

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KENNETT TOWNSHIP**

801 Burrows Run Road

August 15, 2011

Chairman Falcoff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with Vice-Chairman Elling and Supervisor Hammaker both present.

Mr. Falcoff moved that the minutes of the July 18 and 27, 2011 and August 10, 2011 be approved as distributed. Mr. Hammaker seconded the motion and it carried with all Supervisors in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

1) Mr. Falcoff presented the public safety information data, gave the August 2011 Accident Summary as follows:

Accidents (through June, 2011):

- Year-to-date there has been 105 accidents vs. 95 for the similar period last year for an 11% increase.
- During June, 2011, there were 16 accidents vs. 18 last June.
- There were 2 accidents on Kaolin Rd.
- There was 1 accident each at the Hillendale Rd. – Bayard Rd. and Hillendale Rd. – McFarlan Rd. intersections.
- There were 5 accidents on US1, accounting for 31% of the monthly total.

Miscellaneous:

- Flasher installation at McFarlan and Rosedale Rd. is complete. Within the 1st week we had an accident where a person ran the flashing red without ever braking.
- A recent fatality accident and a resident's inquiry have made us aware there is no posted speed limit on Burnt Mill Rd. This is a state road and an unposted road in Pennsylvania has a 55 mph implied speed limit. We will attempt to have the state post this road with a 35 mph speed limit as Delaware has done on their portion.
- Residents are again encouraged to sign up for the County "ReadyNotify" emergency response system via the "www.readynotifypa.org" web site. Per a letter from the County Emergency Service coordinator, they will not be broadcasting advisories on commercial systems until convinced correct information is disseminated. An incident last week had at least one public broadcaster putting their own spin on an emergency message.
- The "Watch For Stopped Traffic" sign at the Bayard Rd. "S" curves has been installed. We will be installing surface mount center-line reflectors at the curves again.

- PennDOT has approved the “No Traffic On Shoulder” and “No Right On Red” signs for the 52/Hillendale intersection.
- We have been notified that the Rt. 926/Rt. 52 intersection will be closed from (approximately) Wednesday, September 7, to the end of October.

Bill Hewton stated that he saw an accident at the intersection of McFarlan & Rosedale Roads. Mr. Falcoff explained that the person that caused the accident did not stop for the crossing traffic on Rosedale.

- 2) Mr. Falcoff announced that the Conditional Use Hearing for the Whiteside Property has been continued until November 21, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the applicant’s request.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Presentation

Lisa Moore, Township Manager, made a presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Bill Hewton and Margot Taylor thanked Lisa Moore for her presentation. Joe Duffy asked questions regarding the Facilities Development Fee and Fee-In-Lieu accounts. Lisa Moore explained the accounts are used for open space and road maintenance.

Hunting Ordinance No. 195

Mr. Falcoff presented this Ordinance and explained it is to prevent trespassing by hunters on private property. This ordinance requires all hunters to have permission forms signed by property owners. **Mr. Falcoff moved to adopt Ordinance No. 195. Mr. Hammaker seconded the motion and it carried with all in favor.** Bill Hewton asked if Marlyn Dietz, Chairman of the Deer Management Organization, reviewed the ordinance. Mr. Falcoff stated that Marlyn Dietz assisted in writing the ordinance. Margot Taylor asked that a note be placed in the next newsletter informing residents of the ordinance and the required hunting form.

Historic Resource Zoning Amendments Ordinance No. 196

Mr. Falcoff presented this Ordinance to amend the Historic Resource area of the Comprehensive Plan. **Mr. Falcoff moved to adopt Ordinance No. 196. Mr. Hammaker seconded the motion and it carried with all in favor.**

ROADWORK

Mr. Elling stated that drains were installed on Bayard Road, oil and chip on roads was completed, solar flashing red lights were installed at Burnt Mill and Centermill Roads, trees were down due to the storm, reflectors were installed on Bayard Road in the center of the road thru the curves before Sills Mill Road, the 2nd round of mowing was finished and salt is out for bid.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Extensions

Mr. Hammaker moved to approve the Shepherd Property extension until 9/30/11. Mr. Elling seconded the motion and it carried with all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief McCarthy gave an update on trees that were cut in the right-of-way by PECO to clear their power lines. He explained that the Township has no authority over power companies cutting trees to clear their lines. PECO has the authority to cut trees along their lines in the right-of-way. He attended a meeting with concerned residents and PECO.

Chief McCarthy discussed the flashing light at McFarlan and Rosedale Roads and stated that the Township is hoping this will better alert drivers of the need to stop on McFarlan Road and that traffic on Rosedale does not have a stop sign.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eva Verplanck stated that Hillendale & Bayard Road is a bad intersection. Mr. Elling stated that the intersection has bad site distance due to the trees on the corner. The Township is working with the property owner to try and get the trees removed. Margot Taylor asked for the reasons that the accidents occur. Chief McCarthy said there are a variety of reasons the accidents occur. Bill Hewton asked the Supervisors for the status on a response for the letter that the Kennett Township Residents for Good Government sent with suggested changes and updates to the Township website. Mr. Elling stated that the Supervisors are considering the suggestions. Lisa Moore stated that she appreciated the input and suggestions on the website since she is not designing the website she is making sure pertinent information is posted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Falcoff acknowledged receipt of the financial statement for the prior month. **Mr. Falcoff moved that the bills be approved for payment, seconded by Mr. Hammaker with all Supervisors in favor.**

The meeting adjourned 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Moore
Township Manager

