

The Peach Bottom Township **Board of Supervisors** met on **September 6, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Building. Members present David E. Gemmill (chair), Michael Kahl (vice chair) and Andrew Jarvis.

- **Motion** to accept the minutes as presented was made by Supervisor Kahl and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Supervisor Gemmill introduced Jeff Hughes the new Superintendent of South Eastern School District. Mr. Hughes expressed his honor to be working with the district and looks forward to making a difference. He asked everyone the support the students, their activities and events. There are great times ahead for South Eastern School District.

Supervisor Gemmill addressed the attendees. Since I have been a Supervisor I have thoroughly enjoyed serving this community, we have a great team here that works together, we want to make the right decisions, but we also have to go by the law. I am all for technology, but not for this Facebook of criticism. That is what we have had. We have worked very hard the last few years. We have made some changes and have done this without raising taxes; I think we are doing a really nice job. I am very proud of our Township. We are all here to work together.

#### Public Comment

Cameron Ingoole, owner of Model A Fitness clarified how Facebook can be good and can be bad. A negative can create a positive. We now have people out there helping their community. But what she sees is a gap, people do not know, they do not understand that you have a Township and a Borough, you have Supervisors and Council Members. We built off a negative post. Let's focus on what we got from it. It is a matter of communication.

Rebecca Reitterer informed of the work that was accomplished at the ball fields because of the Facebook post. She also thanked the board for mowing of the walking trail at the ball fields.

Cindy Abbott, director of Mason-Dixon Community Services shared a letter that had been sent to the Township thanking the Board of Supervisors for their years of support. They have seen a tremendous increase in service requests in the last 7 years. They respectfully request the Township consider reassessing the annual contribution to their organization. Information was provided on all the services that are available to the residents.

Supervisor Gemmill informed that the new pavilion is a great place to have fund raisers to benefit all the Township organizations.

William Tenney, a Township Planning Commission Member, is also upset with this new form of communication, but we can also use it to reach out to people. The good things that you are doing, last longer than the negative comments. Be proud of what has been accomplished.

Jeff Griffith, President of the Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company, was a recipient of the Facebook technology. He explained that during the light festival held on August 19<sup>th</sup>, a storm came in and away it went. They rented the property, the renters were responsible and had insurance. Yes, there was some debris, but we learned a lot and the fair made a lot of money. Mrs. Ingool suggested traffic control be part of the contract as required in Harford County.

Supervisor Jarvis stated that this has been a good thing, we are all talking and the community is coming together.

### New Business

Rebecca Rietterer, owner of 300 Ailes Road, Map BQ Parcel 36N is constructing a 768 sqft. storage building and would like an exemption from the storm water requirement. Section 400 of the Building Permit Ordinance and Sections 712 & 806 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance note the requirements. She would like some guidance; she has done research and does not understand why a seepage pit is the only option in this area.

The attorney informed that Peach Bottom Township is soft compared to the rest of the County. The ordinance York County would want us to adopt is more stringent.

Sammy McConnell, a Planning Member at the time of the research on enacting the County storm water ordinance noted that the Supervisors decided that what the county wanted them to enact would have increased the cost of storm water management.

Planning Member Tenney questioned the clarity of the ordinances.

Supervisor Gemmill stated that this will be tabled to be reviewed by SPCC.

Tax Claim Bureau Repository Sale received a bid from Brent Ryer for Map 3 Parcel 363A, 0.76 acre located on West Midvale Road in the amount of \$500.00.

➤ **Motion** to accept the bid of \$500.00 for Map 3 Parcel 363A was made by Supervisor Kahl & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Resolution to Support Nuclear Energy in Pennsylvania

The attorney explained that nuclear electricity can be produced at a much greater volume, but the cost is putting them at a disadvantage. This is to show political support for nuclear energy, possibly receiving concessions from the federal government to keep them competitive.

➤ **Motion** to sign the Resolution to Support Nuclear Energy was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

### Reports

Attorney

An Indemnification Agreement with the Old Line Museum for the shed at the Recreation Center was presented. This will hold the Township harmless for any use of the structure.

Options were researched concerning Neil Run Road (a private road) depositing debris onto Gemmill Road (a public road) after each heavy rain. He quoted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Township

Code, “Obstructions and Nuisances” on public roads and suggested the Township put the property owners on notice that they need to prevent this from happening.

Negotiations on the Exelon Tax Agreement are ongoing.

#### Secretary/Manager

- General Fund - \$1,313,265.17
  - Liquid Fuels Fund - \$32,013.80
  - Sewage Fund - \$20,968.58
  - Recreation Fund - \$10,492.78
- **Motion** authorizing the payment of bills was made by Supervisor Jarvis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Gemmill, vote 3/0.

#### Supervisors

- Per last month’s meeting, Sammy McConnell was provided with the Recreation Center roof repair specifications.
  - The Recreation Center Pavilion lighting will be installed this week and be ready for Barrens Soccer opening day on Saturday.
  - The snow plows will be readied for the coming winter season.
- **Motion** to accept the official resignation of Marlyn Flahary from Zoning Hearing Board was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.
- **Motion** to appoint David Heiner to serve out the remainder of Mr. Flaharty’s term to the Zoning Hearing Board was made by Supervisor Gemmill and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Kahl, vote 3/0.  
A new alternate will be appointed at a later date.
- The Recreation Commission currently has 3 members, Mike Smith, Neill Bittner and Ruth Ann Robinson. The Supervisors will be appointing 2 members, bringing the number to 5 members. The Supervisors will meet with the commission after the appointments.
  - Exelon –Riggers Superload.  
The Township has been approached by a heavy haul company for permission to traverse Township roads to transport a super load to the Exelon Substation the end of Burk Road. The road crew is concerned that you may not see the damage right away, but you will see it next spring. The attorney recommended an agreement of compensation, a performance agreement and to ask for a bond or letter of credit. He also suggested requesting a pre inspection, post 6 month inspection and a post 12 month inspection. The attorney will research other municipal heavy haul agreements.

#### Public Works

During the month of August, the road crew spent most of the time mowing road banks and completing storm damage repair.

The new dump truck will arrive with automatic chains installed. The road crew would like the 2010 to also have automatic chains installed at the same time that the flasher issue is repaired and upgraded with LED lights at a cost of \$3,875.00.

- **Motion** to upgrade and repair the 2010 dump truck as requested was made by Supervisor Gemmill and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Kahl, vote 3/0.

It is the end of paving season and the treasurer feels confident that a few more projects can be completed.

- Dinsmore Road – overlay \$25,000.00
- Murphy Road – overlay the remaining portion, ready for sealcoating \$19,000.00

- **Motion** approving the requested Dinsmore & Murphy Road projects was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Gemmill, vote 3/0.

Cameron Ingool informed that Exelon provides an education night for residents and suggested the Township do the same. We have a lot of people new in the area and it helps to know how the local governments work.

- **Motion** to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.