

**Tulpehocken Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting of January 4, 2016**

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on January 4, 2016 in the Township meeting room at 7 P.M. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Gary Deck, Vice Chairman Richard Kramer and Supervisor Lester Feick. Also present were Kris Kerschner, Police Chief and Christy Flaherty, Township Secretary/Treasurer.

Members of the audience included: Dolores Hill.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gary Deck called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Feick made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission

Chairman Deck updated the Board on discussions that have taken place at Planning Commission meetings with regards to using good farmland for buildings and the possibility of using less productive land instead.

Solicitor Legal Discussions

Laverne Frey Poultry Operation – Motion to authorize Chairman to sign agreements

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements for the Laverne Frey Poultry Operation. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Review correspondence regarding Burning Ordinances

The Board discussed the Recycling Grant regulations. Supervisor Feick reported on the information he has found with regards to the regulations and burning; noting that leaves could not be burnt in town. The Board agreed they would review the correspondence provided by Attorney Hartman and discuss the matter further at a later date.

Escrow Release

None.

Correspondence from Zoning Officer

The Board did not receive an update for the month of December, however they did discuss the correspondence sent to Mr. & Mrs. Goroshko (105 Teen Challenge Road) with regards to the removal of the storage containers.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report – Chief Kerschner read the December, 2015 Police report as follows:

ACTIVITY	TULPEHOCKEN TWP	MARION TWP
MILES PATROLLED	1922	700
GALLONS OF FUEL	200.5	0
HOURS WORKED	346	60
PATROL HOURS	228.5	47.75
TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DIST. HOURS	14	0
TOTAL INCIDENTS	6	5
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	10	4
MISCELLANEOUS CALLS FOR SERVICE	36	1
FOLLOW-UP INVEST	2	0
TELEPHONE ASSIGNMENTS	20	4
COMM/RESIDENTIAL ALARMS	0	2
EMS/FIRE ADVISORIES	10	4
TRAFFIC STOPS	7	3
CITATIONS ISSUED	10	2
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	0	0
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	0	1
WARRANTS	0	0
PARKING TICKETS	0	0
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	5	0
DUI ARRESTS	0	0

MISDEMEANOR/FELONY	0	0
SECURITY CHECKS	38	12
POLICE ASSISTS	6	0
MOTORISTS ASSISTS	0	0
COURT APPEARANCES	2	3
SCHOOL HOURS	0	0

Chief Kerschner reported that during the month of December there were 105 calls received through Berks County 911 for police services.

Chairman Deck inquired with regards to the recent pay period and overtime. Chief Kerschner advised that the overtime was due to the PA Buckle Up grant patrol and a stolen gun case.

Chief Kerschner advised that the officers have completed their taser training and that the Department was given a \$600 donation from a local businessman. He also reported that he would like to replace the officers' handguns this year. He also discussed replacing the wooden bench located in the Police Department with a metal one in 2016. He will look into prices for both items. He updated the Board with regards to the security system and the areas being recorded; noting that the recorded information is saved for three (3) weeks. He advised that the patrolling of the two (2) area schools is going well and noted that the School District has requested coverage for an evening basketball game on January 8, 2016; he requested having another officer come in that evening for two (2) hours to cover the event. Chairman Deck advised that he didn't want to have to pay overtime and was against bringing in another officer for the event; he noted that the officer on duty should cover the game.

Road Master's Report – Supervisor Feick read the December, 2015 report. The work consisted of equipment maintenance, sewer maintenance, cutting trees, telephone calls, ordering parts, hauling fuel, cleaning up around the recycling dumpsters, delivering salt to Marion Township, sewer work, working in the Township Building (remodeling project) and going for cold patch.

The Board discussed the recent remodeling done to the building and agreed everything looks good. Supervisor Feick reported that he has contacted Cintas with regards to getting runners in the meeting room.

Fire Chiefs' Report – Supervisor Feick read the monthly reports for the Keystone Fire Company and the Rescue Fire Company. The Board discussed Christmas Village with regards to traffic control.

SEWER OPERATIONS

Judgments and Delinquent Sewer Accounts

The Supervisors discussed sewer operations with regards to judgments and delinquent accounts.

Request from George & Tammy Field (118 Godfrey Street)

They reviewed the correspondence received from Mr. & Mrs. Field (118 Godfrey Street) and agreed to accept the new payment plan being proposed.

Chairman Deck made a motion to accept Mr. & Mrs. Field's new payment plan of \$215. per month, with the condition that if the financial situation changes that the property owners will update the Township. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

Sewer Waiver Requests

None.

Sewer Issues

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Feick updated the Board with regards to prices from Heeby's Surplus, Inc. for purchasing cabinets in the meeting room. The pricing is for 8 feet of base and wall cabinets and counter tops. The price for white cabinets is \$1,039. The price for country oak cabinets is \$736.

Chairman Deck made a motion to authorize the purchase of the country oak cabinets for approximately \$736. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed the cleaning of the septic tank. Supervisor Feick advised that he would have the tank cleaned when the pump stations are done.

The Board discussed the water lines at the Township Building with regards to having air in the lines; it was noted that a new check valve on the pump may be needed or there may be a leak in the pipe.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of December, 2015 were as follows:

General Account	\$ 25,180.87
First Citizens General Holding Account	\$ 5,408.44
General Plus Account	\$178,787.16
State Aid Account	\$ 68.28
State Plus Account	\$ 37,828.75
Street Light Account	\$ 10,705.16

Payments of Bills for this January 4, 2016 meeting are:

General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #16414 to #16438 in the amount of \$17,733.83
 Street Light Account –
 State Liquid Fuels Account –
 Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow –
 Camp Calvary Inspection Escrow –
 Village Estates Improvements Inspection Escrow –
 Stormwater Inspection Escrow –
 Total Expenses for this meeting – \$17,733.83

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this January 4, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of December, 2015 are as follows:

Sewer Operation Account – \$1,051.08
 Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$74,278.77
 Debt Service Account - \$403,175.80

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this January 4, 2016 meeting are:
 Check #1684 to #1696 in the amount of \$13,576.63

Supervisor Feick made a motion to approve payment of the sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Supervisor Feick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Flaherty

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township