

SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Work Session and Regular Business Meeting

July 15, 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
Eric Wert, Solicitor

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

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE #170 – Solicitor opened the public hearing to consider approval and explained proposed Ordinance #170 amending Article 2 and Article 13 of Zoning Ordinance respective to VR (Village Residential) District. The proposed ordinance was advertised as appropriate and reported on Exhibits B1 – B4 marked for record. Eric Wert called for questions/comments from the BOS – there being none. Questions/Comments were called from public – Barb McMonagle questioned clarification of Section 1305 C2. There being no further questions/comments, the Public Hearing was closed. **Motion 15-056** by Styer, second by Neff approved Ordinance #170. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Jim Styer reiterated all public comment be made from the podium.

CONSENT AGENDA – Jim Styer reviewed items 2a through 2k excluding item 2j to be discussed immediately following. **Motion 15-057** by Styer, second by Neff approved the following except 2j. Motion carried 3 – 0.

- a. *Approval of A/P invoices*
- b. *Approval of June 17th minutes*
- c. *Approval of June Financial Report*
- d. *Resolution 15-1732 – WB Homes Escrow Release #12 – Phase 1*
- e. *Resolution 15-1733 – WB Homes Escrow Release #14 – Phase 2*
- f. *Resolution 15-1734 – WB Homes Escrow Release #5 – Phase 3*
- g. *Resolution 15-1735 – WB Homes Escrow Release #6 – Phase 4*
- h. *Resolution 15-1736 – authorizing Fire Police at Philadelphia Folk Festival*
- i. *Resolution 15-1737 – authorizing Fire Police at Old Goshenhoppen Oyster Picnic*
- j. *See below (Cell Tower Assessment)*
- k. *Approval of Committee and Staff Reports*

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **CELL TOWER ASSESSMENT** – Jim Styer explained the reason for the cell tower assessment proposal to consider current lease extensions or buy-out proposals for a considerable sum of money and steps taken by Solicitor who recommended an qualified independent consultant who is familiar with the industry to review the four (4) cell tower sites for the best possible deals. Barb Lynch elaborated on why removed from consent agenda and agreed an expert opinion is needed. Tom Neff confirmed Solicitor took steps as far as he could and felt it is a worthwhile

investment. Barb commented on 1 proposal being reviewed rather than comparing costs from other experts. Tom Neff commented on characterization of friend or relative of Solicitor. **Motion 15-058** by Styer, second by Neff approved Steel In The Air Proposal. Motion carried 2 – 0. Lynch abstained due to no other cost comparisons.

B. TYLERSPORT PARK WALKING PATH BID – Four (4) sealed bids were received at 3:00 PM, reviewed and summarized by Park Board Chairman Frank Jarrett, Office Manager and Road Superintendent – the lowest total bid received was \$13,420. **Motion 15-059** by Styer, second by Lynch awarded bid to Lentzcaping. Motion carried 3 – 0.

C. AUDITED 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Jim Styer reported the Finance Committee met with CPA firm on Tuesday and reviewed the draft 2014 audited financial statements which are not 100% complete due to staffing changes. Finance Committee reviewed very carefully, additional updates to be presented at next month Finance Committee meeting then BOS approval. Points of interest – No significant end of year journal entries, management letter will be issued, nothing to report, and foot notes will be added regarding reserve funds.

D. FIRE COMPANY TRUCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT – Tylersport Fire Company is in the process of financing a new rescue pumper truck. IRS Code requires Section 147(f) resolution executed between both Township and Fire Company acknowledging financing. **Motion 15-060** by Styer, second by Lynch approved executing legal document for truck financing. Motion carried 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. OUTSTANDING SEWER ISSUES – Jim Styer reported on the overall sewer summary presented. Tom Neff commended office staff and solicitor for significant progress made and raised concern regarding the abandonment and possible effect on storm water. Discussion was held on how best to handle the two (2) remaining properties where permits have not been started to determine if pass or fail. Recommended to notify property owner(s) advising to have system scheduled for testing; if not tested/scheduled by August 19th meeting the Township will take action to engage SEO and charge expense back to homeowner.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dennis Wampole raised concern regarding safety issues of a neighbor's firearm discharge and suggested the BOS consider and Ordinance prohibiting discharge of firearms.

NEXT MEETING (AUGUST 19TH) AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Status of outstanding sewer issues
- b. Approve 2014 audited financial statements
- c. Whites Mill Observation Deck and handrail

- d. Planning Commission – Ordinance Codification
- e. Planning Commission – SD/LD process improvements
- f. Township Building renovations

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, **Motion 15-061** by Styer, second by Lynch and Neff adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM. Motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVED: AUGUST 19, 2015

MOTION: 15-062 BY: STYER SECOND BY: NEFF VOTE: 3 - 0

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)

