

**WEST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP**  
**Board of Supervisor's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

Chair Tiffany Bell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

**The following were in attendance:** Tiffany Bell, Candace Miller, William Winand, Scott Moran, Donald Armstrong, Wayne Gray, Jerry Wood, David Ross, Dan Siegfried, Connie Irrgang, and Harry Irrgang.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mrs. Bell recessed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the public hearing for proposed amendment to the ordinance and intergovernmental cooperation agreement to allow the Oxford Area Sewer Authority to join the OASA Study Committee. The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

**AGENDA COMMENTS**

Mrs. Bell announced the receipt of an email from the U.S. Board of Geological Names (US-BGN). The US-BGN is seeking input on the official name for the Goat Hill Barrens and Nottingham Barrens in West Nottingham Township. These areas are cited in various scientific papers and publications, but the US-BGN said these areas are officially unnamed. They would like the township to provide some input on naming the areas. Mr. Ross wanted to know if the US-BGN contacted the U.S. Forestry or Nottingham County Park. Mrs. Bell said it was unclear who they had contacted about the naming of the areas in the email. Mr. Ross offered to forward a copy of the email to Joe Frassetta, head of the William Penn Forest. He added that some of the people who do research might want to have a voice. Mr. Winand pointed out that even if the names are changed, the people who live locally will always know the areas as Goat Hill Barrens and Nottingham Barrens. It was decided that discussion would be continued at the next meeting. That would give Mr. Ross time to forward the email to Mr. Frassetta and get some feedback.

Mrs. Irrgang requested to talk about a neighbor who was allegedly shooting excessively and late into the night. Mrs. Bell added the discussion to "New Business."

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Bell announced that the committee reports were available upon request.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Minutes from the March 28, 2017 Supervisors Meeting:** Mr. Winand moved to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2017 supervisors meeting. Mrs. Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes from the March 28, 2017 Agricultural Security Area (ASA) Hearing:** Mr. Winand moved to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2017 ASA hearing. Mrs. Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

No executive sessions were held since the last meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Holding Tank discussion for Gospel Lighthouse Freewill Baptist Church:** Mrs. Miller moved to enter into the holding tank agreement with the Gospel Lighthouse Freewill Baptist Church, and to accept the \$1000 escrow fee. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Armstrong Cable TV Franchise Renewal:** Mrs. Bell announced that the Supervisors had received an email from Phil Fraga of Cohen Law Group, asking the Supervisors send a letter to Armstrong requesting a redlined franchise fee agreement by April 28<sup>th</sup>. Armstrong wants to move to a short form agreement without providing input on the current agreement. They are not only doing this with the Township, but many other municipalities. Mrs. Miller moved to send Shaw Beqaj of Armstrong a letter requesting a redlined draft agreement by April 28<sup>th</sup> and to authorize Tiffany Bell to sign the letter. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 1-2017:** Mrs. Bell moved to adopt Ordinance 1-2017, authorizing the Board of Supervisors to enter into an amended intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the Borough of Oxford, the Townships of Lower Oxford, East Nottingham, West Nottingham, and the Oxford Area Sewer Authority for the purpose of reviewing the future of the Sewage Treatment Facilities including ownership and operation of the system currently operated by the Oxford Area Sewer Authority. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Bids:** Mrs. Bell announced that the bid opening date for the Park Road paving project will be on May 9 at 7:00 p.m. Sealed bids will be due by 10:00 a.m. on the same day. The prevailing wage rate request and advertising requirements prevented the bids from being advertised properly before the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Complaint:** Mrs. Irrgang said she was attending the meeting to see if anyone else was here to complain about a neighbor who was shooting guns all day and well into the night. She said the last time she heard the firing was this past Thursday and alleged that the neighbor was shooting a high-powered rifle and semi-automatics. She wanted to know if there was an ordinance prohibiting the firing of the guns on his property or one restricting the noise. She also alleged that they are on PECO's property and she was concerned about the direction in which the guns were being fired. Mrs. Bell said that Officer Bolt went out to the neighbor's house twice to talk to him. She said that he did not notice anything unsafe going on. After much discussion on the times of day the shooting was allegedly occurring and the number of occurrences, it was suggested that the Irrgang's call the Police and leave a message to document the date and time of the shooting. Mr. Moran said he could send a letter regarding the shooting and ask the resident to be courteous and be a good neighbor. Mrs. Bell suggested approaching him nicely and asking him to stop shooting past a certain time. Mrs. Irrgang asked about a noise ordinance. Mrs. Bell said the township is a rural community and a noise ordinance doesn't discriminate and just isn't practical. She asked the Irrgang's to contact the Police to begin logging any activity and agreed with Mr. Moran on sending the letter asking the neighbor to be courteous.

**OARA Update:** Mr. Siegfried wanted to get the Supervisors opinion on something the OARA board had been thinking about. The rules for the park state that alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Does the

Township think that alcoholic beverages should be permitted for special events such as weddings, Octoberfest, fundraisers, etc.? Mrs. Bell thought the policy should be consistent with the mission statement. Mr. Ross noted that the rules on the OARA website don't mention alcohol. Mr. Winand thought that if drinking is allowed, things could get a little crazy and the OARA could be opening themselves up to other problems. Mr. Siegfried announced the Pitch, Hit and Run event scheduled for Saturday, April 29. It is free and open to children 7 to 14.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Bank Statements:** Mrs. Bell moved to accept the bank statements for the period ending March 31, 2017 and give them to the Secretary/Treasurer for reconciliation. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Bell moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2017. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reconciliation Reports:**

- 1) Mrs. Bell moved to approve the Reconciliation Report for the General Fund checking account at Meridian Bank for the period ending February 28, 2017, subject to audit. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Mr. Winand moved to approve the Reconciliation Report for the General Fund checking account at BB&T for the period ending February 28, 2017, subject to audit. Mrs. Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**General Fund Bills List:** Mr. Winand moved to approve the General Fund bills list for the period March 29 to April 11, 2017, subject to audit. Mrs. Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Ross wanted to know if Mr. Moran contacted the health department about the pump and haul tracking. Mr. Moran said he has tried to call but not talked to Bill Conrad yet.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Bell Moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace Miller  
Secretary/Treasurer