

The Board of Supervisors met at the Township Office Building for their regular meeting on February 2, 2017, 7:30PM with Lowell Fry, Jere Swarr & Duane Martin present. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of the January 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting were distributed. Mr. Swarr made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; second by Mr. Martin. All voted in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** - None

### **PLANNING**

**Mr. Swarr made a motion to reduce the financial security for the GFI Transport Land Development Plan #15-305 from \$188,943.70 to \$18,894.37; second by Mr. Martin. All voted in favor.**

**Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the request for an extension for The Windsor at Canine Country Club Land Development Plan #16-316 to May 27, 2017; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor.**

**Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the January 2017 Zoning Officer's Report; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Mastersonville Fire Company Building Project - Matt Creme**, legal counsel for the fire company, introduced the team who is working with the fire company on their building project. **Tracy Everest** is the financial advisor, **Dennis Sowers** is the architect and **J.P. Risk** of Paul Risk Construction is the contractor. Ms. Everest reviewed with the Board how she has calculated the assets that are part of the fire company and the expenses for this project along with the financing that would be needed. She told Mr. Fry that a construction budget is not completed at this time because it continues to evolve. Ms. Everest also assured the Board that the fire company has built into their long term finances the replacement of equipment. Mr. Creme told the Board that Paul Risk's company will undertake all site management coordinating volunteer services with the construction company. Mr. Fry said he has a concern of what would happen if the money runs out before the project is completed. Ms. Everest said the project is fully funded and that if something happens that the fire company cannot pay back the loan it would not be the responsibility of the municipality. Mr. Martin questioned the materials used on the construction of the building and wondered if there is a less expensive alternative than the concrete blocks. Mr. Sowers said the concrete block is the most cost efficient.

The township's budgeted funding of the fire companies was reviewed. Currently the township contributes \$137,000 to Mastersonville Fire Company's capital budget with an approved increase of \$18,000 when the building project begins giving a total contribution of \$155,000. Of that contribution the Board previously approved \$100,000 to go toward the purchase of apparatus and \$55,000 going toward the building project. Mr. Swarr said he would like to see the fire company able to move forward with the project. He thinks now is the time. Mr. Martin said that he feels the fire company is spending too much on the building project and would like to see them get the end number down to \$1.8 million. He is in favor of committing the additional \$18,000 to their capital fund for their building project meaning that the township would contribute a total of \$155,000 to the Mastersonville Fire Company Capital Fund along with releasing \$300,000 from the capital fund for the down payment of their building project. Mr. Fry said that he is happy to hear the Paul Risk

Company is willing to give oversight to the project. He likes that a contingency was placed into the fire company's budget and that the long range plan is being redone. **Mr. Swarr made a motion to release \$300,000 from the Fire Capital Fund to be used for the Mastersonville Fire Company's building project and to contribute an additional \$9,000 in 2017 making a total contribution of \$146,000 and increasing another \$9,000 beginning in 2018 making the total contribution to the Capital Fund for 2018 \$155,000 with \$100,000 designated for apparatus and the \$55,000 for the building project contingent that the Board receives and reviews the fire company's long range plan and construction budget; second by Mr. Martin. All voted in favor.**

**Trash Update - Township Manager Sara Gibson reported on the cost of trash service with Penn Waste if extended to the fourth year of our contract. The total increase over 4 years would be 2.6%. Currently there are 1826 customers of Penn Waste in Rapho Township. Mr. Swarr made a motion to extend the contract with Penn Waste for trash and recycling for 1 year; second by Mr. Martin. All voted in favor.**

**Mr. Swarr made a motion to approve the Driveway Agreement between the Township and Craig and Cheryl Studenroth and to approve the Stormwater Management Agreement for Rapho Township; second by Mr. Martin. All voted in favor.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. Swarr made a motion to approve the sale of the Bomag Roller on the Municibid website; second by Mr. Martin. All voted in favor.**

**Mr. Martin made a motion to promote Jim Fidler to Public Works Forman effective February 13, 2017; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor.**

**Mr. Swarr made a motion to allow the Mastersonville Fire Police to serve at the Penryn Fire Compnay Mud Sale March 17 and 18, 2017; second by Mr. Martin. All voted in favor.**

Mrs. Gibson distributed and reviewed information provided by Civic Plus concerning the visits made to the township's website.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*Manheim Library – Executive Director’s December report  
 Drug and Alcohol Commission fall newsletter  
 Agricultural Preserve Board – notice of preservation of farm at 239 Hossler Road  
 Lancaster County Drug Task Force Fourth quarter 2016 report*

**APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENT LIST - Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the disbursement list and pay the bills; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor.**

**Mr. Martin made a motion to approve a transfer of \$3,000 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account for HRA payments; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor.**

There being no further public business or public comments, the meeting adjourned at 9:06PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**RAPHO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

Melva J. Kready  
Recording Secretary