

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD
Elliot Abrams, Chair
George Downsborough, Jr., Vice-Chair
Jessica Buckland, Supervisor
Betsy Whitman, Supervisor

STAFF
Lawrence Pegher, Finance Director
Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor
Stephen Casson, Township Engineer
Tyler Jolley, Chief of Police
Doug Erickson, Township Manager
Greg Garthe, Planner

ABSENT
Daniel Treviño, Supervisor

AUDIENCE
C-NET (3)
Scott Miller, Resident
Pamela Robb, Resident
Jim Payne, Resident
Kathleen Domenig, Resident
Brian Henry, Resident
Scott Anthony, Resident
Charima Young, Penn State

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The February 28, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chair Abrams at 7:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Downsborough moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Buckland, the motion passed 4-0.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Anthony asked about the status of the Toftrees Avenue Bike Plan. Mr. Erickson stated that the new update of the bike plan will be working its way back to the Board and asked Mr. Anthony to email him to get him updates on this project.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

a. **Annual Report**

Chief Jolley gave a brief overview of the Annual Report for 2017.

Ms. Whitman asked if the SRO position is for security reasons. Chief Jolley stated this is to have an Officer in the schools for presence. Ms. Whitman asked if the Officer will be carrying a gun. Chief Jolley answered yes.

b. **Police Update**

Chief Jolley gave a brief overview of the January 2018 Public Safety Report.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS**

a. **Project Update: Valley Vista Drive Intersection Improvements**

Mr. Casson stated that the design has been completed and is hoping to send out to bid by end of the month.

Mr. Downsborough asked when tree trimming will start. Mr. Erickson stated that there is no timeline yet, but residents will be notified prior to any activity.

b. **2018/2019 Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) Contract**

Mr. Abrams stated that the Township participates in a state-wide contract administered by the Department of General Services for deicing salt. The contract runs for one year and requires annual participation approval from each municipality. The program year for this approval begins in August 2018 and ends July 2019. The deadline for submission of the contract is March 15, 2018. A memo from the Public Works Secretary with additional background information was included in the agenda materials.

Mr. Downsborough moved to authorize the Manager to complete the participation agreement for the 2018-2019 Sodium Chloride Contract administered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of General Services. Seconded by Ms. Whitman, the motion passed 4-0.

6. **ADMINISTRATION**

a. **Open Container of Liquor Control Ordinance**

Mr. Erickson stated that during the January 2, 2018 Board meeting, a resident requested that the Board consider an Open Container of Liquor Ordinance for the Township. Such an Ordinance would prohibit the possession of an open container or consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property with the Township. The regulations would not apply to any private properties including parking lots for "big-box" retailers.

A Draft Ordinance, included with the agenda materials, was reviewed by the Board at the February 14th meeting and the Board directed staff to advertise the Ordinance for consideration at this meeting.

Following a motion and second for consideration of the Ordinance, the Board should invite comments from the public.

Mr. Miller stated that having something in the books will give the law enforcement more power to do something about it.

Ms. Whitman stated that she emailed the District Magistrate Judge regarding this issue and he stated that he feel that \$100 is a high fine for first event. Mr. Pegher stated that the fines are lower than State College Borough. Mr. Erickson stated a range could be included.

Ms. Whitman moved to amend the Open Container of Liquor Control Ordinance and reconsider at a future Board meeting. Seconded by Ms. Buckland, the motion passed 4-0.

6. ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

b. ABC Committee Recommendations

Mr. Erickson stated that the work of the Board of Supervisors and the Township staff is augmented by the many volunteers who serve on the Township and Regional Authorities, Boards and Commissions.

There is an on-going effort to attract and recruit volunteers to fill vacancies that arise through term limits or resignations. Current vacancies include the following:

- Planning Commission – full 4 year term
- Open Space Stewardship Committee – full 6 year term
- Industrial/Commercial Development/ Water Authorities –partial 3 year term

At this time the ABC Committee (Supervisors Abrams and Downsbrogh) make the following recommendation:

Spring Creek Watershed Commission Alternate – 1 year term – Chris Hurley

Mr. Downsbrogh moved to appoint Chris Hurley as Alternate for the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. Seconded by Ms. Buckland, the motion passed 4-0.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. Tiny Houses

Mr. Erickson stated that the Zoning Officer collected information on Tiny Homes. Mr. Downsbrogh stated that he believes this is going to happen. The Board directed the Manager to work with the Code Director on identifying future standards for this type of dwelling.

b. PennDOT County Projects for FY 2018-19

Mr. Erickson stated that he received PennDot Country Projects for 2018-19 and it was enclosed with the agenda materials.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Centre Area Cable Consortium

Mr. Downsbrogh stated that there was a public hearing last night at College Township and that they have a draft agreement prepared for the franchise renewal.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Whitman moved to adjourn the February 28, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting a 8:02PM. Seconded by Ms. Buckland, the Chair adjourned the meeting.