

**Chadds Ford Township Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 4, 2009
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: George M. Thorpe, Chairman
Deborah Love D'Elia, Vice-Chairman
Garry Paul, Supervisor
Hugh A. Donaghue, Township Solicitor
Joseph A. Mastronardo, Township Engineer
Maryann D. Furlong, Secretary/Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Thorpe pointed out emergency exits.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Trooper Matthew Rose, Media Barracks, Pennsylvania State Police, submitted a report for February. There were 23 false alarms, 7 non-reportable auto accidents, 5 auto accidents involving injuries, 1 criminal mischief, 1 suicide, 1 domestic dispute and other minor incidents.

Trooper Rose addressed several comments from residents.

MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2009

Upon motion and second (Love D'Elia, Thorpe), Supervisors approved minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting, draft dated 2.27.09.

SUPERVISORS' REPORT

The three Supervisors met last evening at 5:30 PM with the Township solicitor and Engineer to review a proposed building concept at Route 202 and Hillman Drive in conjunction with a 6:00 PM meeting w/the Concord Township Supervisors.

Supervisors met tonight at 7:00 PM to review the meeting agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Total deposits to General Fund	\$	56,253.86
Total disbursements General Fund	\$	64,678.72
Cash Accounts Balances	\$	2,309,943.59

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion and second (Paul, Love D'Elia), Supervisors approved the Treasurer's Report for February, 2009 and authorized payment of bills in the amount of \$64,678.72.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

No report was available.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Joe Barakat, Roadmaster, presented a report for the month of February, 2009 (copy follows). The Roadmaster sought approval to participate in the Southern Chester County Municipal Co-operative the the 2009 Road Program for line striping and paving.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE 2009 ROAD PROGRAM

Upon motion and second (Paul, Love D'Elia), Supervisors approved participation in the Southern Chester County Municipal Co-operative for the 2009 Road Program for both line striping and paving.

There was discussion of graffiti problems throughout the Township and possible solutions. Mrs. Balakrishnan suggested investigating the "sacrificial coating" process to avoid future problems. Mrs. Love D'Elia suggested investigating different options prior to authorizing cleaning.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Please see written report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mr. Jensen was not in attendance.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Mastronardo reviewed activities during February, 2009 (report follows). Delaware Valley Regional Planning Authority has announced the availability of Effective Growth for Growing Suburbs (EGGS) grant funding. Chadds Ford Township would meet requirements to make application. Mr. Mastronardo suggested applying for traffic studies within the Township to expand the traffic component of the comprehensive plan to include potential improvements to state and local roadways to support anticipated growth in the Township.

MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING TO APPLY FOR EGGS GRANT

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Love D'Elia), Supervisors present approved an expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 to Pennoni Associates to write a grant application for EGGS funding. The Roadmaster will work in conjunction with Mr. Mastronardo in this effort.

Mr. Mastronardo reviewed current requirements of the MS4 program and continued efforts to meet annual public education and participation requirements.

There was general discussion of compliance issues regarding signs and flags posted at the Cattie Shack and other Village sites.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman William Taylor reviewed a draft of minutes from the meeting of Wednesday, February 11, 2009 (copy follows). Supervisors asked Planning members to expand their review of the Sign Ordinance to include commercial and business areas to include issues such as light intensity.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

There were no applications before the Board in February. Mr. Wandersee reported a new application from PNC Bank that is scheduled for March. There also may be application for a variance for a swimming pool by a homeowner adjacent to the open space area in the Estates at Chadds Ford.

Amee S. Farrell, Esquire, representing PNC Bank, presented information regarding a variance application specifically addressing the signage issue for the Bank's new site at Marshall Road and Route 202. Proposed signs and elevations were reviewed.

Mrs. Love D'Elia asked how the size of proposed signage compares to current signage. Applicant's representative replied the square footage increases from 11 to 34 square feet. Mr. Paul questioned why the bank logo is required on all directional signs and why a wall sign required on the shopping center side of the structure. Mr. Thorpe suggested that there is way too much proposed signage with a fifty percent increase from current sizes.

Supervisors all agreed to oppose the application and asked Mr. Donaghue to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting of Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

HARB

Mrs. Balakrishnan reviewed events of HARB's February meeting. Members reviewed the J. Grace application regarding façade modifications for the exhaust fan on the Baldwin Building. Solutions were discussed. The applicant will return in April. Letters and brochures were mailed to property owners within the Historic District explaining the significance of the historic overlay district.

SEWER AUTHORITY

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

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reardon submitted a written report (copy follows). Several members attended the DCNR workshop last week. Work is ongoing on the DCNR grant application for the Chadds Ford Township Master Trail Plan with oversight from both DCNR and Delaware County Planning. The deadline is April 22nd.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mrs. Love D'Elia reviewed circulation numbers and suggested residents access the library's website for further information regarding March events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lana Sheer, Atwater Road, asked when recommendations from the Recycling Task Force will be made public. Mrs. Love D'Elia reported that this will be a responsibility for the Township Manager when appointed.

Mrs. Reardon had several questions regarding the open space portion of the Toll Brothers development. Mr. Mastronardo will provide electronic copies of the site plan for use by Open Space.

In response to a question posed at the January 9th continued Supervisors' meeting, Mrs. Love D'Elia reported that current practice is appropriate under audit requirements pursuant to Second Class Township Code.

Mrs. Wandersee suggested Supervisors consider adopting a Township-wide historic preservation ordinance, specifically recalling the structure just demolished at the corner of Marshall Road and Route 202. A Township-wide ordinance would mandate an inventory of any historic structure prior to demolition. Mrs. Wandersee will provide samples of ordinances for the Supervisors to review.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP MANAGER ORDINANCE

Mr. Paul reviewed numerous sections of the proposed ordinance, namely sections B., P. and Section - Procedural Limitations on Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 121 – TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Upon motion and second (Paul, Love D'Elia), Supervisors approved Ordinance 121 – Township Manager, with changes as indicated to the Solicitor who will make the noted revisions and provide a signature copy.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

As of February 28, 2009, the Delaware County SPCA terminated animal control services with the Township. Mr. Paul spoke with David Schlott regarding the position. Mr. Schlott previously provided such services to both the Township and the SPCA. It was recommended that Mr. Schlott be appointed as Animal Control Officer.

MOTION TO APPOINT DAVID SCHLOTT AS ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Upon motion and second (Thorpe, Love D'Elia), Supervisors appointed David Schlott as Animal Control Officer for the Township with a basic fee of \$35.00 per call.

NEW BUSINESS

51 WOODLAND DRIVE LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Christopher Gaumann, AIA, asked Supervisors to review suggested revisions to the exterior of the proposed building at 51 Woodland Drive. Changes were proposed to cut construction costs due to the economic downturn. The footprint of the building will remain the same. Pictures of elevations were reviewed to note changes in roof lines, façade and colors.

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO FAÇADE OF 51 WOODLAND DRIVE

Upon motion and second (Paul, Love D'Elia), Supervisors granted approval for proposed changes to the exterior of the proposed building at 51 Woodland Drive.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

MARYANN D. FURLONG
Township Secretary