

**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Morgan Cowperthwaite, Jr., Chairman - absent  
Glenn A. Wismer, Vice-Chairman  
Mark W. Schmidt, Member

**STAFF:** John T. Terry, Township Manager  
Jean Herstine, Secretary/Treasurer  
John Rice, Township Solicitor  
Thomas Fountain, Township Engineer  
Mark R. Ofner, Chief of Police

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Township Building in the Village of Bedminster and lead those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

**Approval of the Agenda Work Session & Meeting Minutes:**

On a motion made by Mark Schmidt, seconded by Glenn Wismer, the Board approved the minutes of the agenda work session held October 11, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Glenn Wismer, seconded by Mark Schmidt, the Board approved the minutes of the monthly meeting held October 12, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the November Invoices:**

On a motion made by Mark Schmidt, seconded by Glenn Wismer, the Board approved the November invoices totaling \$410,959.05. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing: Sewage Management Ordinance**

The proposed ordinance will amend the Sewage Management Ordinance revising certain regulations and by eliminating the requirement for replacement areas on lots that existed prior to October 17, 2005. Township Solicitor John Rice stated the township's current ordinance has more requirements than the Bucks County Health Department.

Joe Bauer, 6810 Old Easton Road wanted to know the total number of sewage escrows held by the township and if those escrows would be returned with the approval of this ordinance. Mr. Bauer was told that the Township Manager, Jack Terry would look into the previously collected sewage maintenance escrows. The Board decided to defer the Sewage Management Ordinance until next month when all members of the board would be present.

On a motion made by Glenn Wismer, seconded by Mark Schmidt, the Board tabled the Sewage Management Ordinance until next month. The motion carried unanimously.

**Authorization to Advertise Amendment: Deer Fence Ordinance**

The proposed ordinance amendment will provide for the installation of deer fencing within the Township. The fencing must be an open wire design (not barbed) and at least 8 feet high and cannot exceed 10 feet in height. Deer fencing is not permitted in the right-of-way of any street. Electrified deer fence is permitted with warning signs every hundred feet or less.

On a motion made by Mark Schmidt, seconded by Glenn Wismer, the Board authorized the advertisement of the Deer Fence Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Subdivision and Land Development**

#### **Final Plan Approval Subdivision & Land Development: Living Hope Community Church**

The subdivision and land development plan prepared by Renew Design Group dated September 16, 2011 was presented for final approval, subject to the following conditions: Compliance with Keystone Municipal Engineering review letter dated October 14, 2011, and with the Grim, Biehn & Thatcher, preliminary plan approval letter dated August 23, 2011. A note shall be placed on the final subdivision plan in compliance with DEP's regulations requiring the lots to remain in agricultural use until qualifying for an approved sewage disposal system.

On a motion made by Mark Schmidt, seconded by Glenn Wismer, the Board granted final plan approval for the Living Hope Church Subdivision and Land Development Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Escrow Release No. 21: Heritage Building Group / Bedminster Crossing**

The Township Engineer presented Escrow Release No.21 for Heritage Building Group for Bedminster Crossing in the amount of \$248,734.75 based on the status of construction and installation of certain improvements including all required landscape. On a motion made by Glenn Wismer, seconded by Mark Schmidt the Board granted approval for Escrow Release No. 21 for Heritage Building Group for the Bedminster Crossing Development. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Police Department Activity:**

The Police Department Monthly Report for October is on file. Regarding last month's concern with departmental press releases, the department had 2 DUI's this month, which will be released to the press when the lab results and investigation are completed.

#### **Public Comments:**

Harold Oakey, 3600 Spruce Hill Road sustained severe damage to his home when a tree fell during Hurricane Irene. Mr. Oakey's contractor obtained and paid for the required permits, which he felt unnecessary and the township's inspector missed an inspection causing his contractor a delay in the job. When Mr. McGlynn finally came out to his property his inspection took only 2 minutes to perform. Township Manager, Jack Terry will contact Mr. Oakey after he has had a chance to look into the matter.

Joe Bauer, 6810 Old Easton Road stated that there are a lot of township residents that have problems with the zoning officer/building inspector Shawn McGlynn.

#### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the Board, Mark Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Glenn Wismer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Jean L. Herstine  
Office Administrator  
Secretary/Treasurer