

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING**  
**MARCH 11, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Longswamp Township Municipal Building, 1112 State Street, Longswamp Township, Mertztown, Pennsylvania, 7:00 p.m., prevailing time as previously advertised and posted.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG/ROLL CALL**

Officials Present: Steve Wyka, Chairman; Michael Sacks, Vice Chairman; Randy Sicher, Supervisor; Jill Smith, representing the Engineer; Jill Nagy, Esquire, representing the Solicitor; David Fatzinger, Treasurer; and Jennifer Wassell-Bonser, Secretary.

**RECESS**

Chairman Wyka announced that the Board of Supervisors Meeting will be recessed in order to hold the Public Hearing for the Township Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

**CALL TO ORDER/RE-ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Steve Wyka reconvened the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and announced the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2014 would not take place. Draft copies of those minutes were available in the Meeting Hall.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Randy Sicher made a **motion** approving the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2014 as presented; Steve Wyka seconded the motion. All in favor.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Township Treasurer reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2014 as presented for the Board of Supervisor's further review. The Treasurer's Report for the month indicated \$806,978.83 total Township General Funds for the period and \$695,000.10 total Township Additional Funds for the period, for a total of \$1,501,978.93 in Account Funds for the period.

Randy Sicher made a **motion** accepting the Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2014 subject to further audit; Mike Sacks seconded the motion. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Wyka announced that an Executive Session of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 upon adjournment of the Board Meeting from approximately 7:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss potential litigation issues.

Chairman Wyka announced the Historical Society will be hosting a book launch party featuring their second publication, "The Village of Shamrock". The party will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2014 in the downstairs Meeting Room of the Township Municipal Building.

Chairman Wyka also announced the Historical Society will be hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BINGO

Benefit on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at the ASA BINGO Hall. Steve added the doors for the event will open at Noon with the first game scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Wyka informed the audience in attendance that informational flyers are available at the podium outlining details regarding a Seminar to be hosted by Senator Mensch relative to “Financial Crimes and Fraud” on Thursday, April 3, 2014 in Schwenksville.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None at this time.

### **ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

#### **Zimmerman Subdivision 2 – Private Road Waiver**

The Township Engineer provided the Board with details relative to the Planning Commission’s review of a Sketch Plan submitted for the Zimmerman Subdivision - 2 Project. Jill explained the property is currently accessed via Zimmerman Lane, which is a private lane off West State Street. Jill informed the Board that the previously recorded subdivision for the parent tract requires Zimmerman Lane to be upgraded to Township road standards if any further subdivision of the lots occur. The property owner has submitted a request for the Board’s consideration to allow the access road to remain a private lane and grant a waiver from the requirement of SALDO Section 613 which requires a private lane to be upgraded to Township road standards. Jill noted it was the Planning Commission’s recommendation to grant the waiver and not require the road to be upgraded to Township road standards.

The Board agreed to consider the request to grant the waiver at the time of the Preliminary/Final Plan submission as suggested by the Township Solicitor.

### **SEO REPORT**

#### **LTL Consultants, Ltd. Report for Month of February, 2014**

Chairman Wyka reviewed the activities as noted in the Sewage Enforcement Report for the month of February, 2014.

### **ZONING AND CODES ENFORCEMENT**

#### **LTL Consultants, Ltd. Report for January 28, 2014 to February 25, 2014**

Chairman Wyka reviewed the activities as noted in the Zoning and Codes Enforcement Report for the period of January 28, 2014 to February 25, 2014.

### **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

#### **Township Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

The Township Solicitor reviewed details relative to the Board’s consideration of withdrawing from the Eastern Berks County Regional Comprehensive Plan. Jill Nagy reported that the County invited all the participants of the Eastern Berks Region to meet with regard to the continuation of a joint regional plan.

Chairman Wyka expressed his view relative to the Township’s efforts to continue to pursue within the Joint Plan versus withdrawing at this time. The Board of Supervisors discussed

several reasons for their consideration of withdrawing from the plan which included the substantial amount of money spent on Longswamp's Eastern Berks County Regional Comprehensive Plan obligations, in addition to the approaching deadline and status of the DEP Consent Order regarding the Township's Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. The Board of Supervisors concluded by discussing the lack of benefit to the Township and the residents of the Township for continuing in the joint plan.

The Board of Supervisors responded to concerns raised by District Township Supervisor, Ed Overberger, who offered assistance to the Township in the event the Board of Supervisors re-consider the option of staying in the Plan. The Board thanked Mr. Overberger for his offer to help, as well as the opportunity to continue a good relationship with all members of the plan. The Board also noted their appreciation to the County for their efforts through-out the process.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** to decline the invitation to attend a meeting with representatives of Berks County and the participants of the Eastern Berks County Regional Comprehensive Plan; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **RECREATION REPORT**

Chairman/Park and Recreation Director, Steve Wyka announced the March Park & Recreation Commission Meeting is scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 as previously advertised.

Chairman Wyka also announced the last Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament is scheduled to be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 in the downstairs Meeting Room of the Township Building. Steve added the doors for the event will open at 6:30 p.m. with the tournament scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Steve announced that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. with a raindate of Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

### **ROADMASTER REPORT**

#### **Approve PA DOT 5-Year Agility Agreement & Resolution**

Chairman Wyka explained the purpose of the 5-Year Agility Agreement that is offered through Penn DOT in comparison to a bartering-type system.

Randy Sicher made a **motion** to accept and adopt the Penn DOT 5-Year Agility Agreement as Resolution No. 2014-8; Mike Sacks seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Appoint Voting Delegate & Alternate Voting Delegate to PSAT's Convention**

It was noted that none of the Board of Supervisors would be attending the annual PSAT's Convention, therefore no appointment was made.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Curtis Morton Subdivision Municipal Land Use Letter**

The Township Engineer provided an explanation relative to the procedure of DEP's Land Use

Policy which allows municipalities the opportunity to comment on land use conflicts as part of their permit application review process. Jill Smith stated there are no objections or land use conflicts associated with the Curtis Morton Subdivision and that unless there are any objections by the Township, it is not necessary to submit the Municipal Land Use Letter to DEP. It was noted that if a response is not received from the Township within 30 days, DEP will proceed in processing the application without the Municipal Land Use Letter.

#### **Berks County Board of Elections Polling Place Agreement**

Mike Sacks made a **motion** authorizing execution of the Polling Place Agreement between the Township and the Berks County Board of Elections in order for the Township premises to continue to be utilized as a polling location for the upcoming election season; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Randy Sicher made a **motion** to approve processing for payment, bills totaling \$165,391.17 and transfers totaling \$34,281.49 for the period of February 12, 2014 through March 11, 2014; Steve Wyka seconded that motion. All in favor.

Vote: Mike Sacks, Yes; Steve Wyka, Yes; Randy Sicher, Yes

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Steve Wyka made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer A. Wassell-Bonser  
Township Secretary