

**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2009**

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 the customary 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
Lloyd Roach	-	Emergency Management Coordinator and Historic Commission Chairman
Jacque Roach	-	Planning Commission Secretary
Quina Nelling	-	Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Kirkpatrick moved to approve the July 20, 2009 minutes as written. (Approved all in favor.)

Mr. Bush moved to approve the bills submitted for payment. General Fund Bills totaled \$27,331.15 Sewer Fund bills totaled \$13,328.63. (Approved all in favor.)

POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Prior to tonight's meeting, the Supervisors interviewed a candidate for the position of part-time police officer. Upon the recommendation of Chief Nelling, Police Commissioner Al Bush moved to hire Michael O'Donnell of Kennett Square for the position of part-time police officer at a training rate of \$13.75/hr. The hire is conditioned upon O'Donnell's satisfactory passing of his police certification scheduled for August 13th. (Approved all in favor.)

BECKER BUILDERS SUBDIVISION/1010 BRINTON'S BRIDGE ROAD

At its meeting on June 15, 2009 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #090615 to grant an extension of time of three years pursuant to Section 508(4) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code for a final minor subdivision plan for Becker Builders for a three lot residential subdivision located at 1010 Brinton's Bridge Road. One of the conditions of approval was that a separate Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement should be executed and recorded rather than relying on the notes on the approved subdivision plan. The Township Solicitor has prepared this agreement which has been signed by Jack Becker. Mr. Bush moved to enter into the Stormwater Best Management Practices Operation and Maintenance Agreement with John and Donna Becker. (Approved all in favor.)

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP OSRER PLAN

At its meeting on July 14, 2009, the Birmingham Township Planning Commission reviewed the update to the Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Component of the East Bradford Township Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission commended East Bradford Township on its comprehensive approach to planning this vital element of East Bradford's future. The Planning Commission noted that there appeared to be no conflict in the Plan with any of Birmingham Township's Plans. Chairman Conklin moved to support the position of the Township Planning Commission on the Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Component of the East Bradford Township Comprehensive Plan and to authorize Sect./Treas. Nelling to send a letter to East Bradford Township. (Approved all in favor.)

WEST CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Howard Sundall, President, and Victoria Dow, Director, of the West Chester Library were present to discuss funding options for the library. The library is located in the Borough and it serves the residents of the Borough and six townships, Pocopson, Birmingham, East Bradford, Thornbury, West Goshen, and Westtown. Only the Borough and East Bradford have provided regular financial support to the Library. Libraries are facing a funding crisis because they are not supported by a particular political entity. The library is anticipating a \$50,000. decrease in its budget which was \$563,438. in 2008. One third of the funding comes from private sources. The recent major renovation to the Library was all privately funded. The state has an incentive program whereby contributions made by the local government will be matched by the state. The library is losing out on these funds because they are not receiving full support from the local governments. Mr. Sundall appealed to the Board for a contribution in the 2009 budget of \$1.00/resident.

The West Chester Library is part of the Chester County Library System. Mr. Sundall said that business is great at the library. Circulation is up 22% for the first half of 2009 and the service to Birmingham residents tripled in the last year with 72% of the residents in Birmingham Township owning a West Chester Public Library card. Mr. Sundall noted that in hard economic times people visit the library more frequently. The library is used for resume help; internet services; and free access to books and multi-media material.

Lloyd and Jacquie Roach were present to support funding of the West Chester Public Library.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM. (JLC)

Respectfully submitted,

Quina Nelling
Secretary/Treasurer

