 and for a price not to exceed \$42,036. Jim Oram seconded the motion. The BOS discussed the issue with the Staff. The Chair called for public comment. No one from the public provided comment. The Chair called the vote. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Old Business – None
8. Public Form – Michael Wacey (1049 Beaumont Road) asked about the implementation of license plate readers by the police. The Staff indicated that it would gather the information and provide it at a later date.
9. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at around 9 pm.

Submitted,

Don Curley

5/31/18