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AGENDA MEETING OF HAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010

President Son called to order the Agenda Meeting of Hampton Township Council at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

Those present: V. Son, President; M. Hunkele, C. Montgomery, M. O'Rorke, P. Russ, Members: J. Speakman, Controller; V. Tucceri, Legal Counsel; W. C. Lochner, Municipal Manager.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NORTH PARK LAKE DREDGING PROJECT – TRANSPORTATION PLAN

This item is a continuation from the December 16, 2009 Council meeting with regard to Charles Merlo, Inc.'s request to revise the traffic route for the North Park Lake Dredging Project to use Wildwood Road. The traffic control plan that was completed for this project was submitted to Trans Associates for their review, which in turn had discussions with PennDOT in conjunction with their review. A copy of Trans Associates letter, which identified general concerns regarding the use of Wildwood Road, possible sedimentation being placed on the roadway, and PennDOT permitting, was provided to Council as well as representatives of Charles J. Merlo, Inc. Mr. Charles Merlo was present and briefly discussed the letter that he had just received from Trans Associates, and indicated that their main reason for wanting the use Wildwood Road is for safety issues using Babcock Boulevard. There is a site distance problem traveling through the park and making the left off of Babcock Boulevard at the top of the hill; if a loaded truck is stopped in the turning lane, by the time the driver puts it in first gear and gets moving, he is going to have a hard time getting across the oncoming lane. After further discussion regarding the traffic control plan for this project, it was indicated that this item will be on the regular meeting agenda for possible action.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ORDINANCE DISSOLVING THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AUTHORITY

Mr. Son commented as mentioned at the Organization Meeting, due to the fact that the North Hills Council of Governments has been coordinating the negotiations with regard to cable television for the local municipalities, a letter from the Cohen Telecommunications Law Group has been submitted indicating that the Township can dissolve the Cable Television Franchise Authority if desired. This item will be on the regular meeting agenda for authorization to advertise the appropriate ordinance dissolving the authority.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CREATION OF A PEG CABLE CHANNEL – SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT

Mr. Lochner commented that this item was brought up in the past. The School District is in the process of positioning itself with their 2010-2011 Budget with regard to the creation of a PEG channel, based on the fact that the Township has received a couple of grants through the North Hills Council of Governments. The Township will own the channel even though the School District will operate it. If the agreement is acceptable to Council, a letter will be forwarded to the District presenting it for their review and approval. Mr. Son asked that Mr. Lochner schedule the next joint meeting with the School Board, and include this item for discussion.

DISCUSSION REGARDING GATEWAY ENGINEERS' 2010 RATE SCHEDULE

Mr. Son commented that Gateway Engineers has submitted a letter to the Township increasing their rates by 1.5%. A proposed resolution will be on the regular meeting agenda accepting the new rate schedule. After a brief discussion, Mr. Presto was asked to confirm that Gateway held their rates last year along with the other Township engineers.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Lochner advised Council that as part of the merger of the Historical Commission and Depreciation Lands Museum into one association, the Township's ordinance originally creating the Historical Commission would have to be repealed. This item will be on the regular meeting agenda for authorization to advertise the appropriate ordinance. Also, the by-laws for the new association will be prepared within the next two weeks and forwarded to Mr. Tucceri for his review.

PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT – CREATION OF ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER POSITION

Mr. Lochner commented that the amendment to the Personnel Policy Manual could be done by resolution to create the Assistant Manager's position. Mr. Son commented with the retirement of Mrs. Fastuca, the Asst. to the Manager-Public Relations, her position was not filled and her duties were reassigned. The title of Assistant Township Manager would merge Ms. Bernet's and Mrs. Fastuca's responsibilities to create the new position.

Mr. O'Rourke commented that he would like the last bullet relating to ten years experience under Qualifications to include "relating to these functions".

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPERTY DONATION – LOT & BLOCK 948-P-328 SILVERBROOK LANE (HEMLOCKS II PLAN OF LOTS)

Mr. Lochner commented that there are a number of postage stamp lots in a section of the Hemlocks II Plan that have never been developed and occasionally the Township will receive a request from a lot owner to donate their lot to the Township. The latest request is from the

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owners of Lot & Block 948-P-328. A resolution will be drawn up for Council's consideration to accept the donation of this lot.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED WELLNESS PROGRAM

Mr. Lochner commented that staff would like to look at a possible wellness program for the employees and provide a full scope of one to Council. The voluntary program could possibly center on a step challenge, weight loss, and blood pressure monitoring. Incentives such as gift certificates or a day off for reaching certain goals could be considered. Members of Council expressed some concerns regarding the proposed program and requested that the Manager provide possible savings in health care benefits as well as the proposed cost for the program.

UPDATE REGARDING SALT USAGE

Discussion briefly occurred regarding the low salt supply and the lack of deliveries that the Township has recently been experiencing. Mr. Son commended the DCS crews for their outstanding work in keeping Township roads clear and safe, and felt that the crews do among the best work in the county. Mr. Son asked that Council's gratitude be expressed to the DCS crews.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FILTER ROOM CEMENT PAD DETERIORATION

Mr. Degnan discussed with Council the deterioration of the concrete slab on the outside of the filter room and is in dire need of replacement. After a brief discussion on the projected cost as well as possible alternatives of replacement, Mr. Degnan was asked to provide pictures to Council of the deteriorated slab as well as obtain an opinion from the Township's engineer as to its replacement.

DISCUSSION REGARDING REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE 07-28 HERITAGE COMMUNITIES PRD, NOW KNOWN AS THE TRADITIONS AT HAMPTON POINTE

Mr. Orban commented that this plan was approved two years ago and since that time has changed owners. The current owner has submitted a letting requesting an extension to the original Conditions of Approval. Mr. Orban commented that it will be recommended that if Council approves the extension that a time limit be included.

There being no further items for discussion, Mr. Son adjourned the agenda meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Susan A. Bernet,
Clerk of Council

Victor D. Son,
President of Council