

YORK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 21, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Briddell with the following in attendance:

Jim Phipps	Mark Derr
Robert Schindo	Joe Robinson
Robert Steele	Robert Sandmyer
	Steve Hovis
	Mark Clark

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

YEAR END REVIEW President Commissioner Briddell highlighted what projects the township had completed in the year 2000, as follows:

- Established a Regional Police Department
- Developed an On-Lot Septic Management Plan
- Created a Capital Reserve Fund
- Purchased 1.2M gallons of Sewage Capacity from West Manchester Twp.
- Building Renovations to better accommodate the Police and Administrative staff
- Established the Cape Horn and Days Mill Water Districts
- Established a Parking Area along the York County Rail Trail

The following projects are planned for the year 2001:

- Design and build a new Public Works Building
- Pursue a Regional Police Building
- Seek traffic improvements to the Leader Heights Corridor
- Work with the State to address residential needs pertaining to Deadman's Curve
- Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Study
- Transportation Study
- Allocation of territory for Emergency Services – Fire and Ambulance
- Open Space Planning

YORK AREA
REGIONAL
POLICE

Chief Gross reported that the YARPD is up and running since June 30th, 2000. The staff consists of 40 employees, making them the third largest regional department in the state. Department serves York and Windsor Twps., as well as the boroughs of Dallastown, Felton, Windsor, Yoe and Jacobus. All five boroughs have signed 3 year contracts, beginning with 2001.

MINUTES

Commissioner Steele suggested the following amendments to the minutes of the November 14th, 2000 meeting: pg. #2 first paragraph, last sentence, strike the word “not”. Also, pg.#6, waiver request by Rick Bogart, strike the word “working”, and replace with the word “ wording”. On motion of Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Steele, the minutes of November 14th, 2000 were approved as amended. All were in favor.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Schindo, the following bills were approved for payment:

General Fund.....	\$823,506.57
Street Light.....	873.07
Sewer Revenue.....	313,362.03
Intermunicipal Sewer.....	11,832.23
York Twp. Comm.Ctr.....	40,454.28
Stormwater Mgt.....	0.00
Recreation Capital Res.....	5,029.29
Liquid Fuels.....	31,442.59
Escrow Fund.....	0.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,226,500.06

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board was in executive session from 6:30 p.m. until 6:35 p.m., to discuss potential litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Derr

Mr. Derr presented a 3 year financial history of the York Township Community Center by Profit Center

Anthony Wagman

Mr. Wagman is concerned about the latest letter he received from Dennis Henry regarding stormwater issues. He doesn't think that it's fair. Mr. Robert Sandmeyer reviewed Dennis's letter to Mr. Wagman. After a discussion, Commissioner Phipps suggested that we make no changes to Dennis's letter.

Carl Criswell

Twp. resident and ex-advisory board member for the community center. He resigned in protest, due to the suggested programming changes at the community center, especially the elimination of tennis.

Break at 6:58 p.m. to allow for PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7:00 p.m. to 7:35 p.m. - Rezoning – Jeff Henry – Duquesne Road

7:35 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Rezoning – Fritz Farm – Old Baltimore Pike

On motion of Commissioner Schindo, seconded by Commissioner Phipps, the board voted to table any action pertaining to the rezoning issue for Jeff Henry, until the January meeting. All were in favor

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Commissioner's Meeting resumed at 9:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED

- James Anderson Mr. Anderson, resident tennis player, here to support the tennis program as it exists. Believes we have a very good facility, and that batting cages and golf simulator are not suited for the courts.
- Betty Stevens Ms. Stevens presented the board a petition signed by 197 individuals who support keeping all 5 indoor and the 6 outdoor tennis courts.
- Donna Platt Ms. Platt made a presentation to the board, explaining the various tennis programs, schedules etc. Emphasis was on how the tennis programs have grown over the last three years.
- Peggy Bayliss Ms. Bayliss active member of the community center is concerned that we are suggesting program changes without asking the York Twp. residents what programs they really want. Also, the advisory board does not support these changes. Finally, why would we make the changes, prior to having the comprehensive parks and recreation study completed?
- John Yates Chairman of the York Twp. Community Center Advisory Board, disapproves of the program changes. The township has not done the required "due diligence" prior to suggesting these program changes.
- Tom Austin Left the meeting prior to speaking

COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

- Mark Derr Read a statement highlighting the history of the YTCC and the continued struggle for the uses of the facility. He suggested that the township should on a "test basis", convert court #1 into an all purpose area, by installing 4 batting-cages and a sound barrier curtain between courts one and two to eliminate some of the noise. If successful the revenues can be used to offset some of the significant overhead costs associated with the "tennis building". If unsuccessful the equipment could be sold or absorbed into the existing recreation program. The curtain could be maintained to segregate the teaching court. Approaching this conversion on a test basis would allow the township to complete the comprehensive parks and recreation study in order to ascertain what community recreation needs would best be met by the facility. Since only 1% of the township residents actually participate

in the tennis program, the township has a duty to meet some of the needs of the remaining 99% of our residents.

Steele Gave a presentation that emphasized the current “utilization” of the tennis facility.

Briddell The emphasis should be on the residents input, and we should use the comprehensive recreation plan to find out. We have made great strides over the last 3 years. However, we need to bring in more people and tennis is going to have to give and take.

On motion of Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Steele, the board voted to convert court 1 to an all purpose area, and to purchase and install a divider curtain between court 1 and 2, pursue acquiring batting cages , while awaiting the results of the recreation study.

Vote 3 yes, 1 no (Schindo)

Steele Dennis Henry should check out where it looks like Penn Dot is constructing signs at the intersection of Leaders Heights and Queen Street in the area where sidewalks will be constructed. He should contact Penn Dot to explain that these signs may need to be moved later.

Steele Expressed his concern over the open ditch on Allegheny Drive at Coarse Road. Could be a possible liability issue.

Steele Discussion was had regarding the storm- water run off problem for some property owners on Homeland Road. His opinion that both homeowners want the township to buy a right-of-way across their land. We should discuss the resolution of this issue, after hearing an engineering assessment of the situation.

On motion of Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Schindo, the board voted to have Dan Wagman conduct an appraisal in order to determine the value of a right-of-way across both properties.

All were in favor.

Steele Discussed on going concerns regarding the Green Valley Road sewer situation.

TOWNSHIP MGR’S REPORT

Ord. 2000-10
Real Estate Tax

On motion of Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Schindo, Ordinance 2000-10 to set the real estate tax millage rate for the year 2001 at .42 mills was approved with the following voice vote:

President Briddell	Yes
Commissioner Schindo	Yes
Commissioner Phipps	Yes
Commissioner Steele	Yes

Ord. 2000-11
2001 Appropriations

On motion of Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Schindo, Ordinance 2000-11 to appropriate amounts from the fund equities, revenues, and other financing sources available for the year 2001 for the specific purposes as set forth in the attached York Township 2001 budget was approved with the following voice vote:

President Briddell	Yes
Commissioner Schindo	Yes
Commissioner Phipps	Yes
Commissioner Steele	Yes

Yoe / Dallastown
Building Inspections

Mr. Derr explained that both Yoe and Dallastown Boroughs, both expressed an interest in having our building inspectors conduct building inspections for the boroughs. After discussing several concerns, it was suggested that Mark write a letter to each borough asking them to verify their exact needs.

Phase I
Environmental Study
Nevin Stetler
Property

Suggested the board approve an environmental assessment on the Nevin Stetler Property – cost \$1,950.00. This is required if we wish to proceed with acquiring the property.

On motion of Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Steele, the board voted to have the environmental assessment completed.
Vote 3 yes, 1 no (Schindo)

Yost right-of-way

Authorized President Briddell to sign the right-of way agreement with Yost, and approved payment of \$3,200 for improvements along Honey Valley Road & South Queen Street for the signal.

Traffic Study

Mr. Derr indicated that the township should select a consultant or consultants to conduct the township-wide traffic study, the GIS work, land use assumptions reports, and the sustainable community plan and other components as outlined in the engineering proposal. This is necessary to proceed with the TSP 21 grant and to develop an “impact fee ordinance” for the township. Discussion was had regarding whether 1,2 or 3 consultants would be better for the township.

Motion made by Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to hire all 3 consultants. Commissioner Schindo expressed concern over how “impact fees” work. Solicitor Hovis explained the process to the board, indicating that it is a “very specific process”. Attorney Hovis also, emphasized that it is important that the commissioners establish an “advisory board” by resolution early on.

Commissioner Phipps withdrew his previous motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to instruct the staff to get a price back from all 3 consultants for the January meeting. All were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Dallastown Schools The Dallastown School Board approved funding 50% of the cost for sidewalks at the high school, from the main entrance to the borough line. According to Mark Clark, the York Township Board of Commissioners had already approved funding the other 50%, last month. This project can move forward. The storm-water work has begun, and should be completed by June of 2001.
- South Franklin Street Traffic count along South Franklin Street has been completed. Speeds ranged from 26 to 41 (near the pond) . Mark Clark feels the 41 reading is the result of a problem with the counter. Commissioner Phipps suggested that we send a letter to the residents in that area , explaining that the traffic study does not justify lower speeds.
- Old Camera Truck Originally we were planning to sell the equipment in the old camera truck, now we would like to sell both the truck and the equipment. There is someone that is interested in purchasing both items, however we will need to officially receive bids for the disposal of these assets. Motion by Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Schindo, to seek competitive bids for the disposal of both the old camera truck and the equipment. All were in favor.
- Homeland Road
117 Discussion was had regarding the storm water problem on Homeland Road. Motion was made by Commissioner Schindo, seconded by Commissioner Phipps, to hire Dan Wagner, for an appraisal to acquire a right-of-way on Homeland Road properties for a storm water easement. All were in favor.

RECREATION

- Comprehensive Parks
And Recreation Plan Dale Dalton explained that the township had received two proposals to conduct the comprehensive parks and recreation plan . The study will cost \$40,000, with the township receiving a \$20,000 grant from DCED. He is recommending the firm YSM. Motion was made by Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Steele to hire the YSM group. All were in favor.

RECREATION DEPT.

- Tyler Run Park This project did not get completed in 2000, however it is planned for in the 2001 budget.

SOLICITOR'S
REPORT

Ord. 2000-12 Motion was made by Commissioner Phipps, second by Commissioner Steele to adopt Ordinance 2000-12 to amend the code of the Township of York to provide for an additional stop sign at Burrows Road and Dove Lane with the following voice vote:

President Briddell	Yes
Commissioner Schindo	Yes
Commissioner Phipps	Yes
Commissioner Steele	Yes

Ord. 2000-13 Motion was made by Commissioner Schindo, second by Commissioner Phipps to adopt Ordinance 2000-13 to amend chapter 235 of the code of the Township of York to provide for vehicle and traffic enforcement by the York Area Regional Police Department with the following voice vote:

President Briddell	Yes
Commissioner Schindo	Yes
Commissioner Phipps	Yes
Commissioner Steele	Yes

Ord. 2000-14 Motion was made by Commissioner Schindo, second by Commissioner Steele to adopt Ordinance 2000-14 repealing York Township Ordinance 99-25 requiring the submission of the York Township Water and Sewer Authority checklists as part of a preliminary and final plan following voice vote:

President Briddell	No
Commissioner Schindo	Yes
Commissioner Phipps	Yes
Commissioner Steele	Yes

ENGINEER'S
REPORT

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Plan presented by Rick Bogart, James Holley & Associates. On motion of Commissioner Schindo, seconded by Commissioner Phipps, the plan was approved with the following conditions or modifications:

1. All comments from the letter of Dennis Henry dated December 15, 2000 to be addressed.
2. Waiver granted for installation of curbs, sidewalks and roadway with the 6 months statement on the plan.
3. Waiver granted for Section 604.D.5 all lots shall front on an approved public or private street and maintain a minimum lot width in accordance with the York Township Zoning Ordinance.
4. Waiver granted for Section 610.A.1 connection to public sewer.
5. Waiver granted for Section 403.E.3.c wetland report.

3 yes, 1 no (Steele)

LD00-2-4
LD00-5-5
LD00-6-1

Motion by Commissioner Schindo, seconded by Commissioner Phipps, to re-approve the plans for Arlington Plaza, Arlington EC Church, and Sheetz.
All were in favor.

Parking Lot

Mr. Bob Sandmyer discussed the York County Parks parking lot problem. York County Parks will give us \$750.00 back for the guide rail not being installed, since Penn Dot denied the guide rail. Motion by Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Schindo, to allow the York County Parks department to proceed with their plan. All were in favor.

Supplemental
Public Comment

Mrs. Knisely is concerned that the Wagmans aren't going to do anything.

Adjourn to
Executive Session

12:20 a.m. to discuss personnel

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Briddell, to approve the hiring of an in-house Township engineer and an assistant, in accordance with the York Township 2001 Budget.
All were in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to adjourn at 12:45 a.m.
All were in favor.