

**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
JULY 7, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Chairman Conklin with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. The following Township Officials were in attendance:

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| John Conklin        | - | Chairman, Board of Supervisors                    |
| William Kirkpatrick | - | Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors               |
| Al Bush             | - | Member, Board of Supervisors                      |
| Thomas Nelling      | - | Chief of Police                                   |
| Lloyd Roach         | - | Emergency Management Coordinator                  |
| Michael Langer      | - | Chairman, Recreation, Park & Open Space Committee |
| Dan Hill            | - | Member, Recreation, Park & Open Space Committee   |
| Dr. Robert Reder    | - | Member, Recreation, Park, & Open Space Committee  |
| Quina Nelling       | - | Secretary/Treasurer                               |

Mr. Bush moved to approve the June 16, 2008 minutes as written. (Approved all in favor.)

Mr. Kirkpatrick moved to approve the bills submitted for payment. General Fund bills totaled \$58,292.98. Sewer Fund bills totaled \$5,406.85. (Approved all in favor.)

**SHOPPES @ DILWORTHTOWN CROSSING**

Kevin Lahn of R.J. Waters & Associates was present to apprise the Board of two sidewalk sales planned at the Shoppes @ Dilworthtown Crossing. The dates for the sales are 7/19 – 7/26 and 8/16 – 8/23. He is also working with the Lions Club on an antique car show at the shopping center for Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. He is requesting approval from the Board for the installation of a temporary banner sign on Rt. 202 on the hill between CVS Pharmacy and National Penn Bank to be installed the day prior to the events and removed the Monday after the events. The size of the banner will be 20' long by 4' in height. A banner is also being proposed in Thornbury Township on Dilworthtown Road between the two entrances to the shopping center.

Chairman Conklin noted that a similar request was made in May 2006 and that a temporary sign permit application would have to be completed.

Mr. Kirkpatrick moved to approve the installation of the temporary banners for the proposed events on the dates stated with the completion of the required paperwork by the applicant. (Approved all in favor.)

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Nelling reported for the month of June 2008. There were 1,392 incidents during the month, including 13 criminal arrests. There were four thefts from vehicles which were left unlocked with valuables inside and in plain view. All the incidents occurred on

Faucett Drive. Chief Nelling encouraged the residents to keep their vehicles locked and not to keep valuables in their cars. There are five open incidents for the month. There were 8,841 patrol miles logged on the vehicles during the month.

### **APPOINTED AUDITOR**

Mrs. Nelling said that it was duly advertised in the Daily Local News on May 22, 2008 that the Supervisors would be considering a resolution to appoint the certified public accounting firm of Umbreit, Korengel, and Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants to make an examination of all Township accounts for the fiscal year 2008 and to prepare a report for the Board of Supervisors on such accounts. The proposed fee for the service is \$2,800.00. The fee has been reduced by \$150. When the Township decided to utilize the services of a certified public accountant instead of elected auditors, she had received proposals from about eight various companies. Mr. Umbreit was the only accountant to come in with a proposal under \$3,000. to perform this service, so his price is still under the bids received years ago when the quotes were initially received for an appointed auditor. Mrs. Nelling felt that Mr. Umbreit had done a good job for the Township.

Mr. Bush moved to adopt resolution #080707 to appoint the certified public accounting firm of Umbreit, Korengel & Associates to perform the 2008 audit for a fee of \$2,800. (Approved all in favor.)

### **MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE**

The IRS has announced that effective July 1, 2008, the standard business mileage rate will increase to 58.5 cents per mile from the current 50.5 cents through December 31 2008. Chairman Conklin said that the Township has always followed the IRS guidelines for mileage reimbursements and moved to adopt the IRS business mileage rate of 58.5 cents. (Approved all in favor.)

### **RECREATION, PARK & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT (RPOS)**

Michael Langer reported on the Birmingham Hill trail project. The Worth property has been staked. The committee is meeting at the site on Friday morning to review the location of the trail through the woods and to address Mr. Worth's concern on the placement of the gates. Some undergrowth will be removed as well as some saplings, but no mature trees. RPOS is still waiting for approval from PennDOT. Bid packages are expected in August.

Mr. Bush asked for the length of the trail? Mr. Langer said it is 1.1 miles one way. Mr. Roach encouraged the Supervisors to walk the trail. Discussion ensued on informing the public of the trail as well as a trail opening celebration.

### **SEWER PLANT REPORT**

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that he has had meetings with Sandra Morgan of URS Corporation and representatives from the Dilworthtown Inn and Bennigan's to address problems with grease. Mrs. Morgan has been working with each entity over the last twelve weeks. A report will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

Applied Water Management has sent proposals to the Township on necessary maintenance items which Mr. Kirkpatrick has reviewed and he thinks that these items should be accomplished.

- Purchase of a new chemical feed pump to replace the failed peristaltic ferric pump in the control building at a cost of \$770.90.
- Replacement/upgrade of the pH Probe and replacement of the Dissolved Oxygen Probe Sensor Cap for the HQ40d Dual Meter at a cost of \$461.75.
- Upgrade the existing electrical system in and around the sludge holding tanks at a cost of \$2,214.00.
- Installation of a permanently mounted discharge piping system from both sludge holding tanks to the existing equalization tank at a cost of \$2,360.00

Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that these items would be paid for out of the sewer fund and they are within the budget of the sewer fund. Mr. Kirkpatrick moved to approve all the proposed maintenance items from Applied Water Management, Inc. not to exceed \$6,400.00, which is 10% more than the cost of the proposals. (Approved all in favor.)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM. (WJK)

Respectfully submitted,

Quina Nelling  
Secretary/Treasurer