
LIMERICK TOWNSHIP - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2016
7:08 P.M.

A meeting of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in the Public Meeting Room of the Limerick Township Municipal Building with Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr., Chairman, presiding. This meeting was advertised in The Mercury on January 6, 2016.

Members Present: Supervisors Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr., Kara Shuler, Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr., D. Elaine DeWan, and Joseph St. Pedro

Others Present: John F. Walko, Esq., Township Solicitor, Khaled R. Hassan, P.E., Daniel K. Kerr, Township Manager; Beth F. DiPrete, Asst. Twp. Mgr./Treasurer; Brian Skelton, Chief of Police and William J. Albany, Chief Emeritus

Call To Order: Mr. Neafcy called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. with Officers James Reilly and Michael Hull leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Comments/Announcements

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED.

- **Primary Election** – Tuesday, April 26, 2016
 - Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot: April 19th
 - Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots: April 22nd
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the Township Building
- **Earth Day Celebration & Farmer's Market** – Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Limerick Community Park
- **Coffee Break Talks for Seniors – FREE** – Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. in the Township Building – subject is Power of Attorney Law Changes with John Maioriello
- **Community Yard Sale** – Saturday, April 30, 2016 – 7:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Limerick Community Park, \$10.00 per space, must pre-register
- **Annual Carnival** - Limerick Fire Company Tuesday, May 10th – Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. each night
- **New York City Bus Trip – On Your Own in NYC** – Saturday, May 14, 2016 departs Limerick at 8:00 A.M. and returns to Limerick at 9:00 P.M., \$40 per person
- Remember to check our website for up-coming Parks & Recreation events

POLICE STAFFING

Appointment and Swearing in of New Police Officers: Chief Skelton thanked William J. Albany, Chief Emeritus for helping him through the hiring process and the Board for their support of the Limerick Township Police Department. Chief Skelton introduced the two new

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officers, James Reilly and Michael Hull to the Board. Mr. Neafcy had the honors of performing the formal public swearing in ceremony for each new officer.

Upon motion made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Ms. DeWan, to appoint James Reilly and Michael Hull as Limerick Township Police Officers.

Consideration of Minutes: **Upon motion made** by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Ms. DeWan, the April 5, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Bills List: **Upon motion made** by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Ms. DeWan, Bills List #8 for the period of 04/02/16 through 04/08/16 in the amount of \$214,654.21 was unanimously approved.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly Reports: **Upon motion made** by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Ms. DeWan, the April 12, 2016 reports of the Code Services Department, Public Works Department, Police Department, Parks & Recreation Department, and Sewer Department, were unanimously accepted.

Subdivision and Land Development

Extensions:

a. Buckman Enterprises (#16-02): Extended to: 8/10/2016

Upon motion made by Ms. DeWan and seconded by Ms. Shuler, the above extensions to the 90-day review period were unanimously accepted.

Development Projects:

Name/File No.: Linfield Corporate Center Lot 2 (#15-02)
 Location: Keystone Drive/Linfield Trappe Road
 Review Phase: Preliminary Resolution

Mr. Thomas Ludgate, Ludgate Engineering, gave a brief overview of the project. They will not be asking for any waivers and are requesting the Board grant a Preliminary Resolution for Linfield Corporate Center Lot 2 #15-02.

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Upon motion made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to approve Resolution SLD #15-02(P) Granting Preliminary Approval for Linfield Corporate Center Lot 2. Motion passed unanimously.

Name/File No.: Limerick Fire Company (#16-03)
 Location: 390 West Ridge Pike
 Review Phase: Preliminary/Final Resolution

Mr. Sheldon Danley, PE, Design Engineer at Pennoni Associates, gave a brief overview of the Limerick Fire Company renovation project which consists of a building addition, new parking, and new concrete pads at the truck bays, and associated site improvements and utilities on the property. He also gave a brief description of the minor deferrals and waivers from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances for the Plans. They are requesting two partial waivers from providing curb along the southern side of the access aisle of the front parking lot area and along the parking stalls in the rear of the building. They are also requesting partial relief from providing a low intensity buffer along the eastern property line and a portion of the western and northern property lines. Limerick Fire Company is also requesting a waiver for relief from showing existing location, names, width, radii and surface conditions of existing streets and alleys and the location of watercourses, floodplains, sanitary sewers, storm drains, and utilities within 400' of the land being developed. An aerial location map is provided in lieu of the existing features and topography 400' beyond the subject property line. There was a discussion among the Board relating to the need for crosswalks across the driveway aprons. It was concluded that the project would move forward in its current design and further discussion of this issue will take place prior to the installation of the crosswalks. If the Board does require a change, then a minor amendment to the plan would be considered at that time.

Upon motion made by Ms. DeWan and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to approve Resolution SLD #16-03 (P/F) Granting Preliminary/Final Approval for Limerick Fire Company. Motion was passed 3-1-0, with Mr. Sperring casting the negative vote.

New Business

Approval – Barry Sankey (#07-03B), Planning Module (Resolution): Mr. Hassan, Township Engineer, recommended to the Board of Directors to approve the Planning Module Application for the development project at Ziegler Road for 85 new townhomes 6 new single homes. Penonni Associates, Inc. reviewed the plans and asks the Board of Directors to execute the proposal.

Motion was made by St. Pedro and seconded by Mr. Sperring, to adopt Resolution No. 2016-16 approving the Barry Sankey (#07-03B) Planning Module. Motion passed unanimously.

Authorization – Advertise RFP for Final Improvements within Linfield Villas (Project #16-04): Mr. Hassan, Township Engineer, has worked with the Villa's HOA Board to prepare bid documents to complete outstanding public improvements. The bid is ready to be placed on the

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street for proposals. The project consists of the completion of public improvements that were part of the approved plans for this project. McGrath Builders failed to complete these improvements and therefore, the Township will be using the balance of available funds escrowed by McGrath for this project to complete the improvements. These improvements are curb, sidewalk, road resurfacing, and final conversion of 2 sediment basins, club house parking lot resurfacing and 3 driveway repairs. Mr. Hassan recommends that the Board of Supervisors grant permission to move forward with the project. Mr. Kerr reiterated that the funds being used for this project is the developer's escrow, not the taxpayer dollars.

Motion was made by St. Pedro and seconded by Mr. Sperring to approve advertisement of Request for Proposals for Final Improvements within Linfield Villas. Motion passed unanimously.

Authorization – Advertise for Bids for Pump Station #6 Upgrades (Project #16-05): Mr. Hassan, Township Engineer, Pennoni Associates, Inc., recommended to the Board of Supervisors to move forward with the project to upgrade and improve Pump Station #6. Pump Station #6 is currently operating at capacity and these improvements will propose a new well to the station along with a dry submerged pump that will increase capacity. Currently this Pump Station receives wastewater flows from Pump Stations #2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 13, 14, 15, 19 and 20 and conveys to flows to the King Road Wastewater Treatment.

Motion was made by Mr. Sperring and seconded by Ms. DeWan, to approve advertisement of Bids for Upgrades to Pump Station #6. Motion passed unanimously.

Authorization – Appoint Gregory Breyer, Limerick Fire Marshal as the Designated Agent with PEMA for the Winter Storm Jonas: Mr. Kerr informed the Board of Supervisors that Montgomery County is eligible for reimbursement for up to 5 million dollars from PEMA for Winter Storm Jonas occurring January 23, 2016 and January 24, 2016. We tabulated our Township costs and will submit a request to be reimbursed \$145,000 to cover what was spent to clear the storm. Staff is recommending Mr. Breyer be appointed to act as liaison with PEMA.

Motion was made by Ms. DeWan and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve Gregory Breyer, Limerick Fire Marshal as the Designated Agent with PEMA for the Winter Storm Jonas. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Mr. Michael Hennessey, Mike's Custom Auto Upholstery, 266 West Ridge Pike had a question regarding streetscaping. Mr. Hennessey asked if any beautification that is done would that be at his expense. Mr. Hassan explained that he is responsible. Mr. Hennessey was concerned about why the property owner has to pay.

Mr. Thomas Walters, President, Limerick Fire Company thanked the Board of Supervisors for approving their subdivision, allowing them to move forward with their development project.

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Mr. Albert Herr expressed concerned about the Streetscape requirements and reiterated his concern that business owners cannot be burdened with the cost or they may choose not to do business in Limerick.

Mr. Patrick Morroney, 502 Limerick Center Road, asked how many active grants the Township is currently working on. Mr. Kerr reported that we are currently working with two active trail grants that we are going to construction on. We are finishing up a planning grant. We are also seeking monies for a park master plan. We are actively prepping for a grant to the Pottstown Health and Wellness for sidewalks. We are also looking at a TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) grant. There are two other grants that are coming up on cycle this year.

Supervisor Comments

Ms. DeWan explained that the "Beautification Ordinance" has been discussed numerous times. There have been several opportunities to come and voice any concerns for the Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors only received positive feedback, no negative, prior to tonight's meeting.

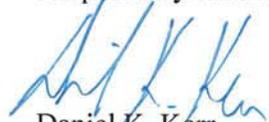
Ms. Shuler expressed that the Board of Supervisors are pro-business. The Township has an open door policy to all property owners and is willing to work with everyone. Property owners are welcome to ask for an appointment to come to the Township's weekly Staff Meetings to discuss their projects. Staff Meetings take place every Thursday.

Mr. Neafcy reported that PennDOT has agreed to reduce the speed limit on Linfield Trappe Road from 45 miles to 40 miles per hour. Mr. Neafcy suggested we draft another letter asking PennDOT to consider lowering the speed limit an additional 5 miles per hour. Mr. Neafcy also suggested we draft a letter to Ms. Leslie Richardson, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with our request to further lower the speed limit on Linfield-Trappe Road. Mr. Kerr informed the Board that we will be meeting with local representatives from PennDOT who decided on the speed limit and get the criteria they used to make their decision on the speed limit.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session regarding Personnel and Real Estate. No action will be taken, and the Board will not reconvene.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **motion was made** by Mr. Neafcy and seconded by Ms. Shuler to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel K. Kerr
Township Manager