

**Chadds Ford Township Board of Supervisors Meeting
August 1, 2007
M I N U T E S**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Deborah Love D'Elia, Chairman
George M. Thorpe, Vice Chairman
Garry Paul, Supervisor
Kathryn Luce Labrum, Acting Township Solicitor
Joseph Mastronardo, Township Engineer
Richard J. Jensen, Building Inspector/CEO
Maryann D. Furlong, Secretary/Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Deborah Love D'Elia called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Mr. Thorpe pointed out the two emergency exits, explaining that one door exits upon a deck with steps down to the driveway.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Corporal Moretti, Pennsylvania State Police, reported a burglary on July 4th at the Chadds Ford Tavern. A reported theft at Painters Crossing Condominiums apparently was a misunderstanding between two neighbors. During July there were three DUIs arrests along with a number of false burglar alarms and traffic violations. The Corporal asked for residents' help with any information regarding the burglary or any other crimes in the Township.

Debbie Reardon, Tally Ho Drive, asked for police intervention with motorcycle racing in the area. Mr. Jensen suggested another area needing attention is northbound on Station Way Road with speeding motorists trying to make the traffic light at Route 1.

While visiting Spitz Labs, Mr. Thorpe was advised of a situation regarding illegally parked tractor-trailers and vandalism around the property, especially on weekend nights. Corporal Moretti suggested posting the property with "No Trespassing" signs and contacting the State Police immediately if any further suspicious events occur.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN E. BARRAR

Several months ago, the Supervisors and Sewer Authority officials asked Representative Barrar and Senator Pileggi to help find funding for the Turner's Mill Sewage Project. The Township subsequently submitted a Safe Water Grant application to DEP and was fortunate to receive \$250,000. This is the second grant awarded through the Safe Water Program. Representative Barrar was present to present a copy of the check to the Supervisors and to briefly address the audience.

Mr. Thorpe announced a survey was performed on Beaver Dam Road and results will be sent to Harrisburg. Representative Barrar's proposed legislation can now move forward regarding a maintenance agreement with the state of Delaware for a portion of the road.

Mr. Paul reported that meetings were held the past several nights to discuss costs for the Turner's Mill Wastewater Sewage project. The Supervisor added that all of Representative Barrar's available state funding came to Chadds Ford for this project. Mr. Thorpe thanked the many people who were helpful in providing information to the

Representative in this regard.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF July 10, 2007

Upon motion and second (Paul, Love D'Elia), the Board of Supervisors approved the minutes of July 10, 2007, Draft of 7/10/07.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Furlong reported the following figures as of July 31, 2007:

Total deposits to General Fund:	\$	108,831.68
Total disbursements General Fund:	\$	78,885.02
Cash Accounts Balances	\$	2,194,958.14

Account balances did not reflect interested for the month of July because bank statements were not yet available.

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MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion and second (Paul, Thorpe), the Supervisors unanimously voted to approve the Treasurer's Report for July, 2007, and authorized payment of bills in the amount of \$78,885.02.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Mr. Thorpe and Mr. Paul were together on Monday, July 30, 2007 to review possible recycling center sites for the Township.

Informational public meetings were held the evenings of Monday, July 30th (residential) and Tuesday, July 31st (commercial) for those being impacted by the new sewer plant. All Supervisors were in attendance. The purpose of the meetings was to give property owners information regarding forthcoming events leading to the eventual utilization of the wastewater treatment plant. Two more public meetings are scheduled on August 13th to assess connection costs and on August 16th to announce tapping fees. Fee notices will be mailed at the end of September.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

No report was available.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Joe Barakat, Roadmaster, presented his report for the month of July, 2007. A copy follows. There was a meeting of Township officials regarding the school bus issue problem on Atwater Road. Mrs. Love D'Elia mailed notices of the meeting to parents who

currently have children in the school system. Five families attended the meeting and expressed concern over speeding by local residents. Mr. Barakat will contact PECO regarding the removal of several trees to improve the line of sight near the school bus stop.

Concord Township has agreed to store roadway salt for Chadds Ford. The Township Solicitor will prepare an agreement.

At the request of the Roadmaster, the Township Engineer has prepared a bid package for the striping of certain roads and intersections in the Township.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR LINE STRIPING

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Paul), the Board of Supervisors approved the advertisement of a request for bids for thermal white epoxy striping of certain intersections and roads in the Township.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mr. Jensen submitted a written report and accompanying checks to the Supervisors for review. The Board authorized Mr. Jensen to proceed with execution of a judgment in the Estep matter on Route 202. A use variance application for 10 Station Way Road has been submitted to the Zoning Hearing Board.

HANNUM HARLEY DAVIDSON TEMPORARY TENT REQUEST

Two special requests have been received. The first is from Hannum Harley Davidson's requesting approval to erect a temporary tent in their parking lot for an annual charity event on Sunday, August 26th through Monday, August 27th. Mr. Jensen will contact the applicant and suggested written requirements be developed for future events.

MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST OF HANNUM HARLEY DAVIDSON FOR TEMPORARY TENT

Upon motion and second (Paul, Thorpe), the Supervisors granted Hannum Harley Davidson's request to erect a temporary tent on August 26th and 27th, conditioned upon the Code Enforcement Officer reaching an agreement with the applicant as to what the event will encompass.

BUNCH AUCTION TAG SALE REQUEST

William Bunch of Bunch Auctions requested permission to hold a tag sale in the rear parking lot of his building on Route 202. Mr. Jensen said that the request should be made to the Zoning Hearing Board due to a prior written determination.

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TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT

Joseph Mastronardo, Township Engineer, reviewed a written report of activities

during July, 2007.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Taylor, Planning Commission Chairman, read from notes for the Planning Commission's most recent meeting of Wednesday, July 12, 2007.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Mr. Wandersee reported there was no meeting last month. The use variance application submitted by the Township will be heard in August.

HARB

Mr. Jensen reported that there were no new applications during July. An application for 300 Brintons Bridge Road will be heard this coming Monday.

SEWER AUTHORITY

Mr. Klaver, Treasurer, presented the monthly report for the Sewer Authority. A copy follows.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reardon presented the July, 2007 report. A copy follows. Mrs. Reardon and Lois Saunders are also working on a Request for Proposals for a corridor management plan for the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Reardon, Tally Ho Drive, questioned the unusually high placement of a Tally Ho Drive street sign. Mr. Barakat responded that the elevation was the result of several signs disappearing in recent months.

NEW BUSINESS

PLUMBING CODE REVISION

Kathryn Labrum reviewed a proposed revision to the Township's current plumbing ordinance.

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 85A – AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP'S PLUMBING CODE

Upon motion and second (Love D'Elia, Thorpe), the Supervisors adopted Ordinance 85A, amending Sections 10.302 and 10.351(a)(1) of the Plumbing Code.

CHADDS FORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ginger Tucker, Director of the Chadds Ford Historical Society, asked the Supervisors to recognize the Society as an Architectural Heritage Protection Group pursuant to a request from the LCB regarding a temporary permit for Chadds Ford Days.

THE CHADDS FORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY – RESOLUTION 2007-17

Upon motion and second (Paul, Love D'Elia), the Supervisors approved Resolution 2007-17 recognizing the Chadds Ford Historical Society as an Architectural Heritage Protection Group.

PROPOSED RECYCLING ORDINANCE

Kathryn Labrum, Acting Township Solicitor, made comments regarding a proposed recycling ordinance for the Township. While the Supervisors are still looking for a recycling center location, this ordinance would be first step in establishing a program for mandatory recycling within the Township. The solicitor's office will prepare a draft ordinance for review and modification.

Mr. Jensen further suggested Planning Commission pursue proposed amendments to land development ordinances to include mandatory recycling areas for commercial properties.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPOSED RECYCLING ORDINANCE

Upon motion and second (Love D'Elia, Thorpe), the Supervisors authorized advertisement of a recycling ordinance after initial review and modification by the Board.

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RIDGE ASSOCIATES PLANNING MODULE APPLICATION

Ross Unruh, Esquire, representing Ridge Road Associates, asked the Supervisors to approve a resolution that would allow a Planning Module application to be submitted to DEP for review. Jim Fritsch, Alternate Township Engineer, reviewed the application as completed by Vince Del Rossi, Chairman of the Sewer Authority. Other minor revisions were made pursuant to Mrs. Furlong's meeting with Steven J. Wasylyszyn of Houtmann Engineering.

There was discussion regarding a "no" answer to question number 3 on Page 8, which asks, "will the project result in public expenditures exceeding \$100,000?" The Supervisors and Keith Klaver, Sewer Authority, were very concerned the addition of homes in the Ridge Road Associates development will result in a substantial cost of at least \$200,000 for sewage improvements. Mr. Paul stated current existing problems have brought DEP onto the scene. The Sewer Authority is early on in compiling costs in order to meet current DEP requirements. It is DELCORA's opinion that if more homes are added, DEP will require additional equalization, screening and inflow and infiltration work.

Mr. Unruh stated the applicant was not willing to change the answer to question number 3, stating the Sewer Authority will need to address certain issues despite the project. Mr. Thorpe responded that he doesn't understand how the Township can agree that work will be under \$100,000 and will not agree to spend taxpayers' or sewer users' money to upgrade the plant for a new development. Mrs. Love D'Elia was not agreeable to sending the Planning Module to DEP the way it was written.

After further discussion, a compromise was reached that would allow the Planning Module application to be submitted to DEP for review with a cover letter from the Township listing concerns.

Mr. Paul suggested that if the Township spends funds to bring the Ridings plant into compliance pursuant to current DEP requirements, the Township will not be in a position to spend any further monies on plant.

MOTION TO APPROVE DEP PLANNING MODULE RESOLUTION 2007-18

Upon motion and second (Love D'Elia, Thorpe), the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2007-18, permitting the Ridge Road Planning Module application to be submitted to DEP for review, to include a cover letter from the Township addressing outstanding issues and concerns, along with letters from Spotts, Stevens and McCoy and Hugh Donaghue, Township Solicitor.

RACHEL KOHL COMMUNITY LIBRARY FAMILY FUN DAY CONTRIBUTION

Jacqueline Skurla, Township Representative to the Rachel Kohl Community Library, has asked for a contribution to sponsor an activity at the Library's annual Family Fund Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 8th. Mr. Paul suggested the Township contribute \$500, the same amount as last year, with an anonymous donor refunding \$250 of that amount.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRIBUTION FOR KOHL COMMUNITY LIBRARY'S FAMILY FUN DAY

Upon motion and second (Paul, Thorpe), the Supervisors approved a \$500 contribution to sponsor an activity for the Rachel Kohl Community Library's annual Family Fun Day event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

MARYANN D. FURLONG,
Township Secretary