

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 11, 2012
Approved special meeting/workshop minutes
6:30 PM

Call to order and pledge of allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Makely, Chairman; Chris Amentas, Vice Chairman; Mark Toth, Member; Ed Porter, Member; Joe Pomorski, Member; Denise Miller, Township Secretary; Rosemary Moore, Township Treasurer; Jamie MacCombie, Township Sewer Consultant.

K&W Engineers/South Brandywine Middle School sewer line – Mark Kurowski, representing the Coatesville Area School District, stated that a previous Board of Supervisors (“BOS”) concept was for the sewer line to flow down Strasburg Road and ultimately traverse through the township park before connecting to the existing Branford Development pump station, to be known as the “Green Line.” Mr. Kurowski stated that he previously met with the township Park and Recreation Commission (“P&RC”) and they had concerns with the amount of disturbance to the park as well as the look of the pump station, and asked him to come up with another route that would minimize the impact to the park. They came up with the “Pink Line” that would still traverse through the park lands but more or less close to Doe Run Road before ultimately coming up Crossing Boulevard to an existing manhole within Crossing Boulevard belts that drain into the same pump station. Mr. Kurowski also stated that he met and presented both options to the township Planning Commission (“PC”) and they unanimously voted for the “Pink Line” as well as the “P&RC.” Mr. Makely stated that the “BOS” has received a letter from the “PC” and the “P&RC” unanimously voting for the “Pink Line.” Mr. Kurowski stated that they will still need an easement through the park because the line will likely be out of the Doe Run Road right-of-way. Mr. Kurowski also stated that they looked at another option out and around that was too deep and costly, and it would still have some amount of impact. Mr. Porter asked Mr. Kurowski the “Green Line” impact. Mr. Kurowski replied that the approximately twelve inch trench will be back filled and seeded. Mr. Porter also asked Mr. Kurowski how many homes along Strasburg Road will have the ability to hook up to sewer. Mr. Kurowski replied that all the homes that front Strasburg Road and a couple on Doe Run Road could hook up. Mr. Porter asked Mr. Kurowski if they would consider a trail. Mr. Kurowski replied that it will be difficult to maintain but they could do one.

Mr. MacCombie stated that in previous conversations with Jim Kelly and Gerry DeBalko, Pennsylvania American Water (“PAWC”), the pump station was anticipated to be underground and a facility would be constructed to hold the generator and a bathroom to be constructed for the active area of the park. “PAWC” has also said that with a bonafide franchise area they would be able to run the waterline up to Triple Fresh Market (“Triple Fresh”) at no cost to the residents or the township. Mr. MacCombie advised the “BOS” to consult with Mr. Pompo on their decision as to which route they will go with and how it will affect their current agreement. Mr. Porter asked Mr. MacCombie how many homes on the “Green Line” can be tied in. Mr. MacCombie replied that with the “Green Line” you will only get what fronts the road way. Mr. Porter asked Mr. MacCombie the impact on the trees versus the impact to residents who can possibly tie in. Mr. MacCombie replied that a force main would be 3 1/2 to 4 feet deep, and it does have an effect on residents as far as if future sewage systems start to fail, it does give them a viable option to tie in. The cost of the “Green Line” is approximately \$600,000.00 to \$700,000.00 so if the “BOS” decides to go with the “Pink Line”, that money is lost.

Mr. Amentas asked Mr. MacCombie to give the pros and cons of the “Green Line” and the “Pink Line.” Mr. MacCombie replied that the pros of the “Pink Line” are minimal disturbance, preserving the integrity of the park, and the wooded area will be left intact, public sewage to the School District, and minimal service to some of “Triple Fresh” and a couple of the residents would be able to tie in to gravity. The “Green Line” has impact on the wooded areas and steep slope areas of the park, and it provides for gravity for a much greater area. Mr. Amentas asked what “a much greater area” is, and Mr. MacCombie replied “fifty to seventy homes, as opposed to three, with ten to fifteen houses, on both sides of the street, that can immediately tie in.” Mr. Amentas asked Mr. MacCombie what the remaining homes would have to do. Mr. MacCombie replied that a line would have to be extended. Mr. Amentas asked Mr. MacCombie what makes the “Green Line” so much more costly. Mr. MacCombie replied because of the length of it and its gravity so you have to have a more substantial pump station. Jan Bowers, “P&RC” asked the “BOS” to consider a more compatible plan. Mr. Porter asked Mr. Carling as far as the impact to Strasburg Road, is there anything that you do with the tree line that would make it into a path way. Mr. Carling replied “you would be making something just to make something.” Mr. Carling suggested making the “Green Line” gravity flow back down towards the Big Apple Restaurant, if the “BOS” wishes to go that route. Mr. Makely directed Mrs. Miller to put this subject on the next agenda for further discussion.

2010 Assignment of the Municipal Waste Agreement – Mr. Amentas explained that York Waste (“York”) is asking the township to change the trash and recycling pick up day to Friday. Don Isabella representing Republic Services stated that they are the parent company of BFI, Allied, and “York.” The Brandywine Division will service the township from their plant which is ten minutes away from the township versus one hour. Mr. Isabella also stated that if the companies did not have different entity names, they would not have to do a contract assignment. Mr. Porter asked Mr. Isabella what the cost would be to do trash billing for the township. Mr. Isabella replied that when the last contract was signed it was an option. Mr. Makely made a motion to approve the assignment of the 2010 Municipal Waste Agreement, Solicitor draft dated 12/5/12. Mr. Porter seconded for further discussion. Clarence Rhoades asked if the recycling will be picked up on the same day as trash. Mr. Isabella replied that recycling will be picked up on Fridays every other week. Bob King asked if residents will get a savings on their invoice. Mr. Isabella replied that contractually they cannot do that. Mr. Makely called for a vote. Mr. Amentas and Mr. Porter abstained. Mr. Makely directed Mrs. Miller to put this on next meeting agenda so the “BOS” can further discuss what options the township could enter into for the benefit of the township.

2012 PECO Green Region Open Space Program – Brian Carling presented a grant for vegetation management for the township park. Mr. Makely made a motion to authorize the application of the PECO Green Region Open Space Program in the amount of \$7,500.00 and committed the township to the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of \$7,500.00 to be paid out of the Park and Recreation fund. Mr. Toth seconded. Bob King asked Mr. Carling what area of the park they will be looking at. Mr. Carling replied that it is for the entire park. Mr. Porter asked Mr. Carling if they could use some of this money if the sewer line went the “Green Line” route. Mr. Carling replied that this money is for a plan on how to handle the park better. Mr. Porter also asked Mr. Carling who would do the plan. Mr. Carling replied that they would have to get a consultant. Vote: Unanimous.

2013 fire coverage – Mr. Toth stated that Pomeroy Fire Company has joined the fire consolidation effective January 1, 2013. Mr. Toth also explained that Pomeroy was asking for \$19,000.00 a year and they previously received \$8,000.00. Mr. Toth stated that he will come back to the board with an update of the fire company payments.

Doc Star proposal – Mrs. Moore presented the Doc Star proposal of \$727.00 per month for scanning documents into a cloud system. Mr. Makely asked if this figure is in the budget. Mrs. Moore replied “no.” Mr. Porter stated that moving forward you could generate documents on a cloud system. Mr. Toth stated that he will pursue the Toshiba scanning system that goes right into a cloud system for \$35.00 per month.

Schedule final budget adoption date – The “BOS” scheduled the budget adoption meeting December 21, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

Frog Hollow Bridge – Mr. Porter stated that Garth Monaghan, Historical Commission, is working on confirming what township the Frog Hollow Bridge is in.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Makely made a motion to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:46 PM. Mr. Toth seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Miller
Township Secretary