

EAST MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting of the Board – December 3, 2007

Chairman Cuyler H. Walker called a public hearing to order at 7:15 p.m., immediately following an executive session with our solicitor to discuss personnel matters.

Public Hearing.

Ordinance 07-15. An ordinance amending and consolidating with all prior Ordinances and regulating the flow and control of motor vehicles at intersections within the boundary of East Marlborough Township. In addition to re-enactment of existing stop sign regulations, the primary purpose of this ordinance is to add signage at the following intersections: a) Walnut/E.Locust/Longwood Roads, and b) Onix Drive. By unanimous vote (5-0), the ordinance was adopted, as presented.

Public Meeting. Chairman Cuyler H. Walker called the public meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building by leading the group in a pledge to the United States flag. Board members Richard P.S. Hannum, Robert F. Weer, Eddie G. Caudill, and Richard E. Hicks were also present, as was Solicitor Fronefield Crawford, Jr., and Engineer James W. Hatfield.

Minutes of November 5, 2007. By unanimous vote (5-0), the minutes were approved as prepared.

Public Comment Period. This was the last public meeting for Supervisor Richard P. S. Hannum; he is retiring after 18 years of service as Supervisor, and additional years of service as a member of the Township Planning Commission. Supervisors praised his dedication, his loyalty to East Marlborough, and Chairman Walker listed some of the significant accomplishments during his service to the Township.

Resolution 07-14- Supporting the Application of Sovana Bistro for an Economic Development Liquor License. Paul Rubino, Esq. represented the applicants, Nick and Linda Farrell in the request for Township support for their application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Supervisors approved each of the three conditions contained in the resolution, including non-transferability of the liquor license, hours of closing, written verification of percentage of alcohol versus food sales, and compliance with all Township regulations and codes. Mr. Weer asked that the applicant secure written verification from Willowdale Chapel that there is no objection to liquor sales in proximity to the Chapel. Mr. Ed. Foley, Esq., representing the Chapel, agreed to provide such a letter, although it was not included in the context of the Resolution. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Board adopted the full resolution.

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Pia Subdivision – Four Lots on Route 926 at Northbrook Road. Michael Pia spoke on behalf of the plan, requesting Township guidance on the preference for sanitary for the site. By consensus, the Supervisors agreed to accept the 4-lot plan into the public sewer district, subject to final design acceptable to Township consultants and DEP approval of the planning modules. The Board voted unanimously (5-0), to accept four of the five waivers, (b, d, e, f), requested and itemized in the VanDemark & Lynch letter of November 27, 2007.

Willowdale Chapel – Ed. Foley, Esq., representing the Chapel, requested a revision to Condition #3 in the Preliminary Plan approval, which would provide alternatives in deferring construction of the run-around lane at the entrance to the Chapel. The written proposal had been generated only Monday afternoon, and there had been no time for review. Messrs Hannum and Caudill said that they had no objection to the concept, but needed more time for legal review. The applicant agreed to the Supervisors' request that the proposal be amended to provide that any escrowed funds would be on deposit for 25 years, not the 10 years proposed by the Chapel. Additionally, there was concern that construction costs may inflate faster than the earnings on the escrow account. There was no action taken on the proposal.

2008 Budgets. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Board adopted all budgets for 2008; there were no changes from those proposed in November. The following budgets provide for no increase in taxes, or user fees in the Sewer District:

General Fund -\$2,177,600, based on an assessed valuation of 692 million with a tax rate set at 1.05 mills for General Purposes, as well as the referendum-approved additional assessment for: Library at .183 mills and Open Space at .20 mills.

Sewer Fund - \$1,402,224, based on approximately 1700 EDU's with 53% of the budget derived from user fees, unchanged at \$440/year.

State Fund - \$450,268

Budget approvals were confirmed by the following resolutions, approved unanimously (5-0):

Resolution 07-17 – Establishing millage for General Purposes.

Resolution 07-18 – Establishing Light Tax assessment

Letter from New Garden Township Proposing a Study of Regional Policing. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Walker would respond to New Garden Township, noting that East Marlborough is content with the existing force and sees no need for change.

Resolution 07-16 – No Winter Maintenance - By unanimous vote (5-0), the Board approved the resolution noting that Wollaston and Byrd Roads will be posted for no winter maintenance.

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Certificate of Appropriateness. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Board accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Country Properties to build a small addition on the eastern side of the existing building.

Historic Data on Website. Historic Commission member Frank McGrail suggested that data researched and organized by the Commission be available on the Township website. We will seek more information on the size/cost of making the historic information available.

Bills. By unanimous vote (5-0), with each supervisor abstaining on any item with a perceived conflict, the Board authorized payment of the attached lists of invoices, with the following totals:

General Fund	\$26,362.15
Sewer Fund	\$20,416.05
Development Fund	\$12,073.07
State Fund	\$20,277.85
Payroll	\$54,510.34

Treasurer's Report. By unanimous vote (5-0), the attached report was accepted as prepared.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Jane R. Laslo, Manager/Secretary