

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Board of Supervisors was held on June 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Adams Township Municipal Building, 690 Valencia Road, Adams Township, Mars, PA.

Present at the meeting were Supervisors Donald C. Aiken, Linda E. Lees, Edward L. Vogel, Thomas L. Franceschina and Russell R. Ford; Secretary Janet Lubbert, Solicitor Michael Gallagher, Chief Shawn Anglum and Code Enforcement Officer Gary Peaco.

Chairman Aiken called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Russ Aiken

Donald Aiken said he would not be commenting. Russ Aiken said he believes his comments about mowing at the park at the last meeting were misunderstood. He said he doesn't care who gets the mowing job, but it will cost \$30,000 this year to mow the park and the township still does the weed whacking. He said his complaint was the speed and the township being charged for travel time. He repeated his suggestion of a time clock. Mr. Aiken asked Mr. Franceschina about the charges at \$100 per hour. He said he has the paperwork and gave a copy to Mr. Franceschina. Mr. Aiken asked the Board if they have considered anything he has said. Mr. Ford said this is the fourth meeting this has been brought up, the Board has discussed it and they are comfortable with how it is being handled. He said they will take another look at it in the fall. Mr. Aiken asked if he is completely comfortable with the speed of the mowing, and Mr. Ford says he is. Mr. Aiken questioned if he should be on the Board and said he has not been treated with respect as a citizen and doesn't believe his questions have been answered. Mr. Ford said he believes he has treated him respectfully and answered his questions. He said Mr. Aiken has the right to ask questions, but the Board is comfortable with their decisions and everyone is not always going to agree with them. Mr. Aiken repeated that his questions have not been answered. Mr. Ford said he believes this is a witch hunt but will continue to answer questions. Mr. Aiken said he believes that Larry Baumgartel is being protected because he is the brother of Linda Lees. Mr. Ford said that is not true and he has nothing else to say on the matter. Mr. Aiken asked again about the \$100 per hour. Mr. Franceschina said he will look into it and the Board will make adjustments if needed as they would with any other bidder or contractor. He said they also have to look at safety when looking at the speed of mowing. Mr. Aiken said other parks are mowed more quickly. Mr. Ford said they don't want the mowing being done by someone speeding through the park and they would have to agree to disagree. Mr. Aiken said that when local politics goes downhill it starts slowly and he would hate to see this be a black eye at the end of some careers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2016 were approved. All were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the Public Works Department Report for May was approved. All were in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Thomas L. Franceschina, the Code Enforcement Report for May was approved. All were in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Thomas L. Franceschina the Engineer's Report for May was approved. All were in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor reported he had attended meetings for the Supervisors and the Planning Commission and worked on litigation and other matters as directed by the Supervisors. On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, the Solicitor's Report for May was approved. All were in favor.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Linda E. Lees, the Animal Control Officer's Report for May was approved. All were in favor.

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POLICE REPORT

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Police Chief's Report for May was approved. All were in favor.

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT

There was no one present to give the Park and Recreation Report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Fire Department Report was approved. All were in favor. Mr. Peaco added there had been a fundraiser sponsored by Classic Automotive which made \$3,000.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT**Report and Payment of Invoices**

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Thomas L. Franceschina the Treasurer's Report for May was approved, and approval was given to pay bills totaling \$531,829.90. All were in favor.

Transfers of Funds

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the following transfers were approved. All were in favor.

- \$45,000.00 from General Fund Checking to General Fund Money Market
- \$3,000.00 from Park Fund Money Market to Park Fund Checking
- \$4,000.00 from Recreation Fee Money Market to Park Fund Checking
- \$183,000.00 from Capital Reserve Money Market to Capital Reserve Checking

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS**Bond Release - Gables at Brickyard Phase V**

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, a bond release for Gables at Brickyard Phase V in the amount of \$25,841.00 was approved as recommended by the township engineer. All were in favor.

Bond Release - Enclave at Champlain Place

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, release of the maintenance bond for Enclave at Champlain Place in the amount of \$23,889.38 was approved as recommended by the township engineer. All were in favor.

Zokaites/Kingsridge Deed

Mr. Gallagher explained that the Frank Zokaites of Leslie Road Associates is the developer for Kingsridge. The plan was approved with an open area. This open area was conveyed to the township by the developer, and the township does not want it. On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, approval was given for the Solicitor to file a corrective deed to transfer the property back to the developer. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. All were in favor.


 Janet L. Lubbert, Secretary