

WEST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

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, William Winand, Candace Miller, Scott Moran, David Ross, Beth Subach, and Bob Smith.

AGENDA COMMENTS

There were no comments to the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports are available upon request.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the August 28, 2018 Supervisors Meeting: Mrs. Bell moved to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2018 supervisors meeting. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

No executive sessions were held since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Armstrong Franchise Agreement Renewal: Mrs. Bell had not received a reply from Phil Fraga and requested the item be postponed until the next meeting. Mrs. Miller moved to table the discussion on the Armstrong Franchise Agreement Renewal until the September 25th meeting. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Salt Shed: There was discussion about applying a coating to the roof of the salt shed in an effort to slow down the corrosion. Mr. Moran said he talked to the Road Master about taking down the existing building and erecting a structure on the existing foundation. The Road Master was going to get an estimate to see how much that would be. The Supervisors agreed to continue the discussion once quotes were received from the Road Master.

Brandywine Valley SPCA Animal Protective Service Agreement: The original agreement was reviewed by the Solicitor and was found to have some issues. Mrs. Miller reached out to the Solicitor to see if the most recent revision was acceptable. She couldn't find a response to her email, so she suggested tabling the business until the next meeting. Mrs. Miller moved to table the SPCA contract discussion to the September 25th meeting. Mrs. Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA) Proposed Per Capita Increase: The OARA is proposing an increase in the per capita contribution from \$1 to \$3 in 2019, with an additional \$1 in 2020 (\$4) and 2021 (\$5). When facilities are added to parcel 2 and 3, they will lose the farm land rental income of \$11,000 per year, as well as incurring additional maintenance costs. Mrs. Bell noted the improvements listed in the letter will cost millions of dollars and it will take years to save the money even if the per capita rate was \$5 per person. The following questions were raised by the Supervisors during the discussion:

- What park amenities are offered for each of the municipal parks listed in the OARA letter?
- What are the fees charged for park amenities at these parks?
- How long have each of these parks been established?
- What is the timeline for building the additional amenities on Parcel 2 and 3?
- Will the OARA have to hire employees to run these facilities?
- If so, what are the anticipated costs in having full or part-time employees?
- What is the expected revenue from the additional facilities?
- Will it offset or cover the costs for maintenance and or employees?
- Has a feasibility study been completed to see if the proposed projects are of interest to the public?

From a budgetary standpoint, West Nottingham Township is facing increased costs for fire and rescue services. It is anticipated that the contribution to the Ambulance Division is going to increase by more than 200 percent in 2019. Mr. Winand moved to send a letter to the OARA listing the questions raised and the budgetary concerns. Mrs. Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget Meetings: Mrs. Bell moved to authorize the Secretary to advertise the following dates for special meetings to discuss the budget: September 28, October 12 and 26, and November 9, with all meetings to begin at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

October 9th Meeting: Mrs. Bell moved to cancel the October 9th Supervisors meeting. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bank Statements: Mrs. Bell moved to accept the bank statements for the period ending August 31, 2018 and give them to the Secretary/Treasurer for reconciliation. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Fund Bills List: Mrs. Bell moved to approve the General Fund bills list for the period August 29 to September 11, 2018, subject to audit. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Oxford First Friday Car Show was postponed because of forecasted bad weather. East and West Nottingham Townships are planning to be at the Saturday, October 13 Car Show to give out cookies to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the townships. We would love to have some additional volunteers to help set up and cleanup, hand out goodies, etc.

The "Let's Talk About Drugs" town hall will be held at Oxford High School on September 27, 2018 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Subach commented on the speed limit on Cemetery Road near her home. She said cars travel 40-50 MPH by her house and she is afraid someone is going to be hurt. The grade of the road is steep and it is very curvy. A barn blocks the view of oncoming cars and pedestrians. Mrs. Miller said she would ask the Road Master to talk to an LTAP consultant the speed limit and see if it meets the criteria for a lower speed. It was also suggested that a "sharp curve ahead" sign be installed.

Mr. Ross said he attended a meeting at Penn Township regarding the potential sale of Chester Water Authority (CWA) to Aqua. He said Aqua purchased Penn Township's sewer treatment and water plants and are now raising rates by 75 percent. There is a movement to keep CWA from selling, but given the financial condition of the city of Chester, this may be hard to do. It was noted that 78% of the rate payers live outside of Chester.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Mr. Winand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace Miller
Secretary/Treasurer