

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

**801 Burrows Run Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317**

May 2, 2018

Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman, Scudder G. Stevens
Supervisor, Dr. Richard L. Leff
Township Manager, Lisa M. Moore

Absent:

Vice-Chair, Whitney S. Hoffman

MINUTES

Leff made a motion to approve the minutes from April 18, 2018. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Renewable Energy Resolution

Moore introduced proposed Resolution 2018-14 which if approved would commit the Township to draft an energy transition plan for the Township achieving 100% clean and renewable energy community-wide and complete this transition for 100% clean renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy for heat and transportation by 2050. Moore read the proposed resolution to the audience.

Leff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-14. Motion seconded by Stevens.

Discussion:

Leff commented on the benefits of adopting the resolution noting the advantages of working with others in the County.

Patrick Rita asked if there would be a tax associated with this resolution, is this tax revenue neutral. Moore responded that there is no cost associated with this Resolution.

Mike Elling commented that some of the “Whereas’ s” listed in the resolution are not factual.

Chris Burkett confirmed that the purpose of the resolution and how power could be purchased.

Stevens gave an example regarding geothermal and how it would save money and be environmentally beneficial. It was confirmed that there is no plans to make changes such as geothermal right now.

Patrick Rita asked what the timeframe of moving forward with the Resolution. Stevens commented that the motion is on the floor to be voted on tonight. Moore responded noting that the resolution is only stating it is a statement of the Supervisors and a commitment to create a plan.

Olen Owens commented that he is happy to hear that the Supervisors are considering the resolution.

A member of the audience commented pointing out that one of the things this resolution does is call for the Township to draft a plan.

Mike Elling suggested that the motion be tabled and an internal committee be formed. Leff responded that the purpose of the resolution is to form a committee.

Anton Andrew commented supporting the resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rescind Alarm Ordinance & Resolution

Moore introduced proposed Resolution 2018-15 and Proposed Ordinance 276 which would, if approved, rescind previous resolutions/ordinances that require homeowners to register their home alarm systems. Moore noted that the Township would rather work with residents who are having false alarm issues to get their issues resolved rather than fine them.

Leff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-15 and Ordinance 276. Motion seconded by Stevens.

Discussion:

Stevens asked if there would be a new Ordinance in the future. Moore responded no, it is not needed.

Nolt commented that the department is always looking for ways to enhance the health and safety of residents and found that many residents do not use their alarms in fear of being fined.

Stevens asked if there would be an advantage to having a middle ground to keep some type of enforcement in the code. Nolt responded that the nuisance ordinance is pretty broad and could possibly be used if an issue arose.

Leff commented that there are different alarm systems that are all contained within the house. Nolt commented on the third party dispatch requirements.

Leff confirmed that the Police will respond to all alarms.

Gertrude Zerby commented that the HOA Board of Victoria Gardens is working on replacing alarms in the villas one building at a time and hope to have complete by the end of summer.

Mike Elling commented on a specific alarm concern with a neighbor. Nolt responded with how the alarm system is designed.

Stevens commented confirming with the Nolt that the State Police would not respond to alarm calls.

Donna Dougherty asked what the percentage of false to actual alarm ratio is. Nolt responded that he did not have the specific numbers with him.

Rachel Brakley commented that she feels that something should be on the books in case there is a habitual abuser of having false alarms. Nolt responded that other statutes could be used, like nuisance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission member

Moore asked the Board of Supervisors to consider appointing current Planning Commission alternate Shawn Knudson as a permanent member of the Planning Commission.

Leff made a motion to add Shawn Knudson to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Stevens.

Discussion:

Leff commented that he has been serving as an alternate member for over a year.

Stevens commented regarding the effectiveness of having alternate members.

Donna Dougherty commented confirming that there will be an opening as alternate for the Planning Commission. Moore confirmed noting there would actually be two openings.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Emergency Services Commission Overview

Lisa Moore presented a review of the Emergency Services Commission that Kennett Township belongs to along with other municipalities. Moore presented the financial breakdown of how the Emergency Services tax will be used. A copy of the presentation was handed out and it available on the Townships website. Discussion regarding the presentation ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Burkett commented that the Board can raise taxes at any time. Burkett commented that future spending of the Township needs to be frugal noting projects like the Pines, open space and Chandler Mill Bridge.

Patrick Rita confirmed that the mailed newsletter comes out twice a year.

Ms. Dougherty asked Stevens on his position on the Chandler Mill Bridge. Stevens responded noting that his position was to not have a two lane bridge replace the Chandler Mill Bridge like the County plan was noting that it would change the entire dynamic of the area as Chandler Mill is not a major road that ran through the County. Stevens noted that the bridge will be for pedestrian/biking but will be strong enough to carry emergency vehicles.

Chris Burkett asked for an update on the possible purchase of 77 acres of open space. Moore responded that negotiations are undergoing with the property owner.

ADJOURNMENT

**Leff made motion to adjourn. Stevens seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael O'Brien
Recording Secretary