

**EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SESSION
February 17, 2016**

Those in Attendance:

Jay G. Fischer, Chairman
Arnold M. Kring, Vice-Chairman
Kyle P. Scribner, Member
Scott T. Piersol, Township Manager
Luke D. Reven, Assistant Township Manager
Mark Kocsi, Chief of Police
Matthew T. VanLew, Roadmaster
Jan C. Bednarchik, Authority Secretary

The East Brandywine Township Board of Supervisors meeting of Wednesday, February 17, 2016, was called to order by Chairman Fischer at 7:30 PM at the East Brandywine Township Municipal Complex. Also in attendance were approximately 64 visitors.

Opening of Meeting

Chairman Fischer opened the meeting with a Salute to the Flag.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Chairman Fischer asked if there were comments from the public on non-agenda items. Mr. Tony Scalies addressed the Board to request permission to allow his late submission for the Hopewell Road Pharmacy to be included on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, March 2. He explained that timing issues in securing a signed sales agreement with the owners of 100 Hopewell Road prevented him from filing a complete submission with the Township to meet the deadline for inclusion on the Planning Commission agenda. Chairman Fischer responded that the Planning Commission should make the decision whether or not to allow the Pharmacy project to be included on the agenda, and indicated that the Board would support the Planning Commission's decision. Mr. Piersol will forward Mr. Scalies' request to the Planning Commission Chairman via email for his consideration.

Minutes: Board of Supervisors – January 20, 2016

Chairman Fischer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the above minutes. There were none. Vice-Chairman Kring made a motion to approve the January 20, 2016, minutes as presented. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Minutes: Board of Supervisors – February 4, 2016

Chairman Fischer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the above minutes. There were none. Vice-Chairman Kring made a motion to approve the February 4, 2016, minutes as presented. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Minutes: Planning Commission – February 3, 2016

Chairman Fischer noted that the Planning Commission minutes of February 3, 2016, were not yet available for approval.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Piersol read the account balances as of February 17, 2016. After reviewing the financial reports, Vice-Chairman Kring made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Township Manager's Report

Mr. Piersol reported that information was submitted to the County Department of Emergency Services in support of an application by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for a federal disaster declaration for Snowstorm Jonas. The Township had nearly \$18,300 in labor and materials costs during Snowstorm Jonas on Saturday and Sunday, January 23 and 24. The costs in Chester County exceeded the \$1.7 Million threshold for a federal disaster declaration. He received confirmation today that the costs in the 31 counties in Pennsylvania who were impacted by this snowstorm exceeded the \$18 Million threshold required for PEMA to submit the request to the Governor.

The Hopewell United Methodist Church and the Township have invited all County residents and veteran's groups to attend an informational meeting about the *Wall That Heals* event on Thursday, February 25, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will outline the plans for the July visit of this 250-foot replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, including opportunities to volunteer to assist visitors and provide site security with this leg of the Memorial's cross-country tour. The *Wall That Heals* will be open to the public around the clock from Thursday, July 28, through Sunday, August 1, in the Community Park.

Residents are advised that the annual Document Shredding and e-Waste collection has been scheduled for Saturday, April 9, from 9 AM until noon at the Thorndale K-Mart. The vendor who has previously assisted with the electronics collection portion of this event has indicated they will not be accepting tube-type televisions during this event, which they had done in the past. The Township is working to determine whether the newer flat screen sets will be accepted. The regulations on recycling older model television sets has created a significant issue, particularly in light of the recent notice received that Best Buy stores would no longer accept these units for recycling. Mr. Reven and Mr. Piersol recently met with a representative from the

Township waste hauler, and are waiting on a proposal from them to accept television sets on a fee basis.

Mr. Piersol continues to work with Pulte Homes regarding updates on the construction of the intersection improvements to the Bollinger Road / Horseshoe Pike intersection. He remains hopeful that this work can be permitted by PennDOT and construction begun in the fall of 2016.

Assistant Township Manager's Report

Mr. Reven indicated that, in lieu of a written report, he would comment on the agenda item regarding the proposed resolutions.

Report: Building Inspector/Zoning Officer – Report for January 2016

Mr. Piersol read the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer's Report for January as submitted by Mrs. Norann King. There were 15 building permits issued, 2 zoning permits issued, 9 use and occupancy permits issued, and 60 inspections conducted during the month. The total fees collected were \$12,932.56

East Brandywine Township Police Chief's Report for January 2016

Monthly Statistics

Incidents Reported	166
Criminal Arrests	2
Summary Arrests	1
Juvenile Petitions	0
Accidents Investigated	17
Traffic Citations Issued	135
Warnings Issued	28
Vacation House Checks	16
Patrol Miles Logged	10,955

Chief Kocsi recognized and thanked all of the Police Officers and East Brandywine Township Fire Department personnel for doing a great job responding to calls during recent snowstorms. All personnel went above and beyond the call of duty during very harsh weather conditions.

Officer Cyle Harnish received a thank you letter from a young woman whom he had arrested to say how much the arrest has changed her life in a positive direction.

Fire Company's Activity Report for January 2016

The following is a summary of the January 2016 Fire Company Report as presented by Fire Chief John Edwards. There were 39 fire incidents and 32 medical incidents in total for the

month. In East Brandywine Township, there were 14 fire incidents and 9 EMS incidents. In West Brandywine Township, there were 13 fire incidents and 22 EMS incidents. In Upper Uwchlan Township, there were 2 fire incidents. During the month, the Fire Company also provided assistance in Caln, Wallace, Valley and Honey Brook Townships, as well as the Borough of Downingtown, and the City of Coatesville. The 2015 Annual Report has been posted on the Fire Company's website, and the year in review video has been viewed 3,000 times.

During Snowstorm Jonas, Fire Company volunteers staffed the station around the clock from Friday evening until Sunday evening to ensure availability for emergency responses and decrease response times in very difficult weather conditions. The Company responded to a house fire on East Fisherville Road and operated as a single responder for twenty minutes due to the weather. Damage was kept to a minimum. After the house fire, the Company responded to multiple incidents including two accidents, one with entrapment, and multiple medical emergencies, and also provided 4-wheel drive vehicles to assist in ensuring access to the patients and the ability to transport to the hospital. The Company responded to another house fire during the recent ice storm.

Mr. Scribner praised the Fire Company for providing assistance to a child with a broken leg on Reeds Road. Chief Edwards added that this effort involved two volunteers responding on foot in deep snow in advance of the 4-wheel drive vehicle, while crews flagged down snowplows on Route 282.

Resolutions

Resolution 05 of 2016 – Mr. Reven explained that this resolution is in support of an application for a Chester County Vision Partnership Program Grant. A meeting was held last week with Chester County Planning Commission staff to discuss the Township's application in 2015, which did not result in grant funding. Despite scoring well on the application, there was a higher than usual number of applications vying for funding. The current application is for a multi-municipal east/west trail bicycle and pedestrian facilities plan in cooperation with West Brandywine and Uwchlan Townships. East Brandywine Township will be the lead municipality and has committed \$7,000 in this effort toward a grant award of \$50,000. Vice Chairman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 05 of 2016 for filing a multi-municipal application Chester County Vision Partnership Grant Program assistance, and to authorize Luke Reven to file an executed Municipal Letter of Commitment with the Chester County Planning Commission. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Resolution 06 of 2016 – Mr. Reven explained that this resolution is in support of an application to the 2015 PECO Green Region Open Space Program for the Community Park/Hopewell Development Trail Connection Project. The application period was extended to March 1st due to a low number of applications being received. The trail connection project is one that the Township was already planning to do. The application is requesting grant funding of \$10,000, and the Township has committed matching funds in the amount of \$21,300 to complete the

project. Vice Chairman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 06 of 2016 authorizing the application to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program in the amount of \$10,000, and to commit the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of \$21,300. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Municipal Authority Appointment

Vice Chairman Kring made a motion to appoint Don Graewe to a 5-year term as a member of the Municipal Authority. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Additional Public Comments

Chairman Fischer asked if there were additional comments from the audience. There were no additional public comments.

At this time, Chairman Fischer explained that the Board will recess from its regular meeting to enter into a formal hearing with regard to the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plans of Carlino East Brandywine LP, as requested by Marc Kaplin, Esquire. The applicant will be given an opportunity to enter matters into the record in support of that application, and then the opponents will also be given an opportunity to establish a record. Another hearing will be held at the conclusion of the next Board of Supervisors' meeting on Thursday, March 3, which begins at 9 AM, to consider additional testimony. If the hearing is concluded on March 3, the Board will take time to consider all the testimony and evidence that has been presented at its next evening meeting on Wednesday, March 16. Additional information will be available on the website.

Mr. Fischer also mentioned that the Board met in executive session to discuss litigation matters prior to this evening's meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Scribner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM and enter into the public hearing. Vice Chairman Kring seconded the motion, with all voting Aye. An official record of the testimony and evidence presented during the hearing will be prepared by Court Reporter Jennifer Guy.

Respectfully submitted,



Jan C. Bednarchik for
Mary Beth Smedley,
Secretary/Treasurer