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Chadds Ford Township Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 4, 2009
MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

George M. Thorpe, Chairman
Deborah Love D'Elia, Vice-Chairman
Hugh A. Donaghue, Township Solicitor
Joseph A. Mastronardo, Township Engineer
Richard J. Jensen, Building Inspector/CEO
Maryann D. Furlong, Secretary/Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Thorpe pointed out emergency exits. A special meeting was held at 7:00 PM for the purpose of taking public comment on the proposed Township Manager Ordinance.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Trooper Kathleen Temarantz, Media Barracks, Pennsylvania State Police, submitted a report for January. Mrs. Furlong and Paul Koch, Baltimore Pike, raised questions regarding a truck parked along Route 1 for an extended period of time for no apparent reason. Mr. Jensen has cited the property owner.

MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2009

Upon motion and second (Love D'Elia, Thorpe), the Supervisors present approved minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting.

SUPERVISORS' REPORT

The three Supervisors met on January 27th, January 28th and February 1st to interview applicants for the Township Manager position.

On January 30th Garry Paul and George Thorpe met with Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission representatives to discuss future plans for the Brandywine Battlefield site.

Mrs. Love D'Elia and Mr. Thorpe met prior to tonight's meeting to review agenda items.

Mr. Thorpe announced that there would be no decision tonight on adoption of the Township Manager Ordinance because of Mr. Paul's absence.

HANNUM HARLEY DAVIDSON REQUEST

Mrs. Love D'Elia reviewed Hannum's Harley Davidson's written request for issuance of a special permit to erect two 20' x 40' tents for a special sale from February 13th through the 17th. Anthony Pieronotti, General Manager, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION TO APPROVE SPECIAL PERMIT - TEMPORARY TENTS HANNUM'S HARLEY DAVIDSON

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Love D'Elia), Supervisors present approved issuance of a Special Permit for Hannum's Harley Davidson for the purpose noted above.

Mrs. Furlong will handle the details. The permit fee will be returned if the event is cancelled due to inclement weather.

Mr. Thorpe announced an upcoming Wildlife Sanctuary Lecture to be held on Sunday, February 8th, at the Penn State Brandywine Campus. The topic will be "Bringing Nature Home."

An Energy Expo will be hosted by State Senator Dominic Pileggi and State Representative Stephen Barrar on February 26th, Aston Community Center, 3270 Concord Road, Aston, 7 PM - 9 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Furlong reported the following figures as of January 2009:

Total deposits to General Fund	$	38,962.45
Total disbursements General Fund	$	73,668.01
Cash Accounts Balances	$	2,318,185.14

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Paul), Supervisors approved the Treasurer's Report for January 2009 and authorized payment of bills in the amount of $73,668.01.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

No report was available.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Joe Barakat, Roadmaster, presented a report for the month of January, 2009 (copy follows). A contract to purchase road salt for the 2009/2010 season needs to be submitted. The Roadmaster sought approval to do so.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN COSTARS 2009/10 ROCK SALT PROGRAM

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Love D'Elia), Supervisors present authorized the Roadmaster to submit an application to enter into the 2009/10 Rock Salt Purchasing program through the CoStars program.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Please see written report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mr. Jensen submitted a written report and accompanying checks for the month of January.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Mastronardo reviewed activities during January, 2009 (report follows) and recommended the following Improvement Security Escrow releases:

MOTION TO APPROVE FINAL RELEASE FOR IMPROVEMENT SECURITY AGREEMENT CHADDS FORD INN/CONCORD XING, LLC

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Love D'Elia), Supervisors present approved release Escrow Release #3, Final, for the Chadds Ford Inn/Concord Xing, LLC project in the amount of $11,185.50. The escrow is in the form of a Letter of Credit.

MOTION TO APPROVE REDUCTION IN IMPROVEMENT SECURITY ESCROW – FISHER CARPET

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Love D'Elia), the Supervisors present approved Escrow Release #3 for the Fisher Carpet project in the amount of $23,502.50. The escrow is in the form of a Letter of Credit.

Mr. Mastronardo will look into compliance issues regarding signs posted at the Cattie Shack site.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman William Taylor reviewed a draft of minutes from the meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2008 (copy follows).

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Mr. Wandersee submitted a written report for the meeting held on January. A new application was received from PNC Bank and will be reviewed at the March Supervisor's meeting.

HARB

An application submitted by Wayne Grafton for approval of a synthetic roofing material, has been withdrawn.

Review of the J. Grace application regarding façade modifications for the exhaust fan on the Baldwin Building was continued to February to allow the applicant to obtain additional information on methods to conceal the fan.

SEWER AUTHORITY

Mr. Klaver presented the monthly report for the Sewer Authority (copy follows).

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Lois Saunders, reported on the Open Space meeting of January 10th (copy follows).

LIBRARY REPORT

Mrs. Love D'Elia presented the report from Library Representative Denise Donaghue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Jesson, Atwater Road, asked how many people have applied for the Township Manager position. Mr. Thorpe replied approximately 28, 5 experienced in Township management.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

HINEMAN MINOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION

Steve Wasylysyn, GD Houtmann and Son, reviewed the proposal to subdivide one additional lot from the 143 acre parent tract for construction of a new dwelling. Comments in the Township Engineer's most recent review letter will be addressed at time of construction. Mr. Donaghue had no legal issues.

Mr. Thorpe questioned access to the property. Mr. Wasylysyn replied that issue was considered and placement of the new lot leaves enough access to enter the rest of the property.

MOTION TO APPROVE HINEMAN MINOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION RESOLUTION 2008-9

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Love D'Elia), the Supervisors present approved the Minor Subdivision Application of Ronald Hineman, subject to resolution of the four (4) conditions and one (1) waiver as contained therein.

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AUDITOR 2008 TOWNSHIP AUDIT – RESOLUTION 2009-10

In accordance with Second Class Township Code, the Township must advertise and formally adopt the intent to replace the elected auditors with a certified public accountant for the annual audit.

MOTION TO REPLACE ELECTED AUDITORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE 2008 TOWNSHIP AUDIT RESOLUTION 2009-10

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Love D'Elia), Supervisors present approved Resolution 2009-10, officially replacing elected auditors with a the firm of MervesAmonand Barsz, CPAs, the for purpose of conducting the 2008 Township audit.

REVISION OF TOWNSHIP'S ACT 537 SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN – CALVARY CHAPEL

Mr. Mastronardo asked Supervisors to adopt a standard DEP resolution permitting that agency to approve revision of the Township's Act 537 Plan regarding sewer tap-ins and retaining tanks for the Calvary Chapel project, Brandywine Drive. It is Calvary Chapel's intent to eventually be served by public sewage via the Turner's Mill Wastewater Treatment Plant.

REVISION OF TOWNSHIP'S ACT 537 SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN – CALVARY CHAPEL – RESOLUTION 2009-11

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Love D'Elia), Supervisors present adopted Resolution 2009-11 for Act 537 Plan Revision for New Land Development for the Calvary Chapel project, Brandywine Drive.

Supervisors will reconvene at 5:30 PM Friday, February 6, 2009, to consider an additional agenda item.

CONTINUED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
February 6, 2009

OFFICIALS PRESENT: George M. Thorpe, Chairman
Deborah Love D'Elia, Vice-Chairman

TAX COLLECTOR COMPENSATION FOR COLLECTION OF TOWNSHIP TAX BILLS

After discussion with Township Tax Collector Valerie Hoxter, compensation for the issuance and collection of Township tax bills was increased as follows.

MOTION TO INCREASE TAX COLLECTOR'S COMPENSATION FOR COLLECTION OF TOWNSHIP TAX BILLS

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Love D'Elia), Supervisors present approved the Tax Collector's compensation to be increased to 5% of the first $220,000.00 collected and 2½% thereafter.

Gail Force, Southpoint, questioned the year for which Supervisors should be appointing an auditor. Mrs. Force suggested it should be the current year rather than the prior year. Supervisors will look into the matter.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

MARYANN D. FURLONG
Township Secretary