

**EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
January 19, 2008
Approved**

The Meeting was called to order at 11:05 by George Broadbent followed by Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: George Broadbent, Chairman; Chris Makely, Vice Chairman; Garth Monaghan, Member; Mark Espie, Treasurer; Denise Miller, Secretary.

Mr. Broadbent asks that cell phones be put on quiet.

Motion to waive the Timber Harvest \$1,000 permit fee for Jacqueline Colyer at 605 Buck Run Road: Mrs. Colyer submits to the Board her paperwork from all the necessary organizations and asks to have the \$1,000 permit fee, as stated in the E. Fallowfield Zoning Book, waived because this would be a hardship because this is how she makes her living. After discussion the Board agrees to waive the fee and re-write Ordinance 97-04 to have the operator put \$1,000 in escrow. Jim Sisk asks if the \$1,000 fee he paid years ago can be reimbursed. Mr. Broadbent states this can be looked into. Sharon Scott gives her objections to waiving the \$1,000 permit fee. Ken Hanson gives his objections for the permit fee being waived. Chris Makely motions to waive the \$1,000 Timber Harvest fee for Jacqueline Colyer. Garth Monaghan 2nd. Discussion? Vote: Unanimous.

Correspondence:

- 1) Maulo & Company: Will be turned over to Mr. Pompo for review.
- 2) Office Maintenance: Tabled until Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Makely can discuss further.
- 3) Sick time upgrade: Tabled.
- 4) Set a time for the EMS meeting: February 19, 2008.
- 5) Act 180 Training: Tabled at this time.
- 6) Weaver Mulch: Table until the February 19th workshop.
- 7) Single Stream Recycling: Tabled at this time.
- 8) Office Policy (rules & Reg's.): Will be discussed under Office Maintenance.

Solicitor's Report:

Conditional Use for T-Mobile will be approximately March 2nd. The site is located at 450 Doe Run Road by the Self Storage Facility.

Unfinished Business:

Re-Open the 2008 Budget (Historic Budget Issue): Chris Makely reads a brief re-cap of the options. Mr. Makely presents 4 different budget situations, explains and elaborates the different situations in detail. Mr. Makely motions for the Board to accept plan E, which would eliminate the Chief of Police position and have the least amount of impact.

Motion fails due to lack of 2nd.

After the audience and Board discussions. George Broadbent motions to eliminate the position of Admin. Assist. with a 2 week severance pay as well require & monitor the Police Chief to eliminate \$70,000 from his budget and have it go on record that the Chief is a working Chief.

The board will also mandate the only Police training will be Act 180 Training-mandated by the State & County. Anything else will need Board approval. George Broadbent 2nd with compliments to Chris Makely on his work spent on the budget. Resident Comments: Ed Porter comments on reducing the office staff and having Denise being by herself. Mr. Makely states the Township is eliminating an Admin Assistant. Position, and there are 2 of them. They are not using an employee name only the position title. Joe Obner, Supervisor of W. Brandywine offers that Chief of Police is the last person you want to get rid of and their Solicitor does not stay for their entire meeting. Ed Porter asks how can Mr. Makely oversee the Police Dept. if he is not the liaison. Mr. Makely states you do not have to be a liaison to oversee any department. Bob King asks if cutting \$70,000.00 realistic? Mr. Monaghan states it falls in to what it was last year. Ed Porter asks how much property tax would be needed in the Twp? Mr. Monaghan states the tax is based on value and would like to see it as low as possible, somewhere in the future a property tax will have to be considered.

Bob King asks what the status is on Modena. Chris Makely states if the Township does not get the police car from the Grant through Modena he will motion to discontinue their police coverage at the March Meeting.

Cherlye Hanson suggests having Senior Citizens volunteer for the office. Sharon Scott suggests eliminating the Chief of Police job.

Mr. Makely calls for a vote.

Mr. Broadbent 2nd. Mr. Monaghan abstains. Vote: Passes.

Chris Makely motions to continue with Keystone Municipal Services pending the implementation of a new Zoning Officer and Assign a Keystone Employee as Zoning Officer. Garth Monaghan 2nd. Discussion? Ed Porter asks if there is a contract. George Broadbent states yes.

Vote: Unanimous.

- 1) Beagle Club update: Mr. Monaghan states the grant is with the County and Natural Lands Trust and being processed.
- 2) FEMA issues: Mr. Monaghan states it was up to residents to apply to FEMA for their properties re: storm damage. Moving forward Tony Sirna, Emergency Coordinator, will handle all FEMA and PEMA issues. The Township side steps have been repaired.
- 3) Creek Road repair update: The other side of the bridge will be fixed shortly.
- 4) Vehicle liability in the Twp. garage. Mr. Makely contacted PIRMA and they will send something to the Twp. Office to keep on file, there is no liability to the Twp.

Garth Monaghan motions to restrict all personal vehicles from being parked in the garage. Mr. Broadbent 2nd. Discussion? Vote: Unanimous.

- 5) Intergovernmental equipment sharing police: Mr. Makely asks Mr. Monaghan if he would handle an agreement with Modena and S. C-ville. Mr. Monaghan says yes.
- 6) Baron Crest Water Issue: Mr. Callahan will authorize a pipe from Mr. DeAbreu's (107 Cumberland Drive) property and give Barry Gathercole, Road Foreman, authorization to install it. Mr. Makely, Mr. Callaghan and Mr. Gathercole will meet to discuss further.
- 7) Update of Providence Hill: Mr. Makely updated Mr. Armentas on Providence Hill providing cross cut on what they are proposing, also #2 infiltration is not perking like it should.
- 8) Police Car Grant: No update at this time.
- 9) 1801 W. Chester Commercial Property issue: Mr. Broadbent states per Mr. Pompo this is not a Commercial Property and several letters have been sent out

New Business:

George Broadbent motions to release escrow #8 for Northwoods-Moser Builders for \$47,252.93. This has been approved by Chris Della Penna, Twp. Engineer. Garth Monaghan 2nd. Discussion? Chris Armentas asks if this will be inspected. Mr. Broadbent states Mr. Della Penna will do the inspections? Vote: Unanimous.

Public Participation:

A) Mr. DeAbreu would like to attend the meeting with Mr. Callahan and Mr. Makely. Mr. Makely will see if Mr. Callahan objects.

B) Bob King states Mr. McDermott never went to his house to see his water damage from the 2006 storm. Bob King submits pictures to the Board of his property damage. Mr. Makely will meet with Mr. King next week.

C) Siti Crook asks if Mark Thompson, Lamb McErlane, was working under the Boards direction when he appealed her zoning issue? Mr. Broadbent replies yes. Mr. Monaghan asks Mr. Broadbent if Mr. Pompo's office contacted him. Mr. Broadbent replies no. Siti Crook asks how is this situation addressed?

D) Jim Sisk asks if he will be reimbursed for the \$1,000 permit fee for Timber Harvesting? Mr. Monaghan asks if he paid it under the same Ordinance 97-04. Mr. Sisk replies yes.

E) William Dixon, of 716 Baron Crest Way, states he is getting erosion from water that comes from Triple Fresh. Mr. Gathercole states he went out to check it and the water was coming from the side yard, not making it to the drain. Mr. Makely will address this with Mr. Callahan. Mr. Gathercole also states Triple Fresh is washing their grates out back and it's killing the grass. Mr. Monaghan will speak with Triple Fresh.

F) Deborah Rush, Planning Commission Chairman, states the procedure to vote Ryan Ray to the PC was wrong, the Board should of waited for a recommendation from them.

Ms. Rush would like to be able to contact the other candidates before a decision is made. Mr. Makely will schedule a meeting with Ms. Rush to go over what they will do.

G) A resident comments on Bernie Beagle being the V-Chairman and a shareholder of AGS and making comments on the Training Facility. Ms. Rush states he has not made commens and their PC tape will back it up. Mr. Monaghan does not want to remove Mr. Beagle from the PC. George Broadbent would like to sit down with Ms. Rush and discuss the Bernie Beagle situation and tables the issue.

H) Mr. Broadbent motions to have Mr. Ray not attend the PC as a member until the matter has been resolved. Garth Monaghan 2nd. Mr. Makely would like to speak with Ms. Rush about other PC issues.

I) Sharon Scott comments on Mr. Broadbent not attending the PC meetings. Ed Porter comments that Ryan Ray shows interest in the PC.

George Broadbent motions to adjourn at 2:57 pm. Chris Makely 2nd. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Miller
Township Secretary