

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES - JANUARY 6, 2003

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 6, 2003. Mr. Fegley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. noting that the Board had been meeting in Executive Session since 7:00 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: Grace Godshalk, Chairman
Wes Hackman, Vice Chairman
Frank Fazzalore, Secretary/Treasurer
Scott Fegley, Supervisor
Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager
Jeffrey Garton, Township Solicitor
Lt. John Hansberry, Police Department

Absent: Robert Williams, Township Engineer

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Fegley stated it was a privilege to serve as Chairman for 2002. He turned the meeting over to Jeffrey Garton, Chairman pro-tem, who called for nominations for the position of Chairman for 2003. Mr. Hackman moved and Mr. Fegley seconded the nomination of Grace Godshalk. There were no further nominations, and it was unanimously carried to elect Grace Godshalk as Chairman of the Board for 2003.

Mr. Garton called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for 2003. Mr. Fazzalore moved and Mr. Stainthorpe seconded the nomination of Wes Hackman. There were no further nominations, and it was unanimously carried to elect Wes Hackman as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2003.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Godshalk at this time. Mrs. Godshalk thanked Mr. Fegley for serving as Chairman for 2002. Mrs. Godshalk stated that while the Chairman sets the Agenda and maintains control of the meetings, the Chairman has no more power than any of the other Supervisors. She stated she would like to hold public meetings with representatives from the surrounding Townships over the next year.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY/TREASURER

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Frank Fazzalore as Secretary/Treasurer for 2003.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER FOR 2003

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Fazzalore seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Terry Fedorchak as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for 2003.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR FOR 2003

Mr. Fazzalore moved, Mr. Hackman seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Begley, Carlin & Mandio as Township Solicitor for 2003.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ENGINEER FOR 2003

Mr. Fazzalore moved, Mr. Fegley seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc. as Township Engineer for 2003.

Mr. Fazzalore asked for a comparison of the rates being charged by PCS this year as compared to last year, and Mr. Fedorchak agreed to provide this.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP SEWER ENGINEER FOR 2003

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Fegley seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint CKS Engineers, Inc. as Township Sewer Engineer for 2003.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE VACANCY BOARD FOR 2003

Mrs. Godshalk noted that Marge O'Reilly-Allen has agreed to serve again as the Chairman of the Vacancy Board if appointed. Mrs. Godshalk noted that the Chairman of the Vacancy Board acts as the tiebreaking vote if a Supervisor leaves office and the vote is two to two for a replacement.

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Fazzalore seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Marge O'Reilly-Allen as the Chairman of the Vacancy Board for 2003.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF PENNSYLVANIA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Grace Godshalk as the Delegate and Frank Fazzalore as the Alternate to the Convention to be held April 6 to 9 at the Hershey Lodge.

DISCUSSION OF BUCKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS ANNUAL CONVENTION

It was noted that Mr. Fazzalore, Mrs. Godshalk, and Mr. Stainthorpe will attend the Convention to be held February 15, 2003 at the Warrington Motor Lodge. Mr. Fegley

noted that he is unable to attend, and Mr. Hackman agreed to advise the Township Manager's Secretary if he plans to attend.

ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF TREASURER

Mr. Hackman moved and Mr. Stainthorpe seconded to establish compensation of the Treasurer at \$3,000 per year subject to approval of the Board of Auditors. Motion carried with Mr. Fazzalore abstained.

ESTABLISH AMOUNT OF TREASURER'S BOND AND ASSISTANT TREASURER'S BOND

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to establish the amount of the Treasurer's Bond at \$2,000,000 and the Assistant Treasurer's Bond at \$2,000,000.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF TUB GRINDER

Mr. Coyne was present. Mrs. Godshalk noted that most of the cost for the tub grinder will be funded through Grant money.

Mr. Fazzalore moved and Mr. Hackman seconded to approve the purchase of the tub grinder for no more than \$391,409.70.

Mr. Coyne stated they are guaranteed \$72,000 for the existing grinder but they may get a better offer between now and the six weeks that it will take to build the new machine. Mr. Stainthorpe asked why there was only one bid. Mr. Coyne stated that bidder is the main vendor for this type of heavy-duty grinder. He stated that other dealers were not eliminated, but they did not have anything that could meet this machine's specs. Mr. Fazzalore asked if Mr. Coyne feels this new machine will last longer, and Mr. Coyne stated they do feel it will last longer. He noted parts are also available within a 150 mile radius. Mrs. Godshalk asked if they feel other people may be interested in purchasing the old grinder, and Mr. Coyne stated they have advertised and there has been some interest. In six weeks they should know if anyone else is interested in paying more than the \$72,000 they currently have guaranteed.

There was discussion on the excess of mulch that is currently available. Mr. Coyne stated they do have a purchaser for the excess material; and the buyer has indicated that while he does not have room for it yet, he will take it in March.

Mrs. Godshalk noted that the Grant which has been received is from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under Act 101 Recycling, Development and Implementation Grant. Mr. Coyne stated the Township has been recycling for approximately seven years and has received over \$700,000 in grants which has helped make the Program work.

Ms. Virginia Torbert asked the total cost to the Township of the new tub grinder. Mrs. Godshalk stated this will depend on what they get for the old tub grinder, but assuming no one comes in with more than the \$72,000 they currently have guaranteed, the cost to the Township will be approximately \$41,000.

Mr. Coyne stated the funds come from the tipping fees at the landfill. He stated instead of taking the leaves to the landfill, they are recycling them. He stated Lower Makefield Township is the only community in Bucks County that is actively pursuing this program.

Mrs. Godshalk stated the Township also gets money back from the other recycling which is done. Mr. Taylor stated last year the Township received approximately \$60,000. He stated in the past they received as much as \$150,000 but they are now being measured against the 2000 Census figures as opposed to the 1990 Census figures and performance has dropped based on the new figures.

Motion to approve purchase carried unanimously.

APPROVE HIRING PCS TO REVIEW REQUIREMENTS FOR AGE-RESTRICTED HOUSING IN ZONES R-2, R-3, AND R-4

Mr. Roeper asked if the Board would consider the request he made to them in writing regarding hiring PCS to review requirements for age-restricted housing in Zones R-2, R-3, and R-4. He noted PCS cannot work on this with respect to these Zones without approval from the Board of Supervisors. He stated PCS anticipates this will take two to three hours. Mr. Roeper stated the Planning Commission would like to have this information ready for the Board of Supervisors when they review the R-1 Age-Restricted Housing Ordinance.

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to hire PCS to review requirements for age-restricted housing in Zones R-2, R-3, and R-4.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Sue Herman thanked Mr. Fegley and the Board for their efforts over the past year.

Mr. Bob Slamen, Bedford Place, stated the seniors claim that they have five hundred members in their group; and if this is true he feels this represents only 1.5% of the total population. He stated he does not feel the Township should spend \$2 million plus costs for maintenance, upkeep and manning a building for only 1.5% of the population. Mr. Slamen stated he does not feel it is the duty of the Government to provide recreation. He stated he does not feel five hundred seniors are actually coming to the meetings.

Mrs. Godshalk stated she does not feel they have been shown the figures on running the Senior Center. Mr. Fedorchak stated he does have this information and could present it when asked. Mrs. Godshalk stated she feels this should be looked at before they hire architects, etc. Mr. Fedorchak agreed to bring this information to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Slamen stated 3,000 voters voted this down. He feels the taxes are already too high.

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APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. Fegley seconded and it was unanimously carried to re-appoint Robert Shelly to the Farmland Preservation Corporation.

There being no further business, Mr. Fazzalore moved, Mr. Fegley seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank J. Fazzalore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Frank Fazzalore, Secretary

