

**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
AUGUST 17, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:33 PM in the Township Building by Chairman Conklin with the pledge of allegiance and 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
Quina Nelling	-	Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Kirkpatrick moved to approve the August 3, 2009 minutes as written. (Approved all in favor.)

Mr. Bush moved to approve the bills submitted for payment. General Fund bills totaled \$13,838.61. Sewer Fund bills totaled \$12,016.56. State Fund Ck#137 was approved for payment to Page Excavating Company for the 2009 Road Program. (Approved all in favor.)

**SNOW REMOVAL BIDS FOR 2009/2010 SEASON**

It was duly advertised in the Daily Local News on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> that the Township would be accepting bids for the 2009/2010 snow removal season. One bid was received from Page Excavating Company. Page Excavating Company has been performing snow removal services for many years for the Township. They know the roads and do a good job. Chairman Conklin reviewed the bid against the rates from last year's bid. There were no rate increases in any categories. Chairman Conklin moved to accept the snow removal bid from Page Excavating Company for the 2009/2010 snow removal season. (Approved all in favor.)

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Nelling reported for the month of July 2009. There were 1,464 incidents for the month, including 17 criminal arrests and 8,973 patrol miles were logged on the vehicles. On July 10<sup>th</sup> the Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint on Rt. 202 in front of the General Sales Dealership from 10:30 PM – 2:30 AM. There were 950 vehicles stopped which resulted in 14 field tests conducted; 4 DUI arrests; 4 under age violations and 5 unrelated violations.

### **ARDEN FORGE PRELIMINARY PLAN EXTENSION REQUEST**

The Township is in receipt of a letter dated July 29<sup>th</sup> from Joseph Viscuso, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., on behalf of 301 Brinton LLC, owners, requesting a 60 day extension for review of the Preliminary Land Development Plan for the Arden Forge Property. The 90 day review period on the plan expires on September 7, 2009. The Supervisors felt that the plans submitted were incomplete and that there was a lot of information that still needs to be provided. However, the Board expressed an interest in working with the applicant in getting a complete submission towards a satisfactory end result. The Board felt that 60 days was not adequate for the work that still needed to be done. Mr. Bush moved to approve an extension until December 31, 2009 in great anticipation of getting a complete submission by that time. (Approved all in favor.) Mrs. Nelling will contact the applicant and request confirmation of the extension through December 31, 2009.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Conklin reported that the Birmingham Supervisors met with the Supervisors from Chadds Ford Township, Delaware County on August 14<sup>th</sup> regarding financial support for the Brandywine Battlefield Park. Joe Barakat, Township Manager, was present and thanked the Supervisors for engaging in dialogue with Chadds Ford Township. He reported that the PHMC plans were to close the Park. Chairman Thorpe was trying to enter into an agreement to keep the Park open on a volunteer basis until the budget issue for funding the on-going operation of the Park by Chadds Ford Township is resolved. Getting support from Chester County is a big hurdle. Mr. Barakat said that a funding commitment by Birmingham Township for the Park would not necessarily need to be paid until 2010. Chairman Conklin wanted this item in the minutes for public awareness to the residents and possible feedback on financial support.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM. (JLC)

Respectfully submitted,

Quina Nelling  
Secretary/Treasurer