

## **EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2018**

The June 18, 2018 Regular Meeting took place at the Township Building, 566 Beaumont Road, Devon and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisors present included: Marc J. Heppe, Chair; Betsy Fadem, Vice Chair; Christopher D. Polites; James W. Oram, Jr.; and Karl A. Romberger, Jr. Also attending were Dan Fox, Township Manager; Dave Obzud, Police Chief; Don Curley, Public Works Director; Kate Jones, Administrative Coordinator; and Andrew D. H. Rau, Esquire, Township Solicitor.

### **MINUTES**

Mrs. Fadem made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 04, 2018 Regular Meeting. Mr. Romberger seconded the motion. Chairman Heppe opened the floor to the public after Ms. Fadem made one correction and there were no comments. The Vice-chair called the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Berwyn-Devon Business Association and Easttown Library are hosting a Summer Movie Night Series behind the Easttown Library. Bring a blanket or chairs and enjoy Jaws (©Universal 1975, PG, 124 min.) at 8:30 pm, June 22. For the full summer schedule, please visit [www.easttown.org](http://www.easttown.org).

Township Offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 04 in observance of Independence Day. The Annual Easttown Township July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic will be held on Wednesday, July 04. Registration is at 10:15 am.

The Board of Supervisors are scheduled to meet once a month on the third Monday in July, August, and September. The two meetings per month schedule will resume in October.

The following public meetings will be held at the Township Building unless otherwise stated:

- Parks and Recreation on Tuesday, June 19, 7 pm
- Library Board on Wednesday, June 20, 7 pm at Easttown Library
- Planning Commission on Monday, July 02, 7 pm (6:30 pm Workshop)
- Policy Committee on Monday, July 09, 5:30 pm
- Citizens Advisory Committee on Monday, July 09, 6:15 pm
- Municipal Authority on Tuesday, July 10, 7 pm
- Historical Commission on Wednesday, July 11, 7 pm at Easttown Library
- Next Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, July 16, 7 pm

Chairman Heppe announced that the Board would meet in Executive Session after the meeting to discuss legal matters.

## **LIST OF BILLS**

Mr. Oram made a motion to approve the list of bills totaling \$360,234.45; a total of Warrants (\$135,940.56) and Payroll (\$224,293.89), date ending June 14, 2018. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. The Board questioned the staff on miscellaneous aspects of the bills. Chairman Heppe opened the floor to the public and there were no comments. The motion passed unanimously.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

Board members provided the following updates:

### **Citizens Advisory Committee:**

Betsy Fadem, James W. Oram, Jr.

Mrs. Fadem, Mr. Oram, and the Committee met at the Chester County Emergency Services Facilities on June 11. It was a very productive tour and Mrs. Fadem provided information to be included in the next Township Newsletter. The Committee will hold its next regular meeting on July 09.

### **Fire Company Task Force:**

Betsy Fadem, Marc J. Heppe

Funding discussions will continue at the July ECAC meeting.

### **Historical Commission:**

Karl A. Romberger, Jr.

No update. The Commission next meets on July 11.

### **Library Board:**

Christopher D. Polites

No update. The Library Board next meets on July 18.

### **Municipal Authority:**

Karl A. Romberger, Jr.

Mr. Romberger stated that there has been above average rain fall but that there are not problems with the sewer system. The Authority next meets on July 10.

### **Neighborhood Watch:**

Marc J. Heppe (and Chief Obzud)

Mr. Heppe stated that Sgt. Dave Felker will receive an award for his work with the Youth Aid Panel at a Board meeting in September.

### **Park & Recreation Board:**

Christopher D. Polites

Mr. Polites updated the Board. The July Fourth parade and picnic will take place on Wednesday, July 04 in downtown Berwyn. The Board next meets on July 17.

**Pension Committee:**

James W. Oram, Jr., Christopher D. Polites

No update.

**Planning Commission:**

Betsy Fadem, Marc J. Heppe

Mrs. Fadem and Mr. Heppe deferred to Mr. Brigg's Planning and Zoning Departmental report.

**Police Department:**

Marc J. Heppe, James W. Oram, Jr.

Mr. Heppe and Mr. Oram provided updates regarding staffing and call volume. They also discussed the ongoing opioid crisis and announced that Traffic Safety Officer Boyd is currently attending a tractor trailer regulation training.

**Policy Committee:**

Betsy Fadem, James W. Oram, Jr.

No update. The Committee next meets on July 09.

Chairman Heppe opened the floor to the public and there were no comments.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Mr. Fox, Township Manager, outlined the contents of Karen Wertz's Finance Department memo, dated June 18, 2018. After discussion, Chairman Heppe opened the floor to the public there were no comments.

Mr. Briggs, Director of Planning and Zoning, outlined the contents of his memo, dated June 13, 2018. After discussion, Chairman Heppe opened the floor to the public there were no comments.

Chief Obzud introduced the Board to two Police Department projects including an outreach program for senior citizens and a reward program for children.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consideration of a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2014-18 Supporting Circuit Trails**

Mr. Briggs updated the Board on this item. At its June 04, 2018 meeting, the Board of Supervisors discussed the draft Circuit Trail Resolution provided by resident Manny Menendez. The Board asked that Staff invite Mr. Menendez to the June 16, 2018, Board meeting to formally introduce his request and

provide additional detail on the Circuit Trails. The Township Solicitor has reviewed the draft Circuit Trail Resolution and has modified it to clarify that the "Resolution is a statement of vision, and at this stage is not a commitment to any specific Easttown planning, design or expenditure."

Mr. Menendez was in attendance and discussed the proposed resolution with the Board.

Mr. Polites made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 14 of 2018 supporting Circuit Trails. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Chairman Heppe opened the floor to the public and there were no further comments. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Consideration of a Motion to Advertise Special Parking Draft Ordinance**

Mr. Curley introduced this item to the Board. A resident recently approached the Township requesting a handicap parking space on Walnut Avenue. Staff reviewed the issue and determined that the approval of handicap parking requires approval of the Board via ordinance. Public Works and the Police Department have determined the best location for the space. If the Board authorizes Staff to advertise the draft ordinance at this meeting, then it will return as an item for potential adoption at a future meeting.

After discussion, Mrs. Fadem made a motion to authorize Staff to advertise the special parking draft ordinance. Mr. Oram seconded the motion. Chairman Heppe opened the floor to the public and there were no further comments. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 08:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Jones  
Assistant Township Secretary