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The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:32 P.M. Attending were Chairman Fred Ziegler, Supervisor John Stasik, Solicitor Charles Markofski, Pete Hiryak, Mike Heydt, Chief Templin, and 27 residents.

Mr. Ziegler stated that Mr. Campbell would not be present tonight due to a tragedy in the family and to please keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Ziegler also announced that Mr. Turner was tied up in traffic in West Chester and he would arrive late.

Mr. Ziegler asked Joe Kirschner to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Theil announced that he will be taping tonight's proceedings.

Mr. Markofski announced that there was an Executive Session earlier this evening on two issues, one Fire & Rescue/Fire Company #1 and the other was Ches-Mont Disposal.

Mr. Ziegler asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of April 18th, 2011, no changes were made.

On motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Stasik, the Board approved the minutes of the April 18th, 2011 Board of Supervisor's meeting. Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Chief Templin presented the Police Department Report

1. On April 30th, 2011 the Douglass Township Police Department participated in the Drug Enforcement Agency's Drug Take Back Initiative. The purpose of the program was to allow citizens to bring their expired or useless medication to the collection point for proper disposal. The collection site was hosted by Giant Food Stores. By the end of the four hour period we collected three (3) boxes of various medications with a total weight of 67.5 pounds. These boxes were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency for proper disposal. We had received a lot of positive feed-back and most citizens were asking when our next collection was going to take place. Chief Templin thanked Giant Food Stores for the use of their property. 2. I want to thank Gilbertsville Fire & Rescue and the New Hanover Township Fire Department for their quick response to the garage fire behind Conrad's Auto Body Shop. This fire was caused by a lightning strike and the garage was fully engulfed in flames. Fire personnel from both fire companies knocked down the fire quickly and no-one was hurt. The two car prefabricated garage was destroyed. 3. As I had informed the Board before, I narrowed our search for a part-time officer to one candidate and three alternates. I prepared packets for each Supervisor on April 19th, 2011 and was looking for permission to proceed barring any input from the Board. Mr. Ziegler tabled this until next meeting because he had not received his packet until tonight. 4. I would like to introduce Joseph Kirschner. Joseph was a former police chief of Towamencin Township and now works for the Governor's Center for Local Government Services. Joseph would like to update the Board and brief the residents on his part in the police regionalization process. Mr. Markofski announced that on April 26th there was a meeting between Douglass Township, New Hanover Township, and Mr. Stern. Mr. Stern stated that Mr. Kirschner would be conducting the feasibility study for Regionalization. Mr. Kirschner gave a brief overview on regionalization and stated that he was directed to do the feasibility study; the state assigned him to do the study which will take approximately 4 to 6 months. Demographics, population, crime stats, service stats, police staffing needs, organizational needs, and police vehicles will all factor in to the study. An operating budget will be prepared going forward to 2012 or 2013. An organizational chart will be prepared and there are grants available to Regional Police Departments that will be considered. Mr. Markofski asked if Mr. Kirschner will come back to a Board of Supervisors meeting and report his findings, Mr. Kirschner replied yes. The Board thanked Mr. Kirschner for his review.

A motion to accept the Police Department Report was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Stasik. Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Turner arrived after the Police Department Report.

There was no Engineer's Report.

Subdivision Report-Michael Sodl, Wilkinson & Assoc-Introduction to proposed Berwind II, Smith Road

Michael Sodl of Wilkinson & Assoc., representing Jim Gibson, was present to reintroduce the development of Berwind II located at Middle Creek and Smith Roads. Proposing an 81 unit subdivision as a buy right proposal to the current zoning, and deeding approximately 15-20 acres to the Township for open space. Mr. Sodl asked for some direction from the Board of Supervisors and Planning Agency. Mr. Turner questioned if the open space was usable, Mr. Conti stated that approximately half was usable, it can't be mowed. Mr. Turner stated that if it is not made an active area than the answer would be no, it has to be active open space for these kids to play, Mr. Ziegler concurred with Mr. Turner. Mr. Ziegler stated to take the proposal to the Planning Agency and then come back to the Board. Mr. Turner cautioned the Planning Agency to get the THP file and review it because it is a long file. Mr. Heydt stated that heavy rains flood out Middle Creek Road. Mr. Sodl stated that it would be in the plan to raise that section of Middle Creek Road. He also asked if the Board had any thoughts of the removal of the house that sits on the 6 acre parcel, it did not seem to have any historical value and it is in a dilapidated state, the Board responded that they didn't know of any historical value of the house. The Board instructed Mr. Sodl to take the Berwind II proposal to the Planning Agency for the May 12th, 2011 meeting.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Charles Markofski

400 Gilbertsville Road – On April 27th, 2011 Supervisor Turner, Township Manager Hiryak, Township Engineer Campbell, Tom Wynne from the Planning Agency, counsel for the developer and the developers convened for a staff meeting in order to discuss the improvements which would be required by the Board. Sidewalks were discussed and it was agreed that they would have to be installed for this development. The parties agreed that a 4-foot width for the sidewalks would be adequate and that the far side of the sidewalk would be approximately 8-feet from the face of the curb. The parties agreed that streetlights would have to be installed as discussed and that the fee for maintaining the streetlights would be assessed against the homeowner's association for the new development. It was agreed that the current drainage basins would remain as currently sited without the necessity for a separate lot to encompass the improvements. It was understood, however, that the homeowner's association would have an easement, as well as the Township to inspect, maintain, and repair the drainage facilities. It was further agreed that an in-ground pool would not be permissible for lots 4 and 5 of the subdivision. As soon as the final plan could be amended to show the aforesaid improvements, the undersigned would amend the final plan resolution which would be presented to the Board for a final vote. It was agreed that if the Board had any further changes regarding the waivers which were being considered for this project, we would advise the developer as of our May 2, 2011 meeting. Mr. Markofski commented are you aware of any other changes before this is amended. Mr. Reitz asked if sidewalks wouldn't increase the runoff, the Manager stated that it would increase the runoff to a small degree. The Board instructed Mr. Markofski to send the Engineer a letter on the added runoff from sidewalks to make sure it would not have a greater impact on the basins. The Board was in agreement that if the Engineer is alright with it as far as the calculations then we will go with his recommendation.

Police Regionalization- On April 26th, 2011 Supervisor Ziegler, Township Manager Hiryak, Police Chief Templin, the undersigned, and various officials from New Hanover Township had a meeting at the New Hanover Township building to discuss the regional policy sturdy with Ron Stern, Local Government Policy Specialist from the Governors' Center for Local Government Services and Joseph L. Kirschner, retired Chief of Police for Towamencin Township. We were advised by Mr. Stern that Chief Kirschner would be performing a regional study. Chief Kirschner had performed 13 to 14 prior regional studies in the past and had 30 years of experience in Towamencin Township as well as at least 5 years of experience with Philadelphia PD. We were advised that the study would involve examination of the respective population and crime statistics, as well as available facilities including vehicles but would not involve matters involving management or policies and procedures for a new department. We were asked to review an agreement of participation which was reviewed and signed by both sides. We were advised that proceeding in the direction of a regional force would ultimately provide cost savings for the Townships but perhaps not in the short run. Personnel would be the biggest part of the budget and this would not change but we could expect savings in the area of building costs, equipment, and deployment. After a report in this matter would be published, a meeting would be arranged in each Township to discuss and review the

proposal. Mr. Stern would be present at that meeting. Although grant money is significantly reduced, there may be some state and federal grants available to help with the regionalization project. It was pointed out that 3 studies were reviewed for cost savings over the last 30 years and there was an average savings of about 24.5%. Upper Pottsgrove had approached New Hanover Township in order to request inclusion in this regional study. New Hanover did not express a position regarding that request.

Ches-Mont Disposal, IWS, and Douglass Township-Douglass Township was approached on April 22, 2011 to consider consenting to the assignment of Ches-Mont Disposal, LLC's interest in our contract to Interstate Waste Services of Pennsylvania, LLC for the purpose of providing collection, transportation, and disposal of waste and recyclable materials in the Township. We have been advised that waste removal services will be provided in exactly the same manner and with the same employees and Township contact persons, and with the same equipment, so that no noticeable change in service would occur. Pat Kelly and an IWS representative will be attending tonight's meeting. Mr. Pat Kelly stated that Ches-Mont Disposal is selling to IWS and they need the consent of the Township, we envision a seamless transition. The contract is for 3 more years with an option to extend. The Board requested a new bond be put in place with IWS on the bond.

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Stasik to execute consent of assignment after IWS puts a new bond in effect. Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye, Turner-Aye. Motion passed.

Smith Road Bridge/Cobblestone Crossing – A Portion of Phase III – Separate developer agreements have been prepared for Beazer and Stewart and Conti. There are a few outstanding issues regarding matters in which Mr. Campbell had offered an opinion but which the developers are reluctant to accept in the agreement. I am requesting that these agreements be tentatively approved pending further minor amendments by the Solicitor and Engineer. Mr. Conti stated that he needs these agreements finished for settlement tomorrow or he will not be able to draw the money from the bank. Beazer's representative felt that there are things in the agreement that don't apply. Mr. Markofski stated that Mr. Pizonka was not available so he needs a contact name for the legal representative; a representative from Beazer stated that she will send contact information to Mr. Markofski. Mr. Markofski stated that he did not feel secure in removing Mr. Campbell's recommendations from the agreements because he obviously felt it was needed in the agreements, Mr. Turner suggested giving Mr. Markofski power to settle this and contact Kal Hassan to answer Mr. Markofski's questions as far as the engineer's recommendations in the agreements.

A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Ziegler to have Mr. Markofski contact Mr. Kal Hassan of Pennoni Associates and set up a meeting tomorrow, in order to represent the engineers recommendations involved with these agreements, giving Mr. Markofski the power to settle the agreements so that settlement could take place between Beazer and Stewart & Conti tomorrow afternoon. Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye, Turner-Aye. Motion passed.

Applications which are pending but inactive:
Danny Jake – Hallowell inactive 2 years
Cobblestone Commons inactive 1 year
Weis Markets inactive 6 months
Bui Jordan Drive inactive 1-1/2 years

A motion was made to accept the Solicitor's Report by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Ziegler. Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye, Turner-Aye. Motion passed.

The Board requested the address for Mr. Campbell.

Mike Heydt presented the Highway Department Report

From April 19, 2011 – May 2, 2011: started pouring pads at recycling building with left over concrete from Berks Products, patched potholes, repaired inlet on Fifth St., replaced tires on grader, fixed dirt roads that got

washed out by rain, setup for fish rodeo and cleaned up after fish rodeo. Mr. Heydt thanked everyone that was there to help with the rodeo, and also for all of the donations that were received from local businesses and residents, he also thanked Mr. Mashintonio for the use of his property, Ron and Sue Ebert for the use of their food trailer, Fire & Rescue and the Gilbertsville Ambulance Company for their assistance in making it a safe day. Thank you very much we could not do it without all of your help. The Manager added that we went through 200 hamburgers and 250 hot dogs; everyone seemed to have a good time although only about 46 – 50 fish were caught. Mr. Ziegler asked if there wasn't some way to split the pond in half maybe put a net across, the Manager stated that this is something to look at for the next time. No questions were asked.

A motion to approve the Highway Department Report was made by Mr. Stasik, seconded by Mr. Turner. Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye, Turner-Aye. Motion passed.

Pete Hiryak reviewed the Manager's Report.

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: **Planning Agency Meeting Thursday, May 12th @ 7pm and Rt. 100 Corridor Overlay Workshop 6:00pm, Open Space Meeting Monday, May 16th @ 6:30pm, Charles Haddad, Trustee for Fire Co, Monday, May 16th in Meeting Room @ 7pm to review Fire Co. Financial Statements, Board of Supervisors Meeting Monday, May 16th, 2011 @ 7:30PM.**

Mr. Ziegler asked if there were any questions or comments for the Manager, no one replied.

A motion to accept the Manager's Report was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Turner. Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye, Turner-Aye. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Mr. Conti brought before the Board of Supervisors the plan for Cobblestone Commons commenting that he would like to remove the residential portion of the plan and proceed with the commercial part of the plan, Mr. Turner's response was that this was submitted originally as a combined convenience commercial and residential plan, if you are changing the plan you must go through the Planning Agency first. The Board instructed Mr. Conti to address the Planning Agency with his proposal. A resident had a suggestion to add the descriptions of what off site and on site improvements were in the developers agreements. No other comments were made.

Old Business or New Business

Mr. Dodge was not present. There was no other business discussed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm was made by Mr. Stasik, seconded by Mr. Turner. Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye, Turner-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor's meeting will be held on Monday, May 16th, 2011 @ 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler