

**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
APRIL 4, 2016**

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. A quorum of Supervisors was declared.

John Conklin	-	Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Scott Boorse	-	Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Absent was Supervisor Michael Shiring.

Chairman Conklin moved to approve the March 7, 2016 minutes as written. Mr. Boorse seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Boorse moved to approve the bills submitted for payment for the month. General Fund bills totaled \$50,909.87. Sewer Fund bills totaled \$66,332.55. State Fund Check #178 was approved for payment to East Bradford Township for \$709.93 for the maintenance of the .12 mile of East Regimental Drive which is located in Birmingham Township and being maintained by East Bradford Township. Chairman Conklin seconded the motion and the bills were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Commonwealth of PA Sunshine Law Act 93 (as amended in 1998) requires public comment to be held before official action is taken. There was no public comment.

**ROBERTSON/CAMPBELL ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION/1610  
MASTERS WAY**

On April 20, 2016 @ 7 PM, the Zoning Hearing Board will be considering the application of Clive Robertson and Elaine Campbell for a special exception pursuant to the requirements in Section 122-105.8 of the Code to install solar panels on the roof of their house on their property located at 1610 Masters Way.

Dave Santoleri of TerraSol Energies, Inc. was present on behalf of the applicants.

Mr. Boorse confirmed with Mr. Santoleri that the solar panels will be installed on the rear of the building and would not be seen from the curb line of Masters Way. Mr. Boorse was not opposed to the application but also was not strongly supportive.

Chairman Conklin stated that even if he was opposed to the application that he would not take a position.

Chairman Conklin moved to take a non-position on the Zoning Hearing Board Application of Clive Robertson and Elaine Campbell and to defer to the expertise of the Zoning Hearing Board in rendering a decision. Mr. Boorse seconded the motion which was carried.

## **ROAD REPORT**

Dave Rathbun, Roadmaster, reported for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2016.

- There were four resident complaints for the quarter.
- The bidding for the 2016 road program was moved up earlier in the year to attract more bidders.
- Low bid went to Innovative Construction Services for the base scope of work and three alternatives for a total bid price of \$220,577.
- Milling and patching work will begin this week, weather permitting.
- A subcontractor will be doing the sealcoating once the weather is consistently in the 60's.
- Liquid fuels funds for 2016 increased 11.6% to \$150,979.
- Increased liquid fuels funds to the townships is keeping the contractors busy with work so getting the bid out early meant the contractor could start working earlier as they are not lacking for work right now. If the bidding had been later in the year getting bids might have been difficult.
- Snow removal expenditure to date is \$72,195. (51.5% of the \$140,000. budgeted.)
- There was a problem with ice over the winter at Hessian Circle. During the road inspection it was discussed having a 55 gallon drum of salt placed at the intersection with County Club Road. Chief Nelling is also going to talk to Page Excavating about pushing the snow on the other side of the street.
- It was determined during the road inspection that there was not a major problem with trash on the main roads so contract services with AJ Blosenski for trash removal was not deemed necessary. Birmingham Road being closed to traffic due to the bridge closure has kept traffic (and trash) off of the road.

Chief Nelling reported that Signal Service will be pushing back the signal box located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Rt. 926 and Birmingham Road in order to keep it from getting hit. He has requested an estimate to rewire and move the box to a different corner of the road.

Vice-Chairman Boorse provided an update on various PennDOT road issues in the Township.

## **CREEK ROAD**

With the help of Joe Mobile from Rep. Dan Truitt's office, a meeting was held with PennDOT in late February to discuss three main road problems on Creek Road: 1) pot hole and uneven pavement north of the entrance to Masters Way; 2) side of the road breaking off and falling into the Brandywine Creek between Brinton's Bridge and Wylie Roads; and 3) standing water on the road between Brinton's Bridge Road and Masters Way. Mr. Boorse said that several sections of the road will be milled and paved mid-summer. PennDOT was going to see what could be done about shoring up the edge of the road but no commitment was made. PennDOT will determine if an inlet can be installed under Creek Road to address the problem with the standing water. Joe Mobile also commented that he would follow up with PennDOT on a timetable for work to be completed so as to not interfere with increased traffic when Rt. 926 is closed for the bridge repair.

### **BIRMINGHAM ROAD BRIDGE**

Construction is finally going to begin on the Birmingham Road bridge on April 11<sup>th</sup>. DEP has signed off on all the permits which PennDOT has in hand. PennDOT will construct a new, cast-in-place concrete bridge which will be 18 feet long and 24 feet wide. It is anticipated that the project will take up to four months to complete. Again, Mr. Boorse thanked Joe Mobile from Rep. Dan Truitt's office for being extremely helpful in moving this project along.

### **RT. 926 BRIDGE**

PennDOT held a meeting at the Pocopson Elementary School on March 30<sup>th</sup> to provide updates on the project. The project time line has been reduced to one year with work to start October 2016. However detours will not begin until February 2017 and should conclude around Labor Day. Disincentives are in the contract if the work is not completed by Labor Day. It is anticipated that work will take place six days a week with ten to twelve hour work days. Creek Road between Route 1 and Route 926 will remain open so traffic can go north on Creek Road and turn eastbound onto Rt. 926 as well as travel westbound on Rt. 926 and turn south onto Creek Road.

Chief Nelling added that Country Club Road will be barricaded at the intersection of Hessian and General Wayne at Creek Road in order to prevent traffic from trying to access the portion of Creek Road between Rt. 926 and Rt. 52 which will be closed during the construction of the bridge.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Nelling reported for the month of April 2016. There were 1,628 incidents which included a record number of DUI'S at ten. All of the DUI's were on Rt. 202 and were people travelling through the Township. There were 7,682 miles logged on the police vehicles during the month.

### **OFFICE PERSONNEL/HOURS**

At the recommendation of Sect./Treas. Nelling, Chairman Conklin moved to change the office hours for the Township from 9 – 3 on Monday through Thursday to 9 – 2 and to close the office on Fridays. Chairman Conklin felt it was worth trying based on the decreased activity at the Township office. Mr. Boorse added that most of the foot traffic to the building is in the mornings with very little activity on Fridays. Mr. Boorse seconded the motion which was approved.

Upon the recommendation of Sect./Treas. Nelling, Chairman Conklin moved to hire Judy Jensen as part-time office assistant at the rate of \$20./hr. She will start training now and in July she and Office Assistant Gail Ayers will each work two days per week. Mr. Boorse seconded the motion which was approved.

### **DESIGNATION OF AGENT RESOLUTION FOR PEMA WINTER STORM**

Sect./Treas. Nelling reported that the Commonwealth's request for a Federal Declaration of Major Disaster for the snow storm that impacted the region on January 22 – 24, 2016 has been approved. Sect./Treas. Nelling will need to attend an applicant's briefing on April 15<sup>th</sup> followed by a mandatory kick-off meeting on a date to be determined. The Township has submitted the initial paperwork and cost documents to the County Department of Emergency Services for the

assessment and validation of the costs and qualification for assistance. The Township should receive 75% of the cost of snow removal services for the period which would be a little more than \$40,000.00. Additional paperwork is necessary now that the Declaration of a Major Disaster has been approved. Chairman Conklin moved to certify Secretary/Treasurer Quina Nelling as the agent on behalf of the Township for the DR-4267 – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm in order to prepare and execute the necessary paperwork for the assistance. Mr. Boorse seconded the motion which was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM. (JLC;SCB)

Respectfully submitted,

Quina Nelling  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Check Register****BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP**

14-Mar-16

Check No	Check Date	Vendor No	Vendor Name	Check Amount
<b>NATIONAL PENN GENERAL FUND</b>				
17835	3/14/2016	46	GALLS, LLC	\$385.98
17836	3/14/2016	422	HARRY TILLMAN AUTOMOTIVE L	\$486.96
17837	3/14/2016	517	INDEPENDENCE BLUE CROSS	\$10,344.51
17838	3/14/2016	30	PECO ENERGY (TRAFFIC LIGHT)	\$83.19
17839	3/14/2016	171	REILLY & SONS INC.	\$350.47
17840	3/14/2016	426	THE WATER GUY	\$21.47
17841	3/14/2016	61	VERIZON 610-793-2600-794	\$327.46
<b>Bank Totals:</b>				<b>\$12,000.04</b>
<b>Total Of Checks:</b>				<b>\$12,000.04</b>

# Check Register

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<b>NATIONAL PENN SEWER FUND</b>				
8936	3/14/2016	1001859	COYNE CHEMICAL	\$5,407.00
8937	3/14/2016	701	DILWORTH TOWN PARTNERS	\$4,278.00
8938	3/14/2016	29	PECO ENERGY	\$4,589.84
8939	3/14/2016	586	VERIZON 610-399-6923 315	\$89.89
8940	3/14/2016	1001834	WM P MCGOVERN INC	\$646.00
<b>Bank Totals:</b>				<b>\$15,010.73</b>
<b>Total Of Checks:</b>				<b>\$15,010.73</b>

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28-Mar-16

Check No	Check Date	Vendor No	Vendor Name	Check Amount
<b>NATIONAL PENN GENERAL FUND</b>				
17842	3/28/2016	711	JUDY JENSEN	\$500.00
17843	3/28/2016	1001988	THE STANDARD INSURANCE CO	\$526.94
17844	3/28/2016	1002154	VERIZON 610-4291316 676	\$45.06
17845	3/28/2016	1001913	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$148.73
<b>Bank Totals:</b>				<b>\$1,220.73</b>
<b>Total Of Checks:</b>				<b>\$1,220.73</b>

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04-Apr-16

Check No	Check Date	Vendor No	Vendor Name	Check Amount
<b>NATIONAL PENN GENERAL FUND</b>				
17846	4/4/2016	11	21ST CENTURY MEDIA - PHILLY	\$284.28
17847	4/4/2016	1001926	AJ BLOSENSKI, INC.	\$147.74
17848	4/4/2016	80	AQUA PENNSYLVANIA	\$71.00
17849	4/4/2016	366	BUCKLEY,BRION,MCGUIRE ATTY	\$3,187.52
17850	4/4/2016	873	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$66.47
17851	4/4/2016	1002121	CLEVENS K-9 SCOOP LLC	\$84.00
17852	4/4/2016	1001902	COMCAST CABLE	\$104.85
17853	4/4/2016	775	CONVENIENT CAR CARE CORPO	\$174.65
17854	4/4/2016	882	DCED	\$276.00
17855	4/4/2016	2	FREEDOM SYSTEMS	\$9,760.99
17856	4/4/2016	46	GALLS, LLC	\$108.94
17857	4/4/2016	1002153	HARRIS CORPORATION	\$1,837.50
17858	4/4/2016	422	HARRY TILLMAN AUTOMOTIVE L	\$676.30
17859	4/4/2016	517	INDEPENDENCE BLUE CROSS	\$5,260.82
17860	4/4/2016	1002052	JENNIFER A BOORSE	\$500.00
17861	4/4/2016	1001755	MAJIC LANDSCAPES	\$1,830.00
17862	4/4/2016	904	MATTHEW BENDER & CO.,INC	\$117.12
17863	4/4/2016	1002180	MICHAEL T SHIRING	\$16.20
17864	4/4/2016	178	PAGE EXCAVATING COMPANY,I	\$130.00
17865	4/4/2016	171	REILLY & SONS INC.	\$784.09
17866	4/4/2016	75	RJCRAIG GRAPHICS & DESIGN	\$49.00
17867	4/4/2016	507	ROTHWELL DOCUMENT SOLUTI	\$480.00
17868	4/4/2016	22	RUBINSTEINS OFFICE PRODUCT	\$31.00
17869	4/4/2016	811	S & S CLEANING SERVICE	\$495.32
17870	4/4/2016	1002085	SCOTT C BOORSE	\$16.20
17871	4/4/2016	1001833	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAG	\$715.10
17872	4/4/2016	115	THOMAS R. NELLING	\$101.13
17873	4/4/2016	1001691	UNITED TIRE OF EAST CALN	\$576.72
17874	4/4/2016	23	VANDEMARK & LYNCH, INC.	\$4,795.47
17875	4/4/2016	1002181	VIRTUAL TOWN HALL HOLDINGS	\$2,000.00
<b>Bank Totals:</b>				<b>\$34,678.41</b>
<b>Total Of Checks:</b>				<b>\$34,678.41</b>



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8941	4/4/2016	149	AECOM	\$4,647.90
8942	4/4/2016	80	AQUA PENNSYLVANIA	\$1,654.79
8943	4/4/2016	366	BUCKLEY,BRION,MCGUIRE ATTY	\$180.00
8944	4/4/2016	1002103	C & H INDUSTRIAL SERVICES	\$41,447.30
8945	4/4/2016	1001970	EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP	\$3,881.13
8946	4/4/2016	585	EMERGENCY SYSTEMS SERVIC	\$535.16
8947	4/4/2016	574	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF SOUT	\$48.23
8948	4/4/2016	1001834	WM P MCGOVERN INC	\$1,938.00
<b>Bank Totals:</b>				<b>\$54,332.51</b>
<b>Total Of Checks:</b>				<b>\$54,332.51</b>