



OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the August 28, 2019, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Dea, Torres and Snyder. Supervisor Morris was absent. Also in attendance were Jeff Vogels, Township Building/Code/Zoning Official, Solicitor Mark Thompson, Manager/Treasurer Joan McVaugh, HARB/HC Chairman, Paul Lagasse, Assistant Manager, Jeff Eastburn and Secretary Sharon Norris. There were 22 members of the public in the audience. 3 Representatives from PennDOT were in attendance as well as Corporal Reed from the Avondale State Police.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Supervisor Dea, 2nded by Supervisor Snyder, the July 17, 2019 v2 minutes were approved 4-0.

Disposition of Records: On motion by Chairman Auerbach, 2nded by Supervisor Torres, Resolution 2019-14, authorizing the erasure of the audiotape from the July 17, 2019 BOS meeting was adopted. The motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer's Report: On motion by Mr. Snyder, 2nded by Mr. Auerbach, the July 2019 Treasurer's Report was approved 4-0. The report includes the following disbursements and transfers: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$99,447.75; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$12,628.63; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$50,716.17; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$835.00; the Highway Aid Fun with disbursements of \$140,094.61; the Emergency Services Fund with disbursements of \$557.00; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$1,129,972.22. The Chairman noted that the 2019 Road Program is in full swing and that is why the numbers are higher this month.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report: Mr. Torres reported that during the month of July, 8 permits were issued, and 31 building inspections took place. \$3,815.00 was collected in building fees, -0- in Rec, Open Space, Impact Fees and \$1,400.00 was collected in miscellaneous fees. 3 Zoning Issues were reported: 1661 New London Rd.: The property owner is working with the Zoning Officer; 1620 New London Road is now in compliance; 3327 Appleton Road: still waiting for the Court of Common Pleas Judge to make a ruling. The entire report can be reviewed on the Township website (www.franklintownship.us).

PC Report: Having no business before them, the PC did not meet in August.

HARB & Historical Commissions: Mr. Lagasse reported that there will be a talk on September 12, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the New London Academy entitled "Setbacks & Successes: A history of Vines and Wines through the

Years.” Ben Cody, owner of the 1723 Winery in Kemblesville, is the speaker. This program is cosponsored by the FT Historical Commission and the New London Historical Society.

Business:

896 Progress Report: Bruce Masi from PennDOT, Elwood Kimmel and his associate from KCI Technologies, brought in a large map depicting the proposed work on Route 896 from Cobblers Ln. in New London Twp. to just below Chambers Rock Rd. in London Britain Township. The discussion went on for approximately 1.5 hours and was focused on the work in Franklin. PennDOT answered questions from the Board members and the public. All residents who spoke shared the same concern about speeding traffic, fears for kids getting on school buses, fears of getting hit when they leave their driveways and fears of accidents on 896. Traffic Taming solutions were another discussion point. A large aerial map showing the work area was taped to the wall for the Board and public to view. This federally funded project is expected to take 2 construction seasons, will cost approximately \$7-9 million, not including the cost of obtaining Rights of Ways and will hopefully commence in Spring of 2021. Mr. Masi explained that contacting the approximately 88 property owners that will be directly affected by the work has to be completed before the design and plans can be put out to bid. When an affected property owner in Franklin asked when should he expect to be contacted, Mr. Masi said that if he didn't receive his letter by February 14, 2020, then he should contact PennDOT, but he expected that property owners would be contacted by the end of 2019. Maps showing the individual areas where work will be done (other than general paving) are posted on the website. Once we receive the maps that PennDOT brought to last night's meeting, we will post them on the website. For a full review of this discussion, please watch the BOS meeting video which is posted on the Township website or view the minutes once they are approved.

Lexington Point – on Motion by Mrs. Dea, 2nded by Mr. Snyder, the Board approved the submittal of the Part II Water Quality Management Permit Application for the Lexington Point Subdivision Waste Treatment Plant & Drip Disposal Facilities to the Pennsylvania DEP with no on-site work commencing until: i) the execution of an agreement between the Township and the Developer securing the Developer's agreement to construct and fund the proposed Waste Treatment Plant & Drip Disposal Facilities; and ii) Approval of a scope of work and approval of the Developer's site improvement contractor for any proposed drip fields construction work done both before the issuance of a permit or after; and iii) a requirement that the Developer provide notice to the Township and that the Township be on site to inspect any work conducted by the approved site contractor for any proposed drip fields. Mr. Ebert, the Engineer for Keystone Custom Homes was in agreement with these criteria and Solicitor Thompson will draft a letter to their attorney for signature before the permit application will be submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

Solar Ordinance: The consensus of the Board is to send the draft ordinance to the Planning Commission for a complete review.

Public Comment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.