

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
Thursday, October 2, 2014

**ATTENDED BY:**

**COUNCIL:** Mary C. Shoemaker, Vice-Chair  
Carla Stilson  
D. Richard Francke

**STAFF:** Adam T. Brumbaugh, Township Manager/Secretary  
Kent N. Baker, Township Engineer  
Michael W. Heath, Zoning Officer  
Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner  
Mary E. Wilson, Asst. Township Secretary

**ABSENT:** L. Eric Bernier, Chair  
Lynn B. Herman, Council member  
Robert T. Long, Jr., Finance Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Shoemaker called to order at 7:00 PM the College Township Council Regular Meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

*No Open Discussion* matters were forthcoming.

**PLAN:**

**P-1 Barn Brewing Parking Lot Land Development Plan; Granting of Time Extension**

In an advisory correspondence to Council, dated September 23, 2014, Mr. Mark Saville, P.E., Sweetland Engineering, representing the developers of the Barn Brewing Parking Lot Land Development Plan, granted to College Township a time extension on the Barn Brewing Parking Lot Land Development Plan to January 11, 2015. This extension will allow the developer to work out a driveway issue with the various property owners.

Mr. Baker, Township Engineer, stated that this plan is still going through the review process and that no Council action was required at this time.

### **MANAGER'S UPDATE:**

Mr. Brumbaugh, Township Manager, presented the October 2, 2014, Manager's Update, highlighting 1) the completion of the majority of UAJA's stream augmentation project at Kissinger Meadow; and 2) the upcoming stormwater meetings affecting properties near the new Oak Hall Regional Park.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **CA-1 Minutes:**

- a. Sept. 4, 2014, Regular Council Meeting
- b. Sept. 15, 2014, Special Council Meeting on CIP Review
- c. Sept. 18, 2014, PH-1 on Ord. O-14-08, Gateway Commercial
- d. Sept. 18, 2014, PH-2 on Ord. O-14-13, Stormwater Management
- e. Sept. 18, 2014, Regular Council Meeting

#### **CA-2 Correspondence:**

- /1: Email from Libby and Dave Mortensen, dtd Sept. 15, 2014, opposing Everhart rezoning
- /2: Email from Robert Edwards, dtd Sept. 15, 2014, opposing Everhart rezoning
- /3: Email from Catherine Cohan, dtd Sept. 18, 2014, supporting the keeping of chickens in College Township
- /4: Email from Leslie Pillen, dtd Sept. 18, 2014, in support of the backyard hens ordinance
- /5: Email from Jennifer Solbakken, dtd Sept. 18, 2014, in opposition to the Everhart rezoning request
- /6: Letter from Dennis Schmidt, dtd Sept. 21, 2014, expressing opposition to Council's Sept. 18th action on the Everhart rezoning matter
- /7: Email from Melanie Fink, dtd Oct. 2, 2014, expressing support of Council throughout its recent deliberations on the keeping of chickens in residential areas.

**Ms. Stilson moved to approve the October 2, 2014, Consent Agenda, as presented.**

**Mr. Francke seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No *Old Business* items were forthcoming.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **NB-1 Pike Street Sidewalk Improvement Proposal**

Mr. Baker summarized the subject proposal from the Lemont Village Association (LVA) Board, dated April 3, 2014, for street and sidewalk improvements, reminding Council that this topic had been discussed previously with Options A and D being recommended for further analysis (parallel parking on both sides and sidewalks on both sides of Pike Street).

Speaking on behalf of Mr. Michael Beck, Café Lemont, who was unable to attend this meeting, Ms. Sue Smith, LVA, presented LVA's *Pike Street Sidewalk Improvement Proposal*. This proposal recommends remodeling and lowering the sidewalk to street grade for the purpose of enhancing parallel parking spaces and adding a retaining wall and stairway access on individual adjoining properties.

Staff advised that PennDOT must approve the entire design for the Pike Street improvements and agreed to mention the project being done in phases, possibly one block at a time. Mr. Baker added that College Township will begin planning another open house on this project in order to receive public input. This matter will return to Council.

### **NB-2 Lemont Entry Signs; Request for**

Ronald Smith, Ph.D., Dale Street, presented four depictions of entry signs for the Village of Lemont proposed for four locations, adding that the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission (PHMC) advised that the proposed signs are similar to other entry signs around the Commonwealth. The estimated cost for the manufacture of the signs would be approximately \$1,500 each.

Council requested that the LVA formalize their recommendation in a letter to the Township and to provide the proposed sign specifications/details, stated distances from each sign to the next town, and cost estimates for full installation.

Following Council's consensus in support of this project, 1) staff stated that they would check with PennDOT on the installation of these entry signs in the rights of way; 2) the LVA agreed to procure from and provide to Council PHMC's written letter of support; and 3) staff will incorporate this in the first draft of the 2015 Township Budget.

### **NB-3 Goldfinch Drive Tree Removal**

In written correspondence to Council, dated Sept. 29, 2014, staff informed Council of the need to remove all of the pear trees along Goldfinch Drive due to having contracted fire blight. Pruning infected areas is ineffective in containing this blight; and, because there is no effective chemical treatment for fire blight, all of these trees must be removed to prevent further migration of the blight. Residents were invited to participate in a discussion of this

matter and consideration of possible types of replacement trees, but no residents were present at this meeting. Mr. Baker advised that two or three types of trees will be planted, but the types have not yet been identified.

Ms. Stilson recommended that staff research the best protocol for the safe disposition of the infected wood and offered support for the planting of native species.

#### **STAFF AND ABC INFORMATIVES:**

No items were pulled for discussion.

#### **COUNCIL/STAFF OTHER MATTERS:**

1. Ms. Stilson requested and received Council's support for Senate Bill 444 amending Act 3 of 2008, the Right-To-Know Law. This amendment would provide for definitions; clarify inmate access, costs of production of certain records, exceptions for public records, time extensions, filing of appeals, appeals officers, fee limitations, copies and posting; and provide for contracts and for applicability.

**Ms. Stilson moved to direct staff to prepare a letter to local representatives in support of SB 444.  
Vice-Chair Shoemaker seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

Staff will forward the draft letter to Council for comment prior to posting.

2. Mr. Brumbaugh advised that the Boalsburg Fire Company will be holding an open house on October 5<sup>th</sup> at their fire hall in Boalsburg. Council members should RSVP to staff.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO), September 23, 2014:**

Ms. Stilson attended the CCMPO Meeting on behalf of Ms. Shoemaker and reported that the membership reviewed potential revisions to the bylaws and approved revisions for the non-discrimination policy. Patton Township withdrew their submission for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which subsequently moved College Township's Puddintown-Orchard Bikepath project into second position on the TAP.

**Finance Committee, September 25, 2014:** Ms. Shoemaker reported that the Finance Committee met to review the proposed 2015 COG Budget for Administration, Fire Protection, and Emergency Management.

**Finance Committee, October 2, 2014:** Ms. Shoemaker reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the proposed 2015 COG Budget for CCMPO and for Schlow Centre Region Library.

**Centre County Association of Township Officials (CCATO), September 30, 2014:**

Ms. Shoemaker reported that the CCATO held their 2014 Fall Convention. Mr. Elam Herr, PSATS' Asst. Executive Director and CCATO's keynote speaker, presented recently enacted legislation and highlighted bills that are coming up for vote.

In response to Vice-Chair Shoemaker's request for any other matters, the following were forthcoming.

1. Mr. Francke thanked all those volunteers who were on hand this date for the annual "Day of Caring".
2. Ms. Sue Smith, Dale Street, suggested that College Township hold an open house to allow residents to meet ABC representatives and staff and to learn about Township projects and issues. Vice-Chair Shoemaker advised that College Township has its open house on the list for the Spring of 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no other matters for discussion, Vice-Chair Shoemaker called for a motion to adjourn.

**Mr. Francke moved to adjourn the October 2, 2014,  
Regular Council Meeting.**

**Ms. Stilson seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Vice-Chair Shoemaker adjourned the October 2, 2014, Regular Meeting of the College Township Council at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adam T. Brumbaugh*

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