

Board of Supervisors
Thurs. November 8th, 2007 @ 5:30 P M
Lynn Twp.- 7911 Kings Hgwy., New Tripoli

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lynn Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Thomas C. Creighton III, at 5:30 pm in the Municipal Building. Present were Chairman Thomas C. Creighton III, Vice Chairman David C. Najarian, Charles Lenhart III, Zoning Officer Kevin N. Deppe, Secretary/Treasurer Tammy M. White, Solicitor Ed Healy, East Penn Press Reporter Ken Petrini and approximately 7 citizens.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Public Comment: Glenn Smith recanted his statement from the previous meeting on September 29, 2007 where he stated that Penn Dot put in a pipe at the Oppedisano property. Tom Creighton congratulated Kermit DeLong for his win as Township Supervisor, term beginning January 2008. Public Records and support will be supplied to Kermit DeLong. Kermit DeLong asked when the office construction in the Township building will begin. Kevin Deppe stated that there are 2nd class requirements in the second class township code that need to be worked out. Kevin Deppe noted that the bid for the office construction was awarded to Top Notch on August 9, 2007. Kevin Deppe also stated that there were communication problems between the Township and Top Notch. A fax was received by Top Notch on Monday, October 29, 2007 stating that they would be able to start construction Tuesday, October 30, 2007. Dave Najarian stated that ample time has passed and that there has been no communication between both parties. A motion was made by David C. Najarian and seconded by Charles Lenhart III, that a letter be drafted and sent to Top Notch with a notice of attention to proceed with the office construction by November 15, 2007 and to conform to all state and local regulations for completion of project by the end of November 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Accept the Minutes and Direct the Treasurer to pay the bills: A motion was made by David C. Najarian and seconded by Charles Lenhart, III to accept the minutes from October 29, 2007 and to direct the treasurer to pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2007-24: A motion was made by Thomas C. Creighton and seconded by David C. Najarian to adopt **Resolution 2007-24 a Resolution mandating that Heidelberg and Lynn Townships prepare, maintain and keep current an Emergency Operation Plan for the prevention and minimization of injuries and damages caused by a major emergency or disaster within Heidelberg and or Lynn Townships.** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2007-25: A motion was made by Thomas C. Creighton and seconded by Charles Lenhart III to adopt **Resolution 2007-25 a Resolution appointing coordinators and administrators of various benefits plans.** Motion carried unanimously.

Madison Park Tot-Lot: A motion was made by David C. Najarian and seconded by Charles Lenhart III to provide direction to approve the lowest cost option of \$16,750 to complete grant process. Motion carried unanimously. It was decided by the BOS that it would be better to use the rubber mulch instead of wood mulch. Kermit DeLong suggested that signs could be posted listing hours the park will be opened.

Lehigh Valley Coalition on Affordable Housing: The Coalition requested a donation of \$2,970.52 from Lynn Township based on a formula using the municipality's per capita income and population. Monies would be equitably allocated by the Lehigh Valley Coalition to each of the 9 shelters. It was decided by the BOS that no action will be taken.

Budget: The Budget for 2008 must be advertised for a 20 day period and available for review. The Budget will be presented and finalized at the Monday, December 3, 2007 BOS meeting and will be advertised the week of December 3rd in The Morning Call. The Budget will then be adopted at the close out meeting on Thursday, December 27, 2007. Any rate reductions of 10% or more must be re-advertised. The decision of tax reductions must be made at the Monday, December 3, 2007 meeting. Dave Najarian noted that the agreement Lynn Township currently has with Blue Ridge Cable Television, ends December 31, 2008 and that we need to look into a new supplier by March of 2008. Ed Healy suggested that Lynn Township should go with a 3 to 5 year term agreement with whomever they choose. Glenn Smith suggested that Lynn Township look in to who is currently paying amusement tax and what organizations are not paying. Also noted information concerning the budget is: REC Plan draft-increase in recreation fees, which would have to be adopted; 50% reimbursement from DEP to the Township for Engineering and Legal fees; HOP Permit costs for the Park; Cost improvements that will be required by DEP @ the Park; Dave Najarian questioned if all the cost improvements to the Park are figured in the REC fee's. Ed Healy noted that they will all be a one time expense and could be included; Estimate of REC fee expenses; Lehigh County's charge of \$125.00 per hour to chip all brush and debris at the Transfer Station which Kevin Deppe noted needs to be monitored more closely because of objects that could potentially damage the chipper, leaving Lynn Township responsible for the cost of repairs. In the past there was no charge from Lehigh County. In reviewing the budget, as of now, Lynn Township is in good shape financially. Richard Metzger stated that the Township should not cut back to much, with an additional comment made by Ed Healy stating that ¼ mill means a lot. It was suggested by Rob Sadler that monies could be transferred to a CD or money market.

Miscellaneous: A motion was made by David C. Najarian and seconded by Charles Lenhart to adopt **Resolution 2007-26 a Resolution preserving the independence of zoning officer in the performance of his/her duties in accordance with the municipalities planning code and Resolution 2007-27 a Resolution authorizing the solicitor**

of Lynn Township to answer inquires regarding important legal issues of concern to Lynn Township from members of the Board of Supervisors and or the Zoning Officer. Motion's carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Announcements: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by David C. Najarian and seconded by Charles Lenhart III to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy M. White
Secretary/Treasurer