BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2016

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; John Yoder, representing the Sewage Enforcement Officer, Pete Eisenbrown, representing the Project Engineer; David Fatzinger, Treasurer; and Jennifer Wassell-Bonser, Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Wyka called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 2016 would not take place. Draft copies of the minutes were available in the Meeting Hall.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mike Sacks made a **motion** approving the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 2016 as presented; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The Township Treasurer reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the month of July, 2016 as presented for the Board of Supervisor's further review. The Treasurer's Report for the month of July, 2016 indicated $896,211.43 total Township General Funds for the period; $937,311.65 total Township Additional Funds for the period; for a total of $1,833,523.08 in Total Account Funds for the period.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** accepting the Treasurer's Report for the month of July, 2016 subject to further audit; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Wyka requested that any audience members wishing to record the meeting to sign a recording request form located at the podium and place their recording device at the Board's table. Chairman Wyka also requested that any Township audience members who wished to speak at the meeting to sign-in at the podium.

Chairman Wyka informed the audience in attendance that the Township Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

Chairman Wyka announced that Pennsylvania Dutch Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building Meeting Room beginning Thursday, September 1, 2016.

Chairman Wyka also announced that applications are available at the Township Office, as well as on the Township website, for property owners who may be interested in applying for the 2017 Gypsy Moth Suppression Program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wyka informed the audience in attendance that the Board will be considering an amended Official Map and Ordinance for Public Facilities for the Township's Act 537 Plan at their September meeting. Steve stated there will be a public hearing in order to clarify any questions or concerns that property owners may have regarding the sewage facilities plan. Steve provided background information which requires designating certain areas for the location of community sewage systems within the Township that will serve high needs areas. Steve introduced the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, John Yoder, as well as the Township Act 537 Project Engineer, Pete Eisenbrown, and offered their availability to answer questions and concerns residents may have relative to the amendments of the Plan.

Steve also reviewed pros and cons that future potential development will have on the Township, residential development and commercial development, respectfully. Steve requested the Board's consideration of forming a Township committee consisting of representatives from East Penn Manufacturing, local emergency service personnel, representation from the Brandywine School District, as well as Township property owners and farmers in order to develop ideas and cost-effective solutions to satisfy DEP's requirements of an approved Act 537 Plan.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** authorizing the formation of a Township Committee tasked with brainstorming Act 537 Plan ideals; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Township Solicitor, SEO, and Project Engineer answered several questions posed by various audience members relative to the proposed community on-lot sewer systems. Chairman Wyka concluded by stating it is the Township's desire to maintain farmland preservation, but noted land development consistent with the Municipal Planning Code is inevitable.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Curtis Morton Subdivision – Final Plans for Signature for Recording

Mike Sacks made a **motion** accepting the Final plans for signature for recording for the Curtis Morton Subdivision; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

MS-4

The Township Engineer provided the Board of Supervisors with an explanation relative to notification recently received from DEP regarding new requirements for the forthcoming MS4 permit/waiver term. Jill Smith explained that the Township has received a waiver from DEP in the past for MS4 but DEP is in the process of making changes in the waiver application process and eligibility criteria. Jill stated that an application to renew the waiver is due at least 180 days prior to the current expiration date. Jill further explained the various eligibility criteria and classifications to determine the Township's eligibility and applicability of permit requirements.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** authorizing the Township Solicitor and Engineer to submit the necessary MS4 waiver request to DEP; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

SEO REPORT

Chairman Wyka provided a general reminder for the good of the record that Cycle 2 of the Sewage Management Program is now in effect at this time.

LTL Consultants, Ltd. Report for Month of July, 2016

Chairman Wyka reviewed the activities as noted in the Sewage Enforcement Officer's Report for the month of July, 2016.

ZONING AND CODES ENFORCEMENT

LTL Consultants, Ltd. Report for June 27, 2016 to July 28, 2016

Chairman Wyka reviewed the activities as noted in the Zoning and Codes Enforcement Report for the period of June 27, 2016 to July 28, 2016.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Agricultural Area Security District

Mike Sacks made a **motion** authorizing the Township Solicitor to advertise the opening period of the Agricultural Area Security District for the month of September; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation

The Township Solicitor informed the Board of Supervisors that the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board has notified the Township that a farm adjacent to the Township is being considered for the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement. Jill Nagy explained that if an easement is purchased, the farm can never be developed or used for any purpose, other than agricultural production and would also be restricted from any subdivision. Jill noted the farm is located on High Road and that there would be no impact to the Township. The Township Solicitor also noted that this would add approximately 114 acres of farmland to the Ag Preserve for the Township.

The Board of Supervisors accepted the notification from Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board with no comment.

RECREATION REPORT

Chairman/Park and Recreation Director, Steve Wyka announced the August Park & Recreation Commission Meeting is cancelled.

Approve 2016 Field Utilization Agreements for Topton Soccer Club (TSC)

Mike Sacks made a **motion** to approve and sign the 2016 Field Utilization Agreement between the Township and Topton Soccer Club; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Steve Wyka informed the Board of Supervisors, as well as the audience members in attendance, that new playground apparatus is in the process of being ordered in co-ordination with the terms of the recently awarded grant from DCED. Steve stated that the Township will undertake the installation the equipment as a cost-saving measure but will also be looking for volunteers to help with the installation in order to give citizens an opportunity to be part of a community build.

ROADMASTER REPORT
None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS
None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS
Route Review/Approval of Brandywine Heights Community Task Force 5K Run/Walk
Chairman Wyka announced there is a 5K Run being sponsored by the Brandywine Heights Community Task Force scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 that will route through a small portion of the Township.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** authorizing the Brandywine Heights Community Task Force's plans as presented for the 5K Run as scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2016 contingent upon receipt of adequate insurance coverage; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Request for Approval to Exonerate Tax Collector to Collect Taxes – Real Estate 2016
Mike Sacks made a **motion** authorizing the Tax Collector's request for exoneration to collect 2016 Real Estate Taxes totaling $467.88; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS
Mike Sacks made a **motion** to approve processing for payment, bills totaling $98,407.24 and transfers totaling $33,178.24 for the period of July 13, 2016 through August 9, 2016; Randy Sicher seconded that motion. All in favor.

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

ADJOURNMENT
Mike Sacks made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer A. Wassell-Bonser
Township Secretary