

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

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

June 20, 2018

Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Vice-Chair, Whitney S. Hoffman
Supervisor, Dr. Richard Leff
Public Works Director/Roadmaster, Roger Lysle
Chief of Police, Lydell Nolt

Absent: Chairman, Scudder G. Stevens
Township Manager, Lisa Moore

MINUTES

There was no motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting as Stevens in not in attendance and Hoffman was not in attendance at the last meeting.

Action to approve meeting minutes is deferred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

July Meetings:

There will not be a meeting the first Wednesday of July at that is July 4th, the only meeting in July will be July 18th.

Kennett Fire Company Report:

Susan Singer representing the Kennett Fire Company presented the Fire Company report for the month of May, 2018:

Fire Calls: 29 with 18 of those being in the Township

EMS Calls: 105 with 42 in the Township

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Lydell Nolt presented the Chief of Police Report for the month of May, 2018:

The Kennett Township Police Department provided police services to 587 police incidents in the municipality of Kennett during the month of May 2018.

A quick last minute request for blood donor's at the June 22, 2018 blood drive. The department in partnership with the Longwood Fire Department and the Red Cross is hosted a blood drive at the township on June 22nd from 11: am-4: pm. If you would like to donate, please sign up on the Red Cross website or contact the departments Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Hutchins and she will sign you up.

It has been a focus of the department to identify dangerous sections of roadways and intersections within the township. In late 2017, the department in cooperation with the public works department submitted a request to Penn Dot for safety enhancement to two township road and state road intersections. The intersections of East Hillendale Road and Creek Road (SR0082), Old Kennett Road and Bayard Road, both have been identified as roadways with safety concerns due to the high crash statics. Penn Dot reviewed the crash and information statics provided by the department and enacted a plan to upgrade the intersections. The department is pleased to announce that Penn Dot in the month of May 2018 completed the following upgrades. Additional signage, roadway markings, tree trimming and additional stop sign notifications have been placed at the intersections.

The department participated in a four hour specialized impaired driving enforcement detail in the month of May as part of the Chester County Sobriety Highway Safety Grant. One impaired driving arrest was made during that detail. The department also conducted a DUI Checkpoint on May 11th. Officers contacted 697 drivers and arrested 6 impaired drivers.

The department urges the public to take time to perform a due diligence in reviewing the facts around requests for donations, changes in services and general requests for financial transaction. The department continues to see a high number of scams incidents of varied nature. The department encourages residences to contact the police department at any time if they are unsure of the nature of the request and before providing financial resources. We are happy to review the information as a way of safe guarding against scams.

The department provided professional devolvement training for the following officers in May 2018. Officer Simmons and Officer Juarez received certifications in crisis intervention. Officer Urbany received specialized motor carrier enforcement training. Sergeant Gordon and Officer Cramer received certifications as firearm instructors. All the officers have received harassment training and firearm qualification training.

The department provided officers community service events to the following area business and non-profits during the month of May. Centerville School 5k race detail, Kennett run race detail, Memorial Day parade detail, Church of the Advent, and Longwood Gardens.

Discussion:

Leff asked if there is any information that Nolt could share with the public regarding the new Fireworks laws in the state. Nolt noted that the law has become laxed and reminded everyone that even the smallest of fireworks are dangerous, whenever you have open fire it is dangerous. It was noted that at this time, there is no recommendation for the Township to take additional action but the department will be paying close attention to how the law effects the fireworks season this year.

Leff asked for additional information on the Roaming DUI patrol grant. Nolt responded noting that the grant allows the department to focus on the Townships most dangerous roadways. During the enforcement, other violations are acted upon, not only DUI and these events help deter crime in the area. Discussions ensued regarding the costs noting that grants for these special enforcement sessions help defer the costs noting that out of a typical fine, the Township Police Department only receives \$12.50.

Bill McLachlan asked if there was any update on Municipal officers being able to use radar as an enforcement. Nolt responded that this is still in legislation but has moved farther forward than ever before and he is hopeful that it will soon pass.

Nolt publically thanked George Beer of Fairville Property Management for installing exterior cameras at his development. Nolt noted how helpful this installation has been and hopes that other developments will follow the same path noting that any HOA's interested can reach out to him for additional details. Discussion ensued.

Public Works Director Report:

Roger Lysle presented the Public Works Report for the month of May, 2018:

Heavy storms have kept us busy cleaning up washouts, cleaning inlets, cutting up trees etc. Just to do it again in a couple of days. Hopefully our long wet spring is over.

Mowing and trimming of the township was finally finished. We finished up just before Memorial Day.

A new Volvcalc monitoring meter was installed at Rosedale pump station. This was done because the old Isco meter was out and not giving the correct data needed to file a reports.

One slow rainy days, our pile of old black top and concrete was hauled to Gary Clanton in West Grove. He charges three dollars per ton to dump it but it is recycled and re-sold.

We took delivery of inlet boxes and pipe for pipe work needed before paving.

All employees attend a mandatory sexual harassment training class at the township office.

The sidewalk project is wrapping up this month. Final touches are being done now and signage and paving is being completed.

Traffic signals at Route 1 and 52 S. have had some electrical issues from water and possible power surge burning out the surge protector and tripping out units.

A tour of South Mill mushrooms was given to Township and Borough to show us their new facility is and how it works, it was very impressive.

New pipes and Inlets are being installed on Bucktoe Road and W. Hillendale Rd. prior to paving. Temporary closures are possible.

W. Hillendale Rd. will be closed for a two-week period between Chandler Mill and Scarlet Road starting July 9, 2018 a detour will be posted. This is due to the county bridge deck repair project. A new top will be able installed after repairs are done to sub base deck. We are working together on road closures to limit the amount of time the public will be affected.

Hillendale Road will be closed on July 6th between Greenwood Road and Rt. 52 from 9am-3pm for tree removal.

Line painting was completed on 6/19/18 throughout the Township.

New, wandering walking trails were added through Barkingfield Park.

A tar and chip application was applied to Walnut Road.

As a reminder, Roads that will be paved this year (summer) include:

Marshall Bridge Road

Bucktoe/Chandler Mill Road

Meadowview Lane

West Hillendale

Pond View Drive

Orchard View Drive

Orchard Terrace

Roads that will be surface treated this year (summer) include:

Walnut Street (Oil and Chipped)

Woodridge Drive, Smithridge (Slurry Seal)

Fallbrook Drive, Fallbrook (Slurry Seal)

East Branch, Fallbrook (Slurry Seal)

Red Clay, Fallbrook (Slurry Seal)

Tussock Drive, Fallbrook (Slurry Seal)

Millbrook Drive (Slurry Seal)

Carlton Drive, Carlton (Slurry Seal)

Fulling Drive, Carlton (Slurry Seal)

Marc Drive, Carlton (Slurry Seal)

Yorktown Drive (Slurry Seal)

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 Library Board Appointment

Leff made a motion to re-appoint Bill McLachlan and Jeff Yetter to the Kennett Library Board for a three year term. Hoffman seconded the motion.

Discussion:

McLaughlin presented an overview of the new library plans noting that the Library hopes building will start in 2021.

Motion passes unanimously.

SUBDIVISIONS

Yasgur Escrow Release 2

Michael O'Brien presented Escrow Release #2 for the Yasgur application in the amount of \$12,250.00, with a remaining balance of \$12,029.00 which has been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer.

Leff made a motion to approve Escrow release #2 in the amount of \$224,223.50. Hoffman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sweetbriar (Stonehouse), Escrow Release 7

Michael O'Brien presented Escrow Release #7 in the amount of \$100,049.00 for Stonehouse, release #7 with a remaining balance of \$1,197,586.69 which have been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer.

Leff made a motion to approve Stonehouse Escrow release #7 in the amount of \$100,049.00. Hoffman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hoffman presented an overview of the Open Space workshop that was held at 5pm noting that the public's input is still encouraged by either taking the survey or attending upcoming sessions.

Cathy Burkett thanked the Road Crew for their work on the entrance to her development noting the positive change to the sight distance.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael O'Brien
Recording Secretary