

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2006

7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Scott Brown called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioner's August 23, 2006 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Brown asked Ms. Shafkowitz to call the roll. Present at the meeting were Commissioner President Scott Brown, Commissioner Vice President Gerald Andris, Commissioner Charles Sisian, and Commissioner John Thinnes. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz, Solicitor Eric Frey, Engineer Joe Nolan, Township Planner Ken Amey, Chief of Police Mark Toomey, Finance Director John Hall, Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Stock, and Assistant to the Manager Melissa Shafer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sisian led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the Board of Commissioners August 23, 2006 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 4-0 vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board of Commissioners Regular/Workshop Meeting – July 26, 2006

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the July 26, 2006 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 4-0 vote.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT – July 2006

Christina Murphy entered the July 2006 Treasurer's Report into the record.

VII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Luther Stuber of East Walnut Street asked if there was a solution for the speeding on Walnut Street. Commissioner Brown responded that the township has been looking into

traffic calming for Walnut Street. Chief Toomey said that he is sensitive to the concerns of the residents on Walnut Street and the police department has been trying to do more enforcement on that road.

Bill Forst of Cowpath Road asked if the cul-de-sacs in the proposed Gambone development met the requirements of the township. Commissioner Brown responded that they did.

Mr. Forst asked that due to the setbacks, how multiple cars were going to be able to park in the driveways of the townhouses. Township Engineer Joe Nolan responded that applicant has met the requirements of the ordinance.

Mr. Forst asked if the development met the open space requirements. Mr. Nolan said that they surpass the requirements.

Mr. Forst asked if the Texas Eastern Pipeline encroached on the potential townhouses' backyards. Mr. Nolan said that it did not.

Mr. Forst asked if the retention basin was large enough to handle the potential new development with the potential expansion of Snyder's Square. Mr. Nolan explained that the Gambone development would have its own basin as a stand-alone project.

Fran Haley of Cowpath Road asked the Commissioners to look into the signs posted along the shopping center next to Zoto's Diner.

VIII. SPECIAL ITEMS

1. Montgomery County Public Library Presentation
Kathleen Arnold-Yerger, Executive Director and Joan Mower, Board Member

Ms. Arnold-Yerger reviewed the new services and programs from the Montgomery County Public Library (MCPL). She reported that 26% of Hatfield Township residents are library cardholders.

Ms. Arnold-Yerger reported that the MCPL is looking for a \$3,000 increase in donations from Hatfield Township for next year.

Joan Mower asked the Commissioners to consider the request for an increase in funds for the library. She said that as a former municipal manager, she realizes the complexity of balancing a budget, but to keep in mind the needs of the library.

2. Pool Fundraising Recognition - Hatfield Auto Auction

Commissioner Brown said that throughout the year, the Board of Commissioners would be recognizing those in the Hatfield community who donate towards the Community Pool fundraising goal. At this time, Commissioner Brown

recognized Hatfield Auto Auction for their donation of \$10,000. Hatfield Auto Auction General Manager Charles Pollina said that he was happy to make the donation. The employees and their families are excited about the new community pool.

Commissioner Brown also recognized Emert Recycling for their donation of \$1,500.

Botch Nolen of Fairgrounds Road reported that Nor-Gwyn Pool is honoring Hatfield Pool memberships for the last few weeks of the pool season.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Committee

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – *July 18, 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the July 18, 2006 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes into the record.

B. Public Works Committee

No report.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee

1. Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes – *July 17, 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the July 17, 2006 Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes into the record.

2. Park Commission Meeting Minutes – *July 10, 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the July 10, 2006 Park Commission Meeting Minutes into the record.

D. Public Safety Committee

1. Monthly Report of Police Activities – *July 2006*

Commissioner Sisian entered the July 2006 Monthly Report of Police Activities into the record.

E. Finance Committee

No report.

F. North Penn Water Authority

No report.

G. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority

1. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes – *June 13, 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the June 13, 2006 Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes into the record.

2. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Monthly Budget Report – *June 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the June 2006 Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Monthly Budget Report.

X. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS

A. Township Manager's Report

1. Hatfield Aquatic Center Update

- General

Ms. Shafkowitz announced that the pool project commenced last week with demolition and the site should be ready for the pool contractor by September 14.

- Electrical and Plumbing Bids

The Board of Commissioners directed the staff to rebid the Electrical and Plumbing contracts and the township saved \$131,710 on the two contracts combined.

2. Chestnut Street Trail

Ms. Shafkowitz provided an overview of the Chestnut Street Trail. She reported that the application for the Chestnut Street Trail grant was made to the DCNR in 2005. This was the third attempt for the grant, and it differed from past applications as it focused on the central part of the trail with a dog park and an egress drive.

Ms. Shafkowitz reported that the DCNR might allow the township to change the application if the Board wishes to remove the egress drive from the plan. She said that the deadline for such change would be the end of October.

Commissioner Thinnes asked if the \$100,000 grant is for the trail and the egress drive. Ms. Shafkowitz said that it is, and explained that the grant is a 50/50 matching grant.

Commissioner Brown asked if the egress road was included in the Open Space Plan. Ms. Shafkowitz said it was not, however, the dog park was included.

Charlotte Dubroff of Orvilla Road represented the Hatfield Township Environmental Advisory Council. Ms. Dubroff reported that the EAC has opposed the road, as it is only an egress that would be used primarily through the summer months.

Commissioner Thinnes asked what was the reason for the proposed road. Ms. Shafkowitz responded that the road would serve as another means of egress to divert exiting traffic away from the roller hockey courts and baseball fields. The road would also assist with potential major events coming to the new facility.

Michael Malin asked if anyone had assessed the trees in the area for their age and size.

B. Solicitor's Report

Joe Kuhls reported that there was an executive session held prior to the meeting to discuss matters of pending litigation and conveyance of real property.

C. Building Report

1. Building Report – *July 2006*

Ken Amey entered the July 2006 Building Report into the record.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Hatfield Aquatic Center – Electrical and Plumbing Bids

Electrical Bid:

Commissioner Thinnes made a motion to award the Electrical Bid to **Westside Hammer of Bethlehem, PA** at a cost of **\$372,290**. This award is conditioned upon receipt of performance/maintenance bond and labor/materials bond. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andris and carried on a 3-1 vote.

Plumbing Bid:

Commissioner Thinnis made a motion to award the Plumbing Bid to **KC Mechanical** of Mt. Bethel, PA at a cost of **\$306,000**. This award is conditioned upon receipt of performance/maintenance bond and labor/materials bond. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andris and carried on a 3-1 vote.

**2. Gambone Land Development
Resolution #06-22**

Commissioner Sisian said that he felt the \$50,000 donation mentioned during the land development presentation at the July meeting was inappropriate. Mr. Sisian also reported that he felt the development should be providing more open space.

Commissioner Thinnis made a motion to table Resolution #06-22. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andris and carried on a 4-0 vote.

**3. North Penn Community Health Foundation Land Development
Resolution #06-23**

Hans Stein, the architect for the project, represented the applicant. He reviewed the energy efficient plans for the building.

Commissioner Sisian asked if the issues with the fire company had been resolved. Mr. Stein said that those issues were resolved.

Commissioner Thinnis made a motion to approve Resolution #06-23. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 4-0 vote.

**4. Westport Farm Land Development
Resolution #06-24**

Ken Amey reported that the applicant was available to answer any questions and a new review letter from CKS Engineers was in the packets.

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve Resolution #06-24. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnis and carried on a 4-0 vote.

**5. National Incident Management System
Resolution #06-25**

Ms. Shafkowitz reported that Resolution #06-25 needs to be passed as a part of the National Incident Management System mandate.

Commissioner Sisian made a motion to approve Resolution #06-25. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnis and carried on a 4-0 vote.

6. 2006 Montgomery County Snow and Ice Agreement

Ms. Shafkowitz reported that Hatfield Township plows Unionville Pike, which is a county road. Therefore the county reimburses the township for the snow and ice removal.

Commissioner Brown asked why the township plows the road. Ms. Shafkowitz said that it provides for a quicker clearing of the roadway.

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the 2006 Montgomery County Snow and Ice Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 4-0 vote.

7. Bills Payable

▪ **Paid Bills (August 2006) - \$22,248.92**

Commissioner Thinnes made a motion to approve the Paid Bills for August in the amount of \$22,248.92. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 4-0 vote.

▪ **Bills To Be Paid (August 2006) - \$163,136.35**

Commissioner Thinnes made a motion to approve the Bills to be Paid for August in the amount of \$163,136.35. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 5-0 vote.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Shade Tree Appointment

Commissioner Sisian made a motion to appoint Mark Baskin to the Hatfield Township Shade Tree Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andris and carried on a 4-0 vote.

2. Chestnut Street Trail

Commissioner Brown said that the Board would have the possibility to change the Chestnut Street Trail egress drive at the September Workshop Meeting if they didn't wish to take action at this meeting. Commissioner Thinnes said that he would prefer to wait until the September meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Thinnes made a motion to adjourn the August 23, 2006 Board of Commissioners Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.