

**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
MARCH 17, 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 followed by a moment of silence. A quorum of Supervisors was declared. The following Township Officials were in attendance:

John Conklin	-	Chairman, Board of Supervisors
William Kirkpatrick	-	Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Al Bush	-	Member, Board of Supervisors
Thomas Nelling	-	Chief of Police
Dan Hill	-	Recreation, Park & Open Space Committee Member
Quina Nelling	-	Secretary/Treasurer

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick moved to approve the March 3, 2008 minutes as written. (Approved all in favor.)

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick moved to approve the bills submitted for payment. General Fund bills totaled \$35,751.45. Sewer Fund bills totaled \$15,383.69. (Approved all in favor.)

DECISION ON BEDWELL APPEAL

A hearing to consider the application from Mark & Thomas Bedwell, d/b/a BEC Partners, L.P., appealing the Township's revocation of a sewer permit issued for the property at 1380 Wilmington Pike was held on March 3, 2008. A Decision has been prepared by the Township Solicitor, Kristin Camp, and reviewed by the Supervisors. Chairman Conklin moved to affirm the revocation of the sewer permit and to dismiss the appeal of Mark and Thomas Bedwell. (Approved all in favor.)

RECREATION, PARK & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (RPOS) REPORT

Chairman Conklin reviewed the items discussed by RPOS at its February 20th meeting and referred those present to the minutes from that meeting. At its March meeting RPOS will divvy up the responsibilities for the Birmingham Hill trail project. Chairman Conklin reminded the Board of the March 29th clean-up day at Sandy Hollow Heritage Park. RPOS Member Mark Beauchamp has provided the Township with three proposals for mowing, trimming, edging, and fertilizing at the Park. Proposals were received from Lakeside Cultural Care, Inc., Exton; Cedar Brook Lawn Care, West Chester; and M.A.J.I.C. Landscapes, West Chester. Bid proposals were provided on a per visit quote for mowing the trail, mowing the lot, trimming, edging, and for the upper meadow, as well as fertilizing. The lowest bid received was from M.A.J.I.C. Landscapes. Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick moved to approve the low bid from M.A.J.I.C. Landscapes for maintenance at Sandy Hollow Heritage Park per the bid proposal received from RPOS. (Approved all in favor.)

Al Bush complimented Mark Beauchamp on the matrix he had prepared for the various needs at Sandy Hollow Heritage Park.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Nelling reported for the month of February 2008. There were 1,405 incidents during the month. One incident remains open. There were 8,396 patrol miles logged on the police vehicles. Mr. Bush commented on the six deer struck incidents and asked about the location for the six ambulance calls? Chief Nelling replied that the ambulance call responses are from various locations in the Township and that the monthly number is usually higher, ten or above. Chief Nelling reported that there was one break-in at Sandy Hollow Heritage Park. A pocket book was left on the front seat of the vehicle.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick reported that 27 deer were taken during the controlled hunt in Radley Run and 5 deer were taken from behind his house. Dan Hill added that 24 deer were taken at the Reserve at Chadds Ford. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the individual hunts through out the Township were low key and effective.

ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER

Chairman Conklin moved to appoint Thomas Nelling as Assistant Zoning Officer in the absence of Joseph Sofranko, with no compensation. This appointment will allow Chief Nelling to issue citations for ordinance violations. Chief Nelling can also respond to complaints during the evening and weekend hours to avoid having to call out Mr. Sofranko. (Approved all in favor.)

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR ROAD PROGRAM

Chairman Conklin moved to authorize advertising for the 2008 Street Improvements Program with ads to be placed in the Daily Local News on April 7th and April 10th with the bid opening for April 21st. (Approved all in favor.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick stated that the 325th anniversary of the Township will occur next year. He thought this was a noteworthy milestone which deserved some sort of commemoration by the Township, though he is not encouraging a big event or a parade. Dan Hill said that Greg Kurey of RPOS is spear heading planning for some sort of commemoration. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that Birmingham Township is the oldest township in the county.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick reported that he, Mrs. Nelling, and the Township Engineer, Jim Hatfield, had attended a presentation by DEP at the CCATO Spring Convention on March 13th on the MS4 Permitting and Stormwater Management requirements. Changes are forthcoming on managing stormwater run-off and the imposition of water quality standards appears to be open-ended. There are 89 basins in the Township and the owners of the basins will need to be alerted of the upcoming changes. Jim Hatfield is pursuing additional information from DEP.

Dan Hill said that he has been in contact with Royal Trust about obtaining copies of Robinson's map. He is looking to get permission to post the map on the web site. Chairman Conklin asked Dan Hill if he had looked into getting the water color print from the Engineer. Dan Hill had not but he would pursue this as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM. (AWB)

Respectfully submitted,

Quina Nelling
Secretary/Treasurer