

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KENNETT TOWNSHIP**

**801 Burrows Run Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317**

January 17th, 2018

Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman, Scudder G. Stevens
Vice-Chair, Whitney S. Hoffman
Supervisor, Dr. Richard Leff
Township Manager, Lisa Moore
Public Works Director/Roadmaster, Roger Lysle
Chief of Police, Lydell Nolt

MINUTES

**Leff made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2018. Hoffman seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Lydell Nolt presented the Chief of Police Report for the month of December, 2017:

The Kennett Township Police Department in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Police provided police services to 441 police incidents in the municipality of Kennett during the month of December 2017. State Police Avondale Barracks provided police service to 38 of those incidents.

The municipality of Kennett generated 5,519 incidents requiring police service in 2017. The Kennett Township Police Department provided service to 5,101 of those incidents. The State Police provided service to 418 of those incidents. Officers issued 748 traffic citations for traffic related offenses. Officers also conducted 124 criminal investigations that resulted in arrests for violations of Pennsylvania criminal statutes.

The department logged 58,891 miles of patrol service in 2017. As the department continues to increase our services to the community, we will also increase our patrol services to deter criminal activity in the township.

The department logged 828 hours of professional development training for the police officers in 2017. This training program exceeded the department requirement for 2017 and ensures the departments' commitment to the professional development of each of its police officers.

The department received grant funding for three law enforcement programs in 2017. The aggressive driving enforcement grant provided funds for focused aggressive driving enforcement. The highway sobriety safety grant, which is a two part

grant, provided funding for focused enforcement targeting impaired driver's. The second part of the grant provided funding for a sobriety checkpoint in Kennett Township on May 27, 2017. The department is pleased to announce will be receiving funding from those same grants in 2018, along with an additional grant focusing on pedestrian safety.

The department participated in 123 community policing events in 2017. This reaffirms our commitment to community through police and community engagement programs.

Chief Nolt reviewed Part 1 crime statistics for 2017 compared to 2016 noting a 19% decrease in Part 1 crimes in the Township.

Comments:

Hoffman commented that she would like to see a larger community discussion regarding Opioid addiction and how it is affecting our community. Chief Nolt agreed that the discussion needs to happen and spoke about the epidemic. Leff asked Nolt if NARCAN is being used by the Township Police, Nolt confirmed that it is. Discussion between the Supervisors and Nolt continued.

Diane McGovern asked what percentage of Part 1 crimes has a relation to drugs. Nolt responded that he estimates 95% of Part 1 crimes relates to drugs in some way.

Managers Report:

Lisa Moore presented the Managers report for the Month of December, 2017:

Executive Session:

Lisa Moore announced that the Board of Supervisors meeting met this evening for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and the possible acquisition of real estate.

Granite Ridge Basin Update:

Lisa Moore presented an update on the Granite ridge Basin noting that a possible solution was agreed upon that will be tested over the next year to see if it works, escrow moneys will still be held by the Township.

MLK Challenge:

The Township participated with surrounding municipalities including London Grove, Avondale Borough, Kennett Borough and New Garden in the MLK Change for Change challenge beating all municipalities by raising over \$700 which goes directly to KACS to serve those in need in our community.

Chandler Mill Bridge update:

Executed contracts were received from the State for the Chandler Mill Bridge rehab and trail funding. Bids packages are being prepared and will go out in the next couple weeks. Construction should begin in the Spring. It was discussed that the Bridge and trails will cost 1.2 million dollars, the Township will be responsible for \$360k. It was discussed that the trail will be a sturdy trail off the side of the road in the Townships right away.

5 Points Intersection:

Lisa Moore reported that the Board of Supervisors will discuss the possible implementation of a Roundabout at the 5 points intersection during the February 7th Board of Supervisors meeting and a simulation will be played showing how the traffic pattern would work. It was noted that the roadwork will take time to get approved, get grants and funding and go out to bid etc. It will be at least 3 years before any type of construction could happen and it would take about 9 months to complete.

Economic Development:

Lisa Moore reported that the Board of Supervisors will meet jointly with Kennett Borough Council on January 29th at 6pm in the Township Public Meeting room to set priorities for Economic Development, the public is welcome to attend.

Sustainable Development:

A meeting was held with local mushroom growers to bring them up to speed on the Townships Indoor Agriculture initiatives.

Roadwork Report:

Roger Lysle presented the Roadwork report for the Month of December, 2017:

The sign that was removed for the sidewalk project at NAPA Auto was reinstalled by the Township.

Many storms of snow and ice along with cold temperatures has bade for many hours of work and overtime for the road crew. Along with the cold temperatures, high winds made for blowing snow which kept the crew busy keeping roads open and safe for travel. The type of storms and temperatures has caused us to use many tons of salt and anti-skid to keep traffic moving. We run 6 trucks plowing and salting, each has its own route, each round of salting we use around 70 tons of material. The number of rounds depends on the storm.

Repairs are behind done along with maintenance on trucks between storms. Salt is ordered and restocked for next event.

Repair work of a pump replacement at the Victoria Gardens pump station was done due to work impeller that makes for long run times. A back up pump was installed and the old one was sent out for rebuild.

Barkingfield Park is very busy even in bad weather. The water jug had to be brought in due to cold temperatures. More rocks had to be added along the parking lot do keep a few people from driving up to the dog park.

Our co-op is gathering totals for 2018 material bids which goes out to bid next month. We are also working on our list of paving and sealing projects for 2018 that will go out to bid in March.

Our snow plows are having some trouble with trash cans on trash days. Residents are asked to set Trash cans in your driveway or in the grass along your drive, it will allow the snow plow to pass without damaging or upsetting cans. Also, residents are asked to closed mailbox doors so we are able to plow the full road width. Both of these are causing a traffic hazard.

A pad sight was prepared at the maintenance garage for a storage trailer that will be installed to help with storage of equipment.

Two trees were taken down for safety precautions on Bayard Road adjacent to Barkingfield Park.

Comments:

Leff commented that he continues to hear good things about Kennett Township Roads.

Fire Company Report:

Bruce Mitchell representing Kennett Fire Company, presented the Fire Company report for the Month of December, 2017:

35 Fire Calls, 355 calls for 2017

35 EMS Calls, 1096 for 2017

The Fire Company has ordered a new Engine which was approved by the Emergency Services Commission, hopes for an October delivery.

Mitchell noted that the month of January has been very busy so far.

Comments:

Nolt commented on the great job the Fire Company does noting they handled a bad situation in a very professional way.

Mitchell commented on the job Officer Cramer did at a recent accident noting that he did a great job.

NEW BUSINESS

Pay Bills

Leff made a motion to pay the bills for the month per the bill vouchers. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kennett High School-Community Services Club

Erin, a student representing the Kennett High School Community Services Club presented details regarding the Kennett High School Mini-thon which will be held on February 23rd and a Basketball game that will be played the Harlem Wizards and School District Faculty on February 10th at 6pm in the high school gymnasium. Tickets can be purchased at harlemwizards.com and proceeds will benefit the mini-thon.

Renewable Energy future

Leff presented information on a multi municipal group that is working on lowering the carbon footprint in our communities with a goal of being carbon neutral by 2050. Some ways the group can help is grant applications, street lighting evaluations and group power purchasing. Leff asked the Supervisors if they think it would be a good idea to join the consortium.

Hoffman commented that she is intrigued by the initiative noting that the devil is always in the details. Hoffman noted that is sounds interesting and moving towards renewable energy at a cost neutral basis would be beneficial to the Township.

Stevens commented that he believes it makes sense to follow California and other States and Cities attacking the problem of Global Warning and lauds Leff's efforts and looks forward to hearing how the Township can help confront the global warming crisis.

It was discussed to move forward with gathering information and to add it to the next agenda.

SUBDIVISIONS

Sinclair Springs Escrow Release 4 & 5

Lisa Moore presented Escrow Release #4 in the amount of \$352,428.00 and Escrow Release #5 in the amount of \$58,855.00 for the Sinclair Springs subdivision with a remaining balance of \$905,597.40 which have been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer.

Leff made a motion to approve Escrow release #4 in the amount of \$352,428.00 and Escrow Release #5 in the amount of \$58,855.00 for the Sinclair Springs Subdivision. Hoffman seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Stevens asked if there are ways that the Township can offset funds being released for ordinances that are being violated. Lisa Moore responded that the escrows are done by specific line items and cannot be adjusted for ordinance violations. Moore continued noting once the Township engineer certifies that the work is completed, the Township has thirty days to release the funds.

It was discussed that the Township cannot property withhold escrow releases but the Police Department can issue citations in cases where Ordinances have been violated. Nolt commented that the officer's discretion is used and typically start with a warning.

Stevens that he wants to make sure the citizens that are going through the construction are protected by the Ordinances.

Hoffman commented that it is important that builders comply with Township Ordinances and doing so is in the best interest of all involved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Stonehouse (Sweetbriar) Escrow Release 2 & 3

Lisa Moore presented Escrow Release #2 in the amount of \$167,190.00 and Escrow Release #3 in the amount of \$245,670.00 for the Stonehouse subdivision with a remaining balance of \$1,642,361.85 which have been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer.

**Leff made a motion to approve Escrow release #2 in the amount of \$167,190.00 and Escrow Release #3 in the amount of \$245,670.00 for the Stonehouse Subdivision. Hoffman seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Stevens asked that a notice be sent to contractors working in the Township giving a synopsis of the discussions pertaining to abiding to Township Ordinances especially working in the Township on Holidays and enforcement as well as abiding to all Township Ordinances.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

**Leff made motion to adjourn. Hoffman seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael O'Brien
Recording Secretary