

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at the Upper Pottsgrove Township Administrative Office, 1409 Farmington Avenue, with Commissioners DeLena, Dolan, Iatesta, Noll and Taylor present. Also present were Solicitor Charles D. Garner, Jr., Township Manager Jack P. Layne and Township Secretary Cynthia Saylor. Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. There were 5 people present in the audience. Mr. Sloss noted he was taping the meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE - Mr. Taylor requested a moment of silence in honor of the men and women who have served and are currently serving our country in the armed forces.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT - There was no public comment.

SUMMER GROVE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION - Attorney Garner stated as a follow up to a matter listed on the December 18 agenda whereby the Developer made a request to extend the period of time in the Developer's Agreement to complete certain public improvements. He further stated the Developer's Agreement indicates that the Developer is to complete certain public improvements within one (1) year; however, we allowed the Developer the option to request an extension of time under certain circumstances and we are obligated to grant that extension so long as it is a reasonable request. Mr. Garner stated he discussed the matter with Engineer John Theisen and he is agreeable to grant the extension until the end of June 2007. After a brief discussion, a motion by DeLena, seconded by Noll, to grant a five (5) month extension for the Summer Grove Development until June 30, 2007 upon completion of the public improvements. All aye votes.

When **ROBERT SLOSS, 2097 Needhammer Road**, questioned whether the extension request would have an adverse effect on the water/sewer project; Attorney Garner responded "no".

CODDINGTON VIEW - Mr. Layne reported there was a question with regards to TH Properties renting some of the homes in Coddington View. He further reported that some of the homes have been purchased by investors and they are currently renting them out.

REAPPOINTMENT OF DENNIS ELLIOT TO VACANCY BOARD - A motion by Dolan, seconded by DeLena, to reappoint Dennis Elliot to the Vacancy Board. All aye votes.

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Questioned whether the appointment was advertised. Mr. Taylor stated it was not necessary to advertise the reappointment.

RESOLUTION #506 - A Resolution appointing Reinsel, Kuntz & Leshner as auditors for Upper Pottsgrove Township. A motion by Noll, seconded by Iatesta, to appoint Reinsel, Kuntz & Leshner as auditors for the Township. All aye votes.

MCMAHON ASSOCIATES PROPOSAL - Commissioner Taylor stated the Township has contacted McMahon Associates to provide a traffic engineering review of the intersection and associated traffic at the Route 100 and State Street intersection with regards to the upcoming development in West Pottsgrove Township. The Township has received a proposal from McMahon Associates in an amount not to exceed \$4,500. Mr. Taylor stated the Township has been in contact with the Borough of Pottstown and West Pottsgrove Township and they have both indicated a willingness to share in the costs of the study. After a brief discussion, a motion by DeLena, seconded by Iatesta, to accept the proposal from McMahon Associates to complete a traffic study of the Route 100 and State Street intersection not to exceed \$4,500. All aye votes.

REG LEISTER - 1693 Farmington Avenue - Questioned the time frame for the project. Mr. Layne stated construction could possibly start this summer.

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Expressed concern that the Township would be financially responsible for the traffic study when Route 100 is a state highway. Attorney Garner stated the Township needs to be involved in order to protect our interests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Expressed his concern regarding the properties in Coddington View and stated he has yet to see any real estate transfers. Mr. Sloss stated he is concerned that there are people living in these homes who are not paying taxes. Commissioner DeLena stated it takes time for the county to post the property transfers.

DIANA UPDEGROVE - 1402 Farmington Avenue - Expressed concern regarding a “sign” on a Farmington Avenue property stating “you’re not taking my back yard” and questioned whether it was related to the sewer installation.

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Questioned whether use and occupancy permits are issued prior to the Coddington View homes being rented. Mr. Layne stated he would discuss the matter with the Zoning Officer. It was noted that copies of the use and occupancy permits should be filed in the individual property files.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - Mr. Layne noted that since bills were just approved for payment at the December 27 meeting the next Bill List will appear on the January 16 agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - At 7:50 P.M. Mr. Taylor reported the Board would meet in Executive Session; however no decisions would be made.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia H. Saylor
Township Secretary