

LOWER FREERICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
January 7, 2008

Meeting Minutes

L.F. Municipal Building
53 Spring Mount Road

Mr. McGovern, Chairman Board of Supervisors called the monthly meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board of Supervisors –		Township Staff -	
Bill McGovern, Chairman	Present	Tom Keenan, Solicitor	Present
Loren Szczesny, Vice-Chairman	Present	Carol Schuehler, Engineer	Present
Ernest Schmitt, Supervisor	Present	Tamara Twardowski, Mgr.	Present
		Lorraine Cuddy, Treasurer	Present

Meeting Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2007 regular meeting was made by Mr. Szczesny. Second Motion – Mr. McGovern
Motion Approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2007, Work Session was made by Mr. Szczesny. Second Motion – Mr. McGovern
Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Cuddy, Treasurer read the monthly report. Both the monthly report and the end of year report were submitted to the Supervisors.
A motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay all bills was made by Mr. Szczesny. Second Motion – Mr. Schmitt.
Motion Unanimously Approved.

Officer Messenger reported on the Police Department activities during December. A total of 150 incidents handled by L.F. Police. The State Police handled 40 incidents during the month. Reported items included 6 Crash Investigations, 1 Burglary, and 11 Traffic Citations.

Mr. Keenan advised he did not have a report for the month but wanted to announce that his office hired a new attorney.

Ms Schuehler reported on her review of the January 3rd minor plan and lot line adjustment for the Manning and Kraemer properties.

Mr. Tom Manning, Road Master reported on the Public Works Department projects. Reported items included cleaned ditches on Krause Road. Cleaned lift station.

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Winterized loaders. Started cleaning up Goshen sewer right of way. Cleaned up downed tree limbs after high winds. Work at sewer plant on blower motors. The crew salt and cindered four times during the month.

Mr. Schmitt requested the crew check trees on Mine Hill Road that are hanging in the Roadway.

Ms. Twardowski read Marc John's Building Inspector report. Reported items included 3 Building Permits and 1 Zoning Permit with an estimated construction value of \$6,500.00. There were 5 U&O permits issued which included 4 from resale and 1 from new construction.

Ms. Twardowski advised the Planning Commission's December meeting was canceled due to weather conditions. They held a meeting January 3rd. The Greenway Development was given preliminary approval along with waiver recommendations. The commission approved the lot line adjustment between Mr. Al Manning and Mr. Wayne Kraemer contingent upon them meeting any comments from the township engineer and county. At the request of the commission Drew Gilchrist and Jake Lea from Montgomery Land Trust attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of them approaching property owners regarding open space.

Mr. McGovern advised the Central Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission monthly meetings will be held at Collegeville Borough Hall this year.

Ms. Tammi Dice, L.F. Ambulance reported they had a total of 109 calls for the month of December with 13 of them in Lower Frederick Township.

Mr. Scott Angstadt, L.F. Fire Chief reported the year to date total of 117 calls which was down from the year before. There were a total of 10 calls for the month with 7 of them in Lower Frederick Township. There were 2 helicopter landings with one landing at Schwenk Road and the other one at Foy Park. The Fire Company is no longer taking their trucks across the Main Street/Clemmers Mill Road Bridge because it is in need of repair and the fire company does not want to take the risk.

Ms. Joan Schmitt reported the Park Board conducted a House Decorating Contest in December. The two winners Lucille Schaffer and Donna Irick each received a \$25.00 check. At this time a definite meeting date has not been set. A schedule for events the board will hold in 2008 will be established at that time.

Ms. Twardowski reported Bruce James Augustine and George Pinchock have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and offered congratulations on behalf of the board.

Mr. Szczesny thanked the staff for their work throughout the year.

Mr. Keenan read Resolution 08-19 as prepared by Joseph Rudolph. The resolution is appointing Paul E. Maxey to the position of Chief of the Lower Frederick Township Police Department contingent upon passing medical and physiological examinations.

A motion to extend an offer to Paul E. Maxey as Chief of Policed was made by Mr. Szczesny. Second Motion – Mr. McGovern
Motion Approved

Mr. Schmitt advised that he would abstaining from voting feeling he was brought into the process to late and he does not know enough about the issues regarding the police department.

Mr. Szczesny advised that Chief Kroll went on disability last March and the department has been without a chief since that time. The Supervisors feel that it is important to have leadership within the department.

Mr. McGovern advised Ed Kroll has retired and the board would like to thank him for the good job he did during his 16 years of service to the township.

Public Comment:

1. Nancy Hane, Rt.73 questioned the procedure if meeting dates are changed.
2. After appointments were approved Mr. Hane, Rt73 questioned the fact that there was not an appointment for Police Chief.
3. Louis Genter, 24 Grimley Road requested a Spring Mount Road sign to be placed at the corner of Main and Spring Mount Road.
4. Ms. Stacy Herring advised the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held February 7th at 7:30 pm here at the municipal building. Meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month. Questions can be directed to Springmountwatch@yahoo.com.
5. Mellisa Naples, 21 Little Road related her concerns about speeding issues on Little Road.
6. Ms. Hane questioned placement of meeting information on the board in front of the municipal building.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Schmitt.
Second Motion – Mr. Szczesny
Motion Unanimously Approved.
Meeting adjourned 8:28 pm.