

SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Work Session and Regular Business Meeting

August 19, 2015

Chairman Styer called the meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance. Present were:

Jim Styer, Chairman
Tom Neff, Vice Chairman
Barb Lynch, Supervisor
Bob Iannozzi, Solicitor

Karen Landis, Secretary
Doug Hedrick, Road Superintendent
Wayne Mensinger, Zoning Officer

CONSENT AGENDA – Jim Styer reviewed items 2a through 2e and commented on Finance Committee observations. Part of budget process is to review end of year projections – it's apparent we will end in a strong financial position and if additional revenue comes as expected from cell tower companies it will further improve the financial state of the Township. Finance Committee was asked to consider (1) What can be done to improve security, (2) What can be done to allay some of the sewer operating fees, and (3) What can be done towards a tax reduction. **Motion 15-062** by Styer, second by Neff approved the following. Motion carried 3 – 0.

- a. *Approval of A/P invoices*
- b. *Approval of July 15th minutes*
- c. *Approval of July Financial Report(s)*
- d. *Resolution 15-1738 – authorizing Fire Police at Pennridge Gallery of the Arts*
- e. *Approval of Committee and Staff Reports*

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES** – Jim Styer reported on the steps taken since 2012, various options and accessible on website. Proposals received from Montgomery County Planning Commission, Keystate Publishers, and General Code. Jim contacted and reported on response from references. Both Jim and Tom felt it's best to do this right the first time and General Code was a better fit for long term and offered a larger user group. Barb questioned if they had seen the demo from both companies. Barb Lynch commented on requests for Ordinances, posting on website and that Planning Commission reviewed both Keystate and General Code in which the entire BOS was invited to view the demo. Barb Lynch recommended delaying decision to give the other Bos members opportunity view the software demo. Barb McMonagle also commented on demo from both companies and suggested the BOS view both demos. **Motion 15-063** by Styer, second by Neff approved General Code Proposal. Motion carried 2 – 1. Lynch opposed due to lack of research and a poor business decision.

B. TOWNSHIP BUILDING RENOVATIONS – The issue was previously raised by Tom Neff on the condition and adequacy of the current Township building – some areas of deficiency include security, HVAC systems, and adequate work area and meeting space. Resident experts (Tim Clemmer & Warren Taylor) have designed a draft proposed floor plan for the building footprint – BOS has had for review, no comments. Discussions on options to accommodate the Post Office. Tim Clemmer reported on assumptions and looking to receive input and feedback. Jim questioned the condition of the crawl space under the township side of the building. Doug questioned where/how business would continue during construction. Tom Neff inquired about structural integrity – Tim Clemmer reported Warren Taylor is addressing. Tom Neff suggested a possible addition in the back to accommodate the post office. In preparation for budget considerations – next step, Tim Clemmer to obtain ballpark estimates for pricing per square footage. Barb Lynch added she is not in favor of Township initiating termination of post office lease without understanding the impact to the residents who currently have P.O. boxes.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. SEPTEMBER MEETING DATES – There being a conflict with the September 16th meeting date the BOS agreed to reschedule for September 9, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Jarrett commented on walking path construction and requested input from BOS on following state law regarding contractor start times (7 AM).

Daniel Harrell raised public concern on the inappropriate use of Natural Lands Trust and PECO open space properties. Discussions have taken place with PA State Police who have agreed to meet with both Township and land owners to prosecute if necessary. Discussion on posting signage, blocking parking areas along road right of way. Representatives from NLT, PECO and PA State Police to attend September meeting.

Tom Neff inquired about progress on the firearms discharge – Solicitor reported on contact with property owner.

Tom Neff also commented on recent vandalism(s) in Country View development.

Knockel Road resident clarified and explained his skeet shooting activity.

NEXT MEETING (SEPTEMBER 9TH) AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. King Road Bridge
- b. Deed Restriction – (S. Allentown Road)
- c. Cell Tower recommendation
- d. Parks and Open Space trespassing

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, **Motion 15-064** by Styer, second by Neff adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM. Motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

MOTION: 15-065 BY: STYER SECOND BY: LYNCH VOTE: 3 - 0

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)

