

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held April 21, 2015

The business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Supervisor Robin L. Lindsey, on the above date, in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Ms. Lindsey were: William C. Seeds, Sr., and William L. Hornung.

Also in attendance was George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steve Stine, Township Solicitor; Public Safety Director, David Johnson; Andrew Kenworthy, HRG; Kevin Shannon, GHD; and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Hornung led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Seeds made a motion to approve the minutes from the public hearing meeting held on March 17, 2015. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion. Ms. Lindsey called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

**Board Members Comments**

Mr. Seeds noted that he and members of the Board recently attended the Linglestown Fire Company Appreciation Banquet. He wanted to thank all three fire companies, noting that we are very fortunate to have three great fire companies, providing a safe feeling for those living in the Township. He noted he has always felt safe under the protection of the volunteer fire fighters of this Township and that the residents should feel safe as well.

Ms. Lindsey noted that SCEMS applied for the Silver Performance Achievement Award issued from the American Heart Association. She noted that SCEMS won it in its first time to apply and it has never been awarded to a 1<sup>st</sup> time applicant. She noted that 1,047 EMS Agencies in Pennsylvania applied and SCEMS was one of 62 being recognized. She noted for the entire country 38,000 agencies applied and 1 of 447 were recognized. She congratulated SCEMS and noted that the Board is happy to have them as a provider for the Township.

### **Oath of Office to a Police Officer**

Public Safety Director David Johnson noted that it was his privileged to introduce Benjamin A. Jones, who became a member of the Police Department on Monday, April 20, 2015. He noted that Benjamin was born December 17, 1987 in York, Pennsylvania. He is the son William and Kimberly Jones, and has an older brother Michael and an older sister, Sarah. He explained that Benjamin graduated from West York Area High School in 2006 and then graduated from York College with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. He noted that Benjamin was formerly a York County Probation Officer. He explained that Benjamin married Jenifer Woolfendon in May 2012 and they currently live in the York.

Ms. Lindsey proceeded to swear in Benjamin A. Jones as a police officer for Lower Paxton Township. She was joined at the podium by other members of the Board who welcomed him to the Township after which pictures were taken.

### **Women's Lung Health Week Proclamation**

Ms. Lindsey made a presentation on behalf of her fellow Board members to Mr. Clarke Woods, of Pinnacle Health and American Lung Association in Pennsylvania. She noted that the

purpose of the presentation is to acknowledge the second week of May as Women's Lung Health Week throughout Lower Paxton Township.

Mr. Woods thanked the Board members for the proclamation and he explained that Women's Lung Cancer is the leading cause of death in women and it is his aim to tackle this disease and defeat it.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Parks and Recreation Department will host a Children's Yard Sale on Saturday, April 25, 2015 beginning at 9 a.m. until it is done. He explained that children, ages five to 16, who have adult supervision, will be permitted to sell their old toys, etc.

Mr. Wolfe noted on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day, the Friendship Center will provide free passes for mothers to join their children to swim. He noted that it would be valid with the purchase of a son or daughter day pass. He noted that a similar event will be held in June for Father's Day.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Linglestown American Legion Post 272 will host its 96<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Parade event to be held on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 p.m. He noted that many fire departments and other groups march in the parade, including a float with the Lower Paxton Township Supervisors.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Action on a proposal from the Cohen Law Group regarding wireless facilities management

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Board discussed this proposal during last week's workshop meeting. He noted that the Cohen Law Group, out of Pittsburgh, in conjunction with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is working to assist municipalities in Dauphin, Cumberland, York and Perry Counties to update their zoning regulations as they relate to Wi-Fi

and wireless cable facilities that are located within municipal right-of-ways and on private properties within the respective communities.

Mr. Wolfe explained that the proposal provided by the Cohen Law Group is based upon members of the Capital Area Council of Government participating in the service with a base fee of \$6,000 per municipality. He noted as the number of municipalities increase, the cost for services decreases. He noted if an estimate of 21 to 30 municipalities participate in this service, the charge would only be \$4,750. He explained that there is a scale based upon potential number of municipalities and the total number that could participate could be in excess of 40. He recommended that the Board approve the proposal with a cost not to exceed \$6,000.

Ms. Lindsey questioned Mr. Wolfe if we know how many municipalities have committed to date. Mr. Wolfe answered that four have committed; however it was a two phase approach where municipalities were to receive a free analysis of their regulations in advance of their commitment. He noted that the Township received its free analysis and it was very helpful, but there are over 20 municipalities that have yet to receive this service.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if there is a time frame for the municipalities to commit to the service. Mr. Wolfe answered that there is no time frame that he is aware of but assumed that the free portion of this service would be completed within the next 30 days. He noted that the municipalities would be encouraged to commit no later than the June COG meeting.

Mr. Hornung noted that he has heard that there are other competitors getting into the market with Verizon and Comcast so it would be good timing on the Township's part to ensure that we have a good ordinance as we would receive tax revenue from these services. He noted that it is a good thing for the Township to engage in.

Mr. Seeds noted that we should update our ordinance to get the most out of all the companies that may want to come into the Township to install towers etc.

Mr. Seeds made a motion to approve the contract with the Cohen Law Group regarding wireless facilities management in an amount not to exceed \$6,000. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion. Ms. Lindsey called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Action on bids for the 2015 stormwater project

Mr. Wolfe noted that Mr. Steve Fleming, from HRG, presented the project in depth during last week's meeting and tonight representing HRG is Andrew Kenworthy, the Township's new staff engineer. He noted that he would provide the Board with the bid results for this project.

Mr. Andrew Kenworthy noted that the bids were open for the project on April 17, 2015 and four bids were received. He noted that the engineer's estimate was \$1,184,020 for the total project. He explained, of the four bids received, the lowest bid was received by DOLI Construction in the amount of \$925,484.00 to include a base bid and three alternates as part of their bid.

Mr. Hornung noted since Mr. Kenworthy is new to the Township, he would like to reiterate that the Board would like to greatly reduce the number of Change Orders that may be presented to it for these projects. He noted that he asked HRG, in the past, not to bring too many change orders for the project. Mr. Kenworthy responded that he understands and will keep an eye out for it.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the engineer's estimate for the work was almost \$1.2 million, four bids were received noting that there was competition and that the Township has worked with DOLI Construction before.

Mr. Hornung questioned why the low bid was so much less than the estimate. Mr. Kenworthy answered that he is not sure of the specifics for it but the other bids ranged from \$1.2

million, \$1.9 million and \$1.1 million. He noted that they were fairly close in range, suggesting that it is the competition of the day.

Ms. Lindsey noted that we have used DOLI Construction before and questioned if they presented many change orders. Mr. Wolfe answered that they do not have a history that is worse than any of the other sanitary sewer contractors. He noted that many of them have gotten caught up in the paving escalation process. He noted that staff mentioned that working relations with DOLI Construction have not always been the best, but they have done the work and it has been acceptable in the end.

Mr. Kenworthy noted that he will keep a close eye for how the project progresses in regards to change orders.

Mr. Seeds made a motion to approve the 2015 Stormwater project bid to DOLI Construction in the amount of \$925,484, subject to review by our solicitor. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion. Ms. Lindsey called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on bids for the BC-4 (A, B,& C) sanitary sewer mini-basin project

Mr. Wolfe explained that Kevin Shannon, the engineer from GHD, will present the bid award information for BC-4 A, B, and C for sanitary sewer mini-basin project.

Mr. Kevin Shannon noted on April 8, 2015 the Township received bids for the BC-4, A, B, and C mini-basin, a relatively large sanitary sewer replacement project to include Paxtonia Elementary School, Ollie's, and Holy Name of Jesus Church and School. He noted that five bids were received and Michael F. Ronca and Sons, Inc. submitted the low bid in the amount of \$7,617,740. He noted that it was \$220,000 less than the engineer's estimate and \$90,000 less than the second low bidder. He noted that the bid was in order, receiving all the necessary paper work that was passed on to staff and the solicitor.

Mr. Seeds noted that the bid came in below the engineer's estimate which is good. Mr. Shannon noted that there was a large range in the five bids received, from \$7.6 million to \$11.6 million. He noted that the two lowest bidders were fairly close and lower than the engineer's estimate.

Mr. Seeds noted that we have a lot of history with Michael F. Ronca and Sons as they have done a lot of work over the years. Mr. Shannon stated that staff is very familiar with Michael F. Ronca and Sons as they seem to have something going on in the Township all the time. He noted that they just finished Trunk G and the Springford Village Treatment Plant demolition project.

Mr. Hornung noted that we are still enjoying low bid amounts and it was discussed in prior meetings about the possibility that the bids would increase since the economy is starting to liven back up again. He questioned if that is occurring. Mr. Shannon answered that we did see it a little bit on this project although the two low bids were competitive and lower than the engineer's estimate, the other three were not. He noted that they had fewer bids on this project than the most recent ones. He suggested that it is an indication that not as many contractors are hungry for the work. He noted that the three low bidders are contractors who did work in the Township last year and they are good at this kind of work, and he was pleased with the bids. He noted that any of the three low bidders would do a good job.

Ms. Lindsey requested Mr. Shannon to keep an eye on the change orders. Mr. Shannon answered that he increased the paving items and estimated quantities of various paving items for this project as well as doing that for the last project in BC-3A and 3B based upon the experience of what we had over the last couple of years. He explained that he will watch the change orders and hopefully they will be minimal for this project, if any.

Ms. Lindsey questioned how much time it will take to do this project as it is a very high traffic area. Mr. Shannon answered that the project was broken down into six work zones, as we have been doing for the last several projects. He noted that each work zone has a stipulated completion date in the contract. He noted that work zone six is tailored to working on the Holy Name of Jesus property and in front of Paxtonia Elementary School during June and July of 2016. He explained that the project will start around July of 2015 and end by August of 2016. He noted that it is a reasonable schedule, fairly aggressive, and staff will manage the construction by keeping a close eye on the dates.

Mr. Seeds made a motion to award the bid for BC-4, A, B, and C sanitary sewer mini-basin project to Michael F. Ronca and Sons in the amount of \$7,617,740 pending review by the solicitor of the bid documents and the paving quantities by Township staff. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion. Ms. Lindsey called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

#### **Payment of Bills**

Mr. Seeds made a motion to pay the bills of Lower Paxton Township, Lower Paxton Township Authority, Payroll checks, and Purchase Cards payments for Lower Paxton Township and Lower Paxton Township Authority. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion. Ms. Lindsey called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Hornung made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

Maureen Heberle  
Recording Secretary

William L. Hornung  
Township Secretary