



Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 29, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

Attendance: Supervisors - Ricki Stumpo, Elaine DiMonte, Alice J. Balsama; Brad Peiper, Kennett Library Board Representative; Don McKay, Chairman, Historical Committee.

Public in attendance: 8

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Stumpo called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Sunshine Announcements:** no sunshine announcements.
3. **Announcements:** Board recognized the work of the Township staff for the October 23rd facilities feasibility study presentation. Stumpo attended the Kennett Area Regional Planning Commission meeting on October 16th during which time there was a discussion on interconnecting municipal trails.
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Judy Lovell expressed concern that several school buses were late to Pocopson Elementary because they were stuck for a half hour because trains were blocking the rail crossing at Route 926 and Route 52. She said that the delay is occurring at least twice a week and that the community internet platform users are sending the concern to their elected state officials. Balsama and DiMonte noted that they also recently encountered traffic delays during the morning rush hour due to the train traffic at the crossing. Terry Gumper added that he has observed the main line being blocked overnight when the sidings are filled. The Board briefly discussed with Trooper Zachery McCornac of the Avondale Station/Troop J if this is a concern that can be addressed by the State Police. Trooper McCornac indicated that the authority lies with the railroad agency as to the use of the sidings and rail crossing and that PennDOT would oversee intersection and safety concerns. Board directed that the Secretary invite a representative of East Penn Railroad to the November 26th regular public meeting. Gumper asked if Trooper McCornac was presenting third quarter state police statistics. Trooper McCornac was not providing statistics this evening but generally commented that the computer-aided dispatch has been enhanced to distinguish routine school checks with actual incidents. Peiper provided the Board with an update regarding the Kennett Library as follows: the adult literacy program is midway through the semester and providing ESL, GED, and citizenship classes to over 200 students; a new initiative is in place to identify underprivileged students up to age 18 and to provide each of them with 2 books and a winter coat; engineering estimates for construction of the new library have exceeded the proposed estimates so work is underway to revise the plans while maintaining functionality; modified levels for parking are part of the design; it is hoped that construction will begin in 2019/2020. Balsama commented that the plans appear to propose a project that will serve as a community center as well as a library.
5. **Work Session October 23, 2018:**
 - a. Board stated that the facilities feasibility study presentation boards are available for review in the Township Administration building. Board tabled approval of the Work Session minutes to the November 26th meeting.

6. **Zoning Hearing Board Application (ZHB) of Clare Milliner, Tax Parcel 63-2-3, 75 S. Wawaset Road:** Stumpo reported that the Board discussed the ZHB request during the conditional use hearing and found no objection to recommending a zoning variance as requested by the Applicant.
7. **Planning Commission (PC) Report October 5th Meeting:** Steven Grabicki commented that while he did not attend the October 5th PC meeting, he read in the Township newsletter that the PC recommends repealing Township Code Chapter 78, Fireworks. Grabicki and his wife own a farm with an equestrian facility. Repetitive and constant use of the type of fireworks, mortars, and other consumer fireworks now permitted under the new state law have created dangerous situations where the horses are spooked. To help limit the distress to the horses and the riders, he contacts his neighbors and asks them to let him know in advance when they plan to set off fireworks so that the horses can be secured and riders warned. Stumpo acknowledged that the fireworks create difficulty for horses and that the PC recommendation is to repeal the current ordinance by amending it for compliance with state law. Balsama noted that the PC iteration cites the state law, but is not specific as to boundaries or distances for using fireworks. Peiper and DiMonte commented that they have noticed an increase in consumer fireworks since the passage of the law. Stumpo noted that the PC iteration does appear to provide for a permitting process which, going forward, could include an administrative provision for notifying communities when an application is made for a fireworks event. Trooper McCornac added the State Police do not enforce local ordinances; however, they do investigate concerns regarding fireworks to assure compliance with state law and reasonableness as to hour and duration of use. Balsama suggested and the Board agreed to return the current iteration to the PC in order to identify that there are adequate safety setbacks from residential structures. Board agreed to authorize submission of amendments to Code Chapter 35, Burning to the Township Solicitor for review.
8. **Public Works Report:**
 - a. Resolution 2018-21 Low Bid Road Rock Salt - the low bid was accepted by the Municipal Cooperative of Southern Chester County in accordance with the bidding and legal advertising process. MOTION: DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to adopt Resolution 2018-21 authorizing the purchase of bulk road salt from the low bidder identified in the September 25, 2018 bid opening; motion carried.
9. **Facilities:** DiMonte reported that the findings of the facilities feasibility study were presented during the work session on October 23rd. The Board is gathering input from residents at this time. In the coming days, the Board will respond to the comments and questions. Most likely, the Board will meet in executive session with the Solicitor regarding the options. The presentation boards will be on display through November 21st. PUBLIC COMMENT: Judy Lovell asked how questions and comments are to be submitted and what will happen to the 740 Denton Hollow Road Building if the Barnard House option is chosen. DiMonte indicated comments and questions can be sent in via email or submitted on the question/comment cards available in the Township Office. Balsama responded that 740 Denton Hollow would most likely be sold if the Barnard House option is chosen.
10. **Kennett Fire & EMS Regional Commission Report:** Stumpo reported that she and Al Davis attended the regular meeting on October 16th. A decision will be made in November regarding consolidation of ambulance services.
11. **New Business:**
 - a. Township Historical Committee Update - McKay reported on the status of renovations to the Locust Grove Schoolhouse including re-creating the cloak room; completing installation of the flooring; relocating the HVAC unit to improve aesthetics; and a goal to dedicate the building in August or September 2019. Restroom facilities are not planned for the interior but portable toilets will be requested during those times the

building is in use. Future renovation work as part of a 10-year plan will include restoration of the stone work. He is working with the Township Treasurer on establishing a budget for next year recognizing that the renovation work to finish the interior will require contracting with outside vendors. XL Caitlin will again assist the committee in the spring with work that can be completed by volunteers. In addition, Lucinda Vermette donated additional flowering bulbs that will be planted before the hard freeze. McKay asked the Board to appropriate \$3,200.00 for the installation of a historical marker at the site. MOTION: Balsama moved, DiMonte seconded, to include the expenditure of \$3,200.00 in the 2019 budget for the purchase and installation of a historical marker; motion carried. Finally, McKay reported that they continue to collaborate with Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRCA) for installation of an interpretive historical trail marker on BRCA property. The Schoolhouse web site is linked to the Township web site for ease of accessing information. In January or February 2019, there will be a joint meeting with East Bradford and East Marlborough Townships for a presentation on the West Chester Street Trolley that ran from West Chester to Kennett Square. The presentation will be held at either the Browning Barn at BRCA or the 740 Denton Hollow Road Administration Building.

- b. T-Mobile Telecom Facility Request - Stumpo reviewed a request from T-Mobile regarding renting space for a facility on the Barnard House property in the event the location on the County property does not work out. Board agreed that a letter should be sent to T-Mobile declining the offer.
- c. Resolution 2018-22 Appointing Certified Public Accountants - Board reviewed the Resolution to appoint a firm of certified public accountants to replace the elected Township auditors as to certain statutorily authorized duties. MOTION: DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve adopting Resolution 2018-22 appointing Barbacane Thornton, CPA for Fiscal Year 2018 to examine accounts and conduct an audit; motion carried.

12. Old Business:

- a. Stormwater Management BMP for 630 Red Lion Road Project - Board authorized signing of the document as recommended by the Township Engineer.

13. Correspondence:

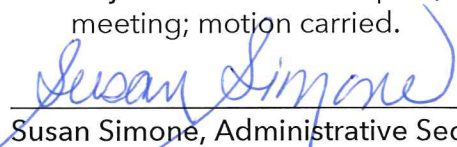
- a. Approval of text for appointment/reappointment letters for 1/7/2019 - MOTION: Stumpo moved, DiMonte seconded, to approve the text as reviewed and to send the letters to consultants and chairmen; motion carried.
- b. Struble Retirement - Stumpo noted the announcement of Bob Struble's retirement from the BRCA. Board directed that a letter be sent to Struble recognizing that has accomplished a great deal for the Township and the region.

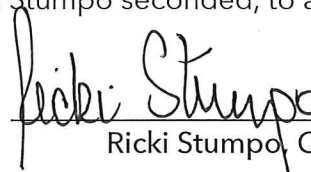
14. Treasurer's Warrants: Stumpo moved, Balsama seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for September 25 - October 29, 2018, recommended for payment by the Treasurer; General Fund: 48 bills paid totaling \$166,610.53; 14 debit card charges totaling \$1,937.56; Highway Aid: 5 bills totaling \$4,727.77; Parks, Recreation & Trails: 2 bills totaling \$200.00; motion unanimously approved.

15. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- a. Budget Work Session October 2, 2018 - Stumpo moved, DiMonte seconded, to approve the October 2, 2018 minutes; motion carried.
- b. Public Meeting September 24, 2018 - Stumpo moved, Balsama seconded, to approve the September 24, 2018 meeting minutes; motion carried.

16. Adjournment: At 7:46 p.m., Balsama moved, Stumpo seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.


Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary


Ricki Stumpo, Chairman