
LIMERICK TOWNSHIP - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 16, 2018
7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, in the Public Meeting Room of the Temporary Limerick Township Municipal Building located at 155 S. Limerick Road with D. Elaine DeWan, Chairman, presiding. This meeting was advertised in The Mercury on January 6, 2018.

Members Present: Supervisors D. Elaine DeWan, Kenneth Sperring, Jr., Kara Shuler, Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr., and Patrick M. Morroney.

Others Present: Joseph J. McGrory, Jr., Esq., Township Solicitor; Khaled R. Hassan, P.E., Township Engineer; Daniel K. Kerr, Township Manager; Beth F. DiPrete, Asst. Twp. Mgr./Treasurer; R. Brian Skelton, Chief of Police; Greta Martin Washington, Director of Community Planning/Zoning Officer; Timothy Haas, Assistant to the Manager.

Call To Order: Ms. DeWan called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Mr. George Mokonchu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Comments/Announcements

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED.

Ms. DeWan announced that the meeting is being recorded and also that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting for matters of Litigation and will hold an Executive Session immediately following the meeting for matters of Personnel and other Litigation. No prior action was taken and none to be taken. Ms. DeWan then offered the following announcements:

- Planning Commission Reorganization Meeting – Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM
- Christmas Tree Drop-Off – Limerick Community Park until January 31, 2018
- Public Planning Meeting for Limerick Community Park Master Site Plan – Tuesday, January 30th from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the Township Building
Please be sure to fill out the Online Survey
- Remember to check our website for up-coming Parks & Recreation events including information on:
 - Parents Night Out
 - Schools Out Camp
 - Camp Shamrock Summer Camp Registration Paperwork
 - Hiring Camp Counselors and Volunteer CIT's

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Consideration of Minutes: Upon motion made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. Morroney, the January 2, 2018 Board of Supervisors Reorganizational Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Bills List: Upon motion made by Mr. Sperring and seconded by Mr. Neafcy, Bills List #2, 12/30/17 through 1/12/18, in the amount of \$898,121.71 was unanimously approved.

Monthly Reports: Upon motion made by Mr. Neafcy and seconded by Ms. Shuler, the December, 2017 reports of the Emergency Services Department, Code Services Department, Public Works Department, Police Department, Parks & Recreation Department, and Sewer Department Superintendent, were unanimously accepted.

PUBLIC HEARING #1

Transfer of Liquor License – Giant Food Stores, LLC: Mr. McGrory suspended the Public Meeting and opened the Public Hearing for consideration of the transfer of a liquor license for the Giant Food Stores, LLC. Ms. Ellen Freeman, Esquire, and Mr. Colin Heap, Manager of Special Projects for Giant Food Stores, LLC, appeared before the Board and summarized the proposal for Giant Grocery store to sell alcoholic beverages. At the conclusion of the Hearing Mr. McGrory asked for questions or comments from the Board. Mr. Neafcy asked if the data gathered by the license swiping machine will be shared with other businesses. Mr. Heap assured him that this information will not be shared. Mr. Neafcy also expressed his displeasure in the carding policy, stating it's excessive to card someone who clearly appears older than 21 years of age. Mr. McGrory opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, he adjourned the Public Hearing and moved back into the Public Meeting. With the Hearing properly conducted, the liquor license transfer was in position for Board consideration.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. Sperring, to approve Resolution 2018-09, approving the Transfer of Restaurant Liquor License from WGI Holdings, LLC to Giant Food Stores, LLC. Motion passed 4-1, with Mr. Neafcy opposing.

PUBLIC HEARING #2

Ordinance – Chapter 170: Vehicles and Traffic - Update: Mr. McGrory suspended the Public Meeting and opened the Public Hearing for consideration of an Update to Chapter 170: Vehicles and Traffic. At the conclusion of the Hearing Mr. McGrory asked for questions or comments from the Board. Hearing none, he opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, he adjourned the Public Hearing and moved back into the Public Meeting. With the Ordinance properly advertised and the Hearing properly conducted, the Ordinance was in position for Board consideration.

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Motion was made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. Morroney, to approve Ordinance No. 383 updating Chapter 170: Vehicles and Traffic. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING #3:

Ordinance – Chapter 44: Tax Collection – Update: Mr. McGrory suspended the Public Meeting and opened the Public Hearing for consideration of an Update to Chapter 44: Tax Collection. At the conclusion of the Hearing Mr. McGrory asked for questions or comments from the Board. Hearing none, he opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, he adjourned the Public Hearing and moved back into the Public Meeting. With the Ordinance properly advertised and the Hearing properly conducted, the Ordinance was in position for Board consideration.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. Neafcy, to approve Ordinance No. 384 updating Chapter 44: Tax Collection. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. Neafcy, to approve Resolution 2018-10 imposing a \$5.00 Fee for the Production of Duplicate Tax Bills, Upon Request. Motion passed unanimously.

Subdivision and Land Development

Confirmed Appointments

Mr. Rory McCormick – Limerick Generating Station – Storage Building Project: Mr. McCormick summarized Limerick Generating Station's proposal to demolish an existing training center at 298 Longview Road and construct a non-occupied storage building to store a 190-ton backup generator. Part of the proposal includes the restoration of 13,500 ft² of pervious area by converting a portion of the existing parking lot of the subject location to grass/meadow. Discussions ensued regarding the use of the building for fire training services prior to demolition, materials being stored, and transportation/storage of the generator. Discussions concluded regarding the outstanding parking lot expansion project, which has been on the Township books and incomplete for six years. Mr. McCormick assured the Board that he will work expeditiously to finalize the outstanding project, and he requested the current proposal move forward as a Preliminary/Final LD application.

Motion was made by Mr. Neafcy and seconded by Mr. Sperring, to approve the project proceed as a Preliminary/Final LD submission. Motion passed unanimously.

Development Projects:

Name/File No.:	Palmer Place (#07-21C)
Location:	28 Brownback Road
Review Phase:	Amended Preliminary/Final Plan Discussion

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The project Engineer, Mr. Kim Kryder, summarized the project. Discussions ensued regarding the requested waivers. The Board had no issues with the request for deferring the installation of the sidewalk.

Motion was made by Mr. Neafcy and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare a Resolution for Board consideration for 28 Brownback (#07-21C). Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Discussion – Limerick Community Park Master Plan Concept Plan Review: Mr. Kerr summarized the various concepts proposed by Simone Collins Landscape Architecture for the Limerick Community Park redesign. Discussion ensued regarding the installation of more ballfields vs. open recreational areas, roadway layout throughout the park, continued development of the Kurylo Preserve, and future land acquisitions for additional Township park area. The Board expressed mixed reviews of all ideas and options, which will be passed along to Simone Collins Landscape Architecture as they hone in on a final concept for Board consideration.

New Business

Resolution – 2018 Budget Amendment: Ms. DiPrete briefly summarized the amendment to the 2018 Budget.

Motion was made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. Neafcy to approve Resolution 2018-12, adopting the 2018 Budget Amendment. Motion passed 4-1, with Mr. Sperring opposing.

Approval – Hetrick Gardens Service Agreement: Mr. Kerr briefly summarized the yard waste recycling facility agreement, which contains no fee increase.

Motion was made by Mr. Neafcy and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve the agreement with Hetrick Gardens Yard Waste Recycling Facility for Township yard and waste drop-off for all Township residents and for Municipal use effective February 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment – Deputy Tax Collector, Ms. Julie Mullin:

Motion was made by Mr. Neafcy and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to table the discussion of appointing a Deputy Tax Collector until a later date. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager's Report: Mr. Kerr updated the Board on the following: in a follow-up to a resident's concern of vegetative overgrowth obstructing Alderfer Lane, it was confirmed that Alderfer Lane is the responsibility of the HOA and they assured the Township that they will clear and maintain the overgrowth. The Pre-Bid meeting for the portion of the PECO trail from Lewis Road to

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Limerick Center Road went well with 15 interested contractors attending. An update of the construction of the municipal building was offered including a status review on the overall budget. Mr. Kerr concluded with an additional piece of business for Board consideration. He informed the Board that, due to a conflict with HRMML, approval is needed to execute an Engagement Letter from James Garrity (Wisler Pearlstine, LLP) for Legal Counsel regarding the issuance of a Zoning Determination Letter for the former casino property.

Motion was made by Mr. Sperring and seconded by Mr. Neafcy, to enter into an agreement with James Garrity for Legal Counsel. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Alister Orme (551 Linfield Trappe Road) raised concerns regarding the ongoing loading/unloading activities occurring at the Physicians Care Surgical Hospital facility located at 454 Enterprise Drive. Ms. Martin Washington assured him that the Township is actively working to bring the situation to a resolve.

Supervisor Comments: Mr. Neafcy raised concerns regarding a recent Trappe ambulance response to a cardiac event which took 18 minutes. Mr. Kerr informed the Board that the Township received a request from Trappe Ambulance requesting a discussion of an annual donation to help them support their operation. Staff will be reaching out to Trappe to review issues and prepare their request for Board discussion

Ms. DeWan inquired if the Township can look into the feasibility of installing a "No-Left Turn" sign at the intersection of Neiffer Road and Ridge Pike. Also, she raised concerns that the School Zone speed sign along Limerick Center Road flashed was flashing inconsistent speed requirements. Mr. Kerr mentioned that the Township will ensure it gets corrected.

Ms. Shuler inquired of the status of the installation of the traffic signal at Ridge Pike and Limerick Road. Mr. Kerr updated her that the project is coming along and line painting will commence shortly.

Mr. Morroney inquired of the status of the Linfield Master Plan, and raised concerns of speed issues on Main Street through Linfield. Mr. Kerr indicated that, now that the 2018 Budget has been approved, he will be updating the Board on the Linfield Master Plan and other projects at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Kerr also indicated that the Township will look into the speeding issue.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **motion was made** by Mr. Neafcy and seconded by Ms. Shuler to adjourn the meeting into executive session at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Daniel K. Kerr
Township Manager

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