

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

July 23, 2007

The following were in ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

John T. Titzel
Lloyd W. Bucher
Peddrick M. Young, Sr.
Dan Christ

Thomas Vernau, Manager
Jan Faust, Assistant Manager
Daniel Flint, Community Development
John Eby, Township Planning and Zoning
Coordinator
Nancy Dietel, Finance Director
Frank Williamson, Public Safety Director
Christopher Yohn, EMS Captain
Steven P. Miner, Solicitor
Danna Lutes, Township Secretary

President **TITZEL** called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Lower Allen Township to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced Proof of Publication was available for review.

Commissioner **BLACK** was absent with excuse.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 25, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner **CHRIST** moved to approve the Minutes from the June 25, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners as amended. Commissioner **BUCHER** seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 9, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner **YOUNG** moved to approve the Minutes from the July 9, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners as submitted. Commissioner **CHRIST** seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE: WENDY HAYDEN, ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mrs. Faust introduced Wendy Hayden, Administrative Clerk, Community and Human Resources to the Board.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE: JOHN YOUNG, FULL TIME COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER, POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Williamson introduced John Young, Full Time Community Service Officer, Police Department to the Board.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

President TITZEL asked if anyone in the audience would like to address any item that appears on the agenda.

There was no response.

CONSENT AGENDA

President TITZEL advised that if any Commissioner, Staff member or anyone in attendance could have an item on the Consent Agenda removed for further discussion and asked if there was a request for the removal of any item(s) on the Consent Agenda.

There was no response.

Vice President BUCHER moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, those items being:

1. Warrants Journal of July 19, 2007 in the amount of \$308,769.71.
2. Department Report from Community Development for the month of May.
Department Reports for the month of June, including: Engineer, Public Works, and Public Safety.
3. Request No. 1 for Improvement Security Reduction for SLD Docket #2005-22, Heights of Beacon Hill, Phase 3, establishing a new amount of \$684,172.50 and a new expiration date of July 23, 2008.

Commissioner CHRIST seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVE CHARLES T. GREINER AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Commissioner CHRIST moved to approve Charles T. Greiner as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission. Commissioner YOUNG seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ANY BUSINESS PERTINENT TO THE TOWNSHIP

President TITZEL asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Board on any business pertinent to the Township.

Steve Brenizer, 5100 Kylock Road, identified himself to the Board. Mr. Brenizer advised the Board that construction that is going on behind his property on Ravenwood Avenue on Lots 25 and 26. On Lot 25 the builder has graded right to the edge of their property which drops down 6 -7 feet and put a small retaining wall in. Shortly after it rain causing erosion which was fixed by putting shrubs in. On Lot 26 the construction company cut within 2 feet of the property line and there is about a 13 foot drop off with no retaining wall. Mr. Brenizer is concerned because of the amount of water that runs down into his lawn due to no drainage in the area. Mr. Brenizer was questioning what he can do or what the township regulations are for taking care of the situation. The water running across his property has not been a problem until the recent construction. Mr. Brenizer did speak with Daniel Flint regarding the situation, and Mr. Brenizer is very concerned about what will happen in the future due to the site grading. Mr. Vernau commented that the plans will be scrutinized and Mr. Flint will meet Mr. Brenizer at his property.

Robert Nace, 209 Hearth Place, Camp Hill, identified himself to the Board. Mr. Nace wanted to speak to the Commissioners regarding the Pennsylvania American Water Company putting Chloramine in the water supply. He presented handouts from the internet regarding the Chloramine. Mr. Nace commented on the health issues and concerns to the environment from the use of Chloramine. Mr. Nace asked the Commissioners to do more research on Chloramine.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Request to amend SLD Docket #2006-19, Final Land Development Plan for Texas Roadhouse

Mr. Eby reported that construction of the restaurant is in progress. Mr. Eby reported that the owners of BonTon realized that the leased area surrounding the restaurant is different then intended so they are requesting the consultants for Texas Roadhouse prepare an amended land development plan to redefine the lease. Apparently there are parking spaces outside the leased area so an alternate plan needs to be drawn up. Mr. Eby was asking whether the alterations can be made to the plan without going back through the Planning Commission.

Vice President BUCHER felt it was best to go back through the Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.

It was decided that this will be an agenda item at the next meeting so staff can get a better explanation of the situation.

MANAGER

Draft amendment to Section 209-29, Residential Permit Parking.

Mr. Vernau presented at draft ordinance to the Commissioners regarding the residential permit parking near Cedar Cliff High School. Mr. Vernau explained the the ordinance would cover Strafford Road, Warwick Road, Selwick Road, and Manchester Road. Kingsley Road is not going to be included at this time. President TITZEL asked whether West Shore Drive would be considered. Mr. Vernau and Mr. Williamson discussed with the Board that West Shore Drive has No Parking signs on one side of the road, and residents do not have the same problems that the residents on the other 4 roads have. Students will be able to park on Carlisle Road, but there have been restrictions put on there due to sight restrictions. Commissioner CHRIST asked if the new parking restrictions have been discussed with Mr. Savidge, principal of Cedar Cliff High School. Mr. Williamson assured the Board that it has and a newsletter from the high school will have information regarding the restrictions included. Discussion ensued regarding time of day, amount of parking permits each residence will receive, and tracking of permits.

Commissioner CHRIST moved to authorize staff to advertise the changes for Chapter 209, Article IIIA, Residential Permit Parking as it related to Permit Parking. Commissioner YOUNG seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURN

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:55 pm.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

An Attendance Register is made part of the record.