

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 26, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

Attendees: Supervisors - Ricki Stumpo, Elaine DiMonte; Mark Knightly, Director, Public Works; Al Davis, Alternate Commissioner, Kennett Area Fire and Emergency Services Regional Commission ("EMS Commission"); Brad Peiper and Chris Larsen, Pocopson Township Representatives to the Kennett Library. Supervisor Alice J. Balsama was absent.

Public in attendance: 24

1. **Call to Order:** Stumpo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Sunshine Announcements:** Stumpo and DiMonte met with GKO Architects on March 23rd regarding the feasibility study. Stumpo and Davis attended the EMS Commission meeting on March 6.
3. **Announcements:** Stumpo read an email from Lynette Freed, a bus driver for Unionville-Chadds Ford School District, who expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department for the excellent job in clearing snow and ice from the roads on her route.
4. **Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:** at the Board's discretion with no time limit allocations, and recognizing the importance of a meaningful discussion regarding gun safety, public comment was heard from residents and nonresidents regarding a draft gun safety resolution:
 - a. Anton Andrew - read into the record the draft of his resolution on gun safety that was adopted by the boroughs of Downingtown and Kennett Square. He noted that the reference to the local police force may be omitted from the draft currently before the Board. Andrew is a father of school-age children and voiced his concern not only for school security in light of the most recent school-shooting, but also recognized the importance of background checks, in some cases restricting the ownership of firearms, and the overall threat to public safety. His comments included but were not limited to parental concerns as to what can be done proactively. He acknowledged that municipalities have no legal authority to enact gun safety laws and that he is a candidate for the 160th Congressional District.
 - b. Laura Quick - has lived in the Township for 13 years actively participating in the community as a parent, wife, and grandmother. She attended the recent gun safety march in West Chester and was moved by the eloquent words of many students including those who described what it is like to be in high school today. She supports the draft resolution recognizing that the issue is not about challenging the Second Amendment; instead the focus must be on common sense gun control, gun safety, and compliance with gun laws.
 - c. Sharon Smith - voiced support for the Second Amendment and also supports the draft resolution before the Board. She commented that strengthening protections against gun violence provides a safer school and community. She commented that the approach must include addressing the mental health crisis as well as restricting the issuance of permits for military-assault style guns. She believes the resolution is a step in the right direction.

- d. Terry Gumper - commented that the draft resolution is nothing more than a "feel good" resolution. He voiced his concern that many school districts are not doing their part to keep students safe. Gumper offered that the provision in the draft resolution regarding a mental health condition, such as depression, as well as domestic violence, is a concern in that it appears the right to gun ownership may be limited or prohibited in these instances. Andrew responded that as an attorney, and as having worked as a public defender, he would speak with Gumper after the meeting regarding provisions in the law governing protection from abuse orders and domestic violence and the correlation of these issues with gun ownership.
- e. William and Carol Haaf - are gun owners who have lived in the Township for 12 years. They support the draft resolution as read into the record.
- f. Lauressa McNemar - commented on her support for the resolution as written. She noted that members of her family are hunters. She recognized that the municipality does not have the legal authority to enact gun laws, but the language in the resolution lets elected officials know what is important to the community. She noted numerous instances, including Christmas Day, when rapid gun fire was heard throughout the Township which is disconcerting given the number of trails used by the public. These incidents may have been reported to the State Police. She commented that the State Police routinely report to the Board that crimes in the Township are minor in nature and she hopes that this will remain so for the future.
- g. Eric Newman - is a Township resident who previously appeared before the Board to present the Citizen's Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting. Newman supports the draft resolution and thanked the Board for allowing Andrew to speak during public comment. He appreciates that the Township was responsive to the request to discuss the draft resolution during public comment.

The Board thanked everyone for attending and providing public comment on the draft resolution. The Board directed that the Secretary submit a draft resolution for review by the Township Solicitor and to list the matter as an agenda item for the April 30th public meeting.

- 5. **Work Session:** Work Session was cancelled for March 20th.
- 6. **Kennett Library Update:** Peiper and Larsen were joined by Megan Walters, Library Director, on the Library update. The Board was provided data regarding allocations, municipal funding, status of the new building project, and general interest items for possible posting on the Township website. Walters noted that the notion of a library has morphed into something akin to a community center in terms of service to the public as well as in terms of the business model. More than just access to books, a library is a hub for community events, educational opportunities, and information access. She reported that the Kennett Library has a vast number of programs for all ages on a variety of topics which are found on the Library web site and in the weekly on-line newsletter. Peiper reported on the circulation and membership data expressing appreciation for the financial support provided by the Township. He reviewed the Kennett and West Chester Library Specific Data for 2017 which indicates significant circulation transactions and branch library cards issued by Kennett Library. The data supports the Kennett Library recommendation for a 75%:25% Township donation between Kennett and West Chester Libraries. Peiper noted that the Kennett Library is a nonprofit entity that operates with a percentage of funds coming from donations and individual fundraising efforts such as the home and garden tour. Likewise, governmental revenue is a significant percentage of income. Walker added that grant applications are actively submitted as well. Peiper commented that there are municipalities that have a dedicated tax to provide library funding. Finally, a concept rendering of the new library building was shared during the meeting. The land transaction is complete for the building to be located on Willow and State Streets. Public Comment: William Haaf commented that the Haaf family loves the

Kennett Library and the entire Chester County Library System as they use it a great deal. He offered that he has served as an algebra tutor in the library tutoring program. Peiper thanked Haaf and noted that the Library supports an Adult Literacy Program and an ESL Program that provides tutoring in science, math, GED and citizenship classes. The Library is always looking to add to their list of available tutors. Board thanked everyone for the presentation.

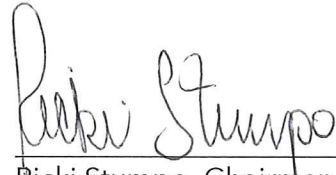
7. **Public Works Report:** Knightly reported that work continues to repair potholes on Township roads. Chipping services started today and will run through March 30th. Public Comment: Sharon Smith commented that the Public Works Department did a phenomenal job on snow removal. Her family is also well pleased with the chipping service provided by the Township.
 - a. Resolution 2018-14 - DiMonte reviewed the low bid of highway materials. MOTION: Stumpo moved, DiMonte seconded, to enact Resolution 2018-14 authorizing the purchase in 2018 of highway materials and services set forth in the Resolution in accordance with the Municipal Cooperative of Southern Chester County joint bidding process; motion carried.
8. **Facilities:** DiMonte reported that the 5th checkpoint meeting for the feasibility study was held on March 23rd. GKO Architects have presented a number of draft iterations for both the Barnard House and the current administration building, all of which continue to be modified and edited. An open house or public meeting will be scheduled in the coming months to garner feedback on the designs and to determine the next steps.
9. **Kennett Fire and EMS Commission Report:** Davis reported that the Commission met on March 6th. The minutes for the March 6th meeting have not been circulated. For this reason he reported that he will provide a detailed report at a later date. He did report that not all participating municipalities have submitted their contributions.
10. **New Business:**
 - a. Status of Agreement re: Pettit Property - Board noted that on November 18, 2013, the Township entered into an Agreement with Lillian and Lewette Pettit for the demolition of a dilapidated residential structure. The Township may avail itself of the right to recoup the cost of demolition if the property is not sold within 5 years from the date of the agreement. Public Comment: Davis asked and the Board confirmed that the Agreement was prepared by the Solicitor and a municipal lien was filed. Following discussion, Board directed that the Secretary contact Lillian and Lewette Pettit to inquire as to the status of the property.
 - b. Final Release of Letter of Credit for Osborne Place Associates, Inc. (Winterwood) - On January 31, 2018, Township received a request from Bryn Mawr Trust Company for the return of the original letter of credit associated with road bed and improvements for Winterwood which was dedicated on December 12, 2016. Board is in receipt of a Review and Comment Letter dated February 6, 2018 from VanDemark & Lynch, Inc., Township Engineers for Winterwood. Knightly inspected the lateral crack on Tilden Circle referenced by the Engineers and indicated that the repairs were made. Public Comment: John Hess, Secretary for the Winterwood Homeowners Association, commented that the improvements are complete and that the developer, Scott Megill, has fulfilled all obligations. MOTION: DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to return the original Letter of Credit in the amount of \$55,085.00 to Bryn Mawr Trust Company for the road bed and improvements for Winterwood as recommended in the February 6, 2018 Review and Comment Letter; motion carried.
11. **Old Business:** no old business submitted.
12. **Correspondence:** no correspondence submitted.
13. **Treasurer's Warrants:** Stumpo moved, DiMonte seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for February 27 - March 26, 2018 recommended for payment by the Treasurer; General Fund: 38 bills paid totaling \$25,180.39, 12 debit card charges totaling

\$2,456.86; Highway Aid: 5 bills totaling \$8,983.93; Capital Reserve: 2 bills totaling \$35,670.00; motion carried.

14. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes dated February 26, 2018; motion carried.
15. **Adjournment:** At 7:20 p.m., DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.



Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary



Ricki Stumpo, Chairman