

**Minutes of the Meeting  
May 24, 2010**

The regular meeting of the North Coventry Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:03 PM, May 24, 2010 at the Township Building, 845 South Hanover Street, Pottstown. Present were, Andy Paravis, Chairman, Jim Marks, Vice-Chairman, E. Kent High, Harvey Greenawalt and Spencer Claypoole, Supervisors; and Kevin Hennessey, Township Manager, Lawrence Sager, Solicitor.

Chairman Paravis asked if there were any changes or corrections to the May 10, 2010 minutes and there were none. **Supervisor Greenawalt made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Marks and unanimously carried.** There were no other comments.

Chairman Paravis asked if there were any questions from the Board or the audience concerning the bills, totaling \$69,311.15. **Supervisor Greenawalt made a motion to approve payment of the bills totaling \$69,311.15 and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Claypoole, unanimously carried.** There were no other comments.

**Developer's Bills**

- Township Manager Hennessey said that Mr. Ettleson, developer of Temple Estates, informed him that the property has been turned over to the bank and he is no longer the owner. The Township Manager asked Solicitor Sager if the township could attach the Preliminary Plan and use it as leverage to get paid the accounts receivable balance of \$1,450.23. Mr. Sager said the first step is to find out who controls the property. There were no other comments.

**Public Comment**

- There were no comments.

**Subdivision and Land Development**

**Hill School Subdivision**

- Chairman Paravis said the Planning Commission recommended final approval Conditioned upon the Township Engineer signing the plan. Township Manager Hennessey said that Ed Latshaw of LTL did sign the plans. **Supervisor Greenawalt made a motion to approve the final unconditioned subdivision plan for the Hill School. The motion was seconded by Supervisor High and unanimously carried.** There were no other comments.

**Coventry Woods Festival**

- Chairman Paravis said the festival turned out to be a good day and he thanked the road crew, the police, Jay Kline, Jay Erb, Adam Sager and the Sager Law firm. The Chairman also thanked Supervisor Claypoole for accepting the quilt. Supervisor Claypoole said he was going to get an appraisal on the quilt and also find out what it would cost to frame it.

## Salisbury Meeting

- Chairman Paravis said the Chief has been invited to a meeting with the administration of Salisbury House on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and the Chairman said it would be a good idea to have the Solicitor and Township Manager present also. The Chief explained that there have been numerous calls of late and just in 2010, there have been 90 calls concerning patients walking off the property and some incidents of violent patient behavior. The Chief said the violent patients are usually transported by ambulance to local hospitals and some of the walk offs have gone missing for days due to the unsecured building. The Chief said one example was a male patient who left sometime Saturday evening and was found on Monday evening at Reading Hospital and he has a concern of the liability for the police in responding to a mental health facility. Chief Schurr said the officers are not trained to handle violent patients and need information on when a patient walks off. Supervisor Greenawalt asked how many workers are there and if there were conditions put forth when this was approved. Township Manager Hennessey said there are supposed to be a maximum of 16 patients with 1 staff person per 2 patients. Mr. Hennessey explained that the staff works 8 hour increments so there are a total of 24 workers. The Township Manager also said the doors of the facility are supposed to be alarmed. The Chief said that some of the workers prop open the doors because they go outside to smoke and this has been witnessed by the officers. Solicitor Sager said he understood that the Chief is concerned about the violent behavior patients and acknowledged that the officers are not trained to manage these types of individuals and this is a burden on the community. The Chief said the meeting will include a representative from the Chester County Mental Health Department also. **Supervisor Greenawalt made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to attend the meeting at Salisbury with the Chief and Township Manager. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Marks and unanimously carried.** There were no further comments.

## Police Report

- Chairman Paravis asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police report and there were none, he commented that the report was done nicely.

## Administration

### Action Item List

- There were no questions or comments on the Action Items List.

## Checklist

- Township Manager Hennessey said the Board held an Executive Session before the meeting with the Chief concerning a conditional offer of employment. To address this, **Vice-Chairman Marks made a motion to approve a conditional offer of employment for a police officer to replace Anthony Gro; conditioned on the candidate pass the psychological analysis and polygraph tests; approve the terms and conditions as set forth in the police contract, with a starting base salary as noted in the contract. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Greenawalt and unanimously carried.** There were no other comments.
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- Vice-Chairman Marks asked the Township Manager to check to see if there is a Firefighter Tax Credit available through the state for active fire fighters. Mr. Hennessey said he would look into it.
- Vice-Chairman Marks said there were numerous dead trees in the Town Square Shopping Center and the light bulbs in the lamps all around the perimeter of the whole center are out. Township Manager Hennessey said that Inland Management Company will be put on notice concerning these issues. The Solicitor suggested that Inland be asked to reply to the Board on or before their next meeting.

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- Supervisor Claypoole said the Council of Governments held its meeting at the township office last week and there is a concern about DEP's MS4 Program, so at the September meeting, someone will be speaking on it and he invited anyone to attend.
- Supervisor Claypoole said that on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Montgomery County Community College there will be a talk given on school funding, infrastructure and fair housing.
- Supervisor Claypoole said he has a copy of the PA COG News and would give it to anyone interested.
- Solicitor Sager said there had been an Executive Session regarding the Tripodi/Kline Place Apartments and that Judge Nagle's May 20<sup>th</sup> opinion and order is that Mrs. Tripodi must pay the additional legal fees of \$5,066.55. Mr. Sager said the township can ask the Master to sell the property as is and condition the sale so that the purchaser must provide a financial bond for the remediation to bring the property into compliance with the codes, unless the owner would rather see it demolished. **Supervisor Claypoole made a motion to tell the Master that the Board wants the property sold 'as is' and that the purchaser must establish financial security or a bond with the township in order to bring the property into compliance with the codes. Supervisor Greenawalt seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.** There were no other comments.
- Solicitor Sager said he had not heard back from Mr. Lawson and that Attorney Paul Prince said that he did not represent him. Mr. Sager said he believed the Lawson's are waiting for the bank to take possession of the property and asked the Board if they wanted to proceed with enforcement and have the appropriate citations issued. **Supervisor Greenawalt made a motion to have the Code Enforcement Officer file the appropriate citations and the motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Marks and unanimously carried.** There were no other comments.
- Solicitor Sager mentioned that the Rosewarne extension was set to expire on June 30, 2010. Supervisor High asked if this was the Whispering Ponds Subdivision and Township Manager Hennessey said no, Whispering Ponds was the Rexrode property and Rosewarne is on Miller Road. Supervisor High asked if this developer was going to move forward with the Route 100 – Cedarville Road subdivision and Chairman Paravis said no, the adjoining property owner said he never had any agreement with the developer.
- Supervisor High said there is a rough roadway on Coventryville Road and Roadmaster Joe Wood said he would check it.

### **Public Comment**

- There were no questions or comments from the audience.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin F. Hennessey  
Township Manager