



SHOHOLA TOWNSHIP

Board of Supervisors

George C. Fluhr, Gregory P. Hoeper, Keith W. Raser
Municipal Building
159 Twin Lakes Road
Shohola PA 18458

August 11, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; Chairman George C. Fluhr, Vice-Chair Gregory Hoeper, Supervisor, Keith Raser, Secretary, Diana Blume and Solicitor, Jason Ohliger and all other on the attached list.

**Public hearing is for a Waiver of Ordinance #59 for applicant, Peter Ferrara
Court reporter used for transcript for proceedings.
Public hearing called to Order at 7:00pm**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Testimony provided by Mr. Ferrara and by Twin Lakes Utility, Pa.

Motion to go into executive session 8:03pm made by Chairman Fluhr, second by Supervisors Raser.
Meeting resumed at 8:12pm.

Motion to grant Mr. Ferrara's appeal upon the following findings:

1. Mr. Ferrara suffers from medical conditions which make water service interruptions detrimental to his health;
2. The water system servicing Mr. Ferrara's home has experienced service interruptions that have affected Mr. Ferrara's water supply;
3. Mr. Ferrara has carried his burden of proving that the water system does not provide an adequate and safe water supply based upon his particular circumstances; and
4. It would present Mr. Ferrara with an undue burden to require him to continue his connection with the water system.

The motion to grant is conditioned upon review of the site by the Enforcement Officer to ensure that all proper setbacks and isolations distances of the well site proposed by the applicant are compliant with the law and local regulations.

Motion made by Chairman Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 8:25pm

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Motion** to approve Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board on July 11, 2016 and the Special Meeting held on May 19, 2016, made by, **Supervisor Raser, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

- **Motion** to approve Treasurer's Report for July 2016, made by, **Vice-Chair Hoeper, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:

- **Motion** to approve Treasurer's Report for July 2016, **made by Vice-Chair Hoeper, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.**

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- None

SOLICITORS REPORT

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Shohola Township Fire & Rescue** in conjunction with the *Historical Society* will be hosting their annual Chicken BBQ, Flea Market and Car Show on Saturday, September 10th from 9am to 4pm.
- **Shohola Park & Recreation** are starting to prepare for their Annual Pumpkins in the Park Event which is to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Long Term Disability for Police Chief** - Motion to accept State Farms quote for long term disability for Chief Carney, contingent upon Solicitors review, made by Supervisor Raser, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.
- **Winter Maintenance Agreement 2016/2017 – Motion** to sign agreement with PENNDOT to plow Knealing Road, made by Chairman Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.
- **Application for Tag Grant with the UDC – Motion** to approve application to the UDC for a Tag Grant and to write letter of support, made by Supervisor Raser, second by Chairman Fluhr, motion carried.
- **MMO Obligation for 2017 – Motion** to sign 2017 MMO Obligation for Pension Plans made by Chairman Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from the UDC asking for support for the development of an Early Warning System for Reservoir-related emergencies. **Motion** to write a letter of support made by, Supervisor Raser, second by Chairman Fluhr, motion carried.
- Alex Friedlander – Letter about the noise and truck volume on Route 434.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- Police - Report – Report attached.
- Zoning/Sewage 7 Zoning permit and 4 Sewage Permit issued in July.
- Building Permits 7 Residential Building permit issued in July.
- Road Department – Grading Roads and replacing culvert pipes.
- Park Committee – No report.
- Fire Department – No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Carrie Thomas** – Carrie Thomas presented the Board with a copy of the meeting procedures that were adopted in 2010, stating that Supervisors Comments was not listed on the procedures. She further stated to the Board that her questions are not being answered when asked during the meeting and that a supervisor may, if they want, to answer the questions during Supervisors Comments. She doesn't feel that it is necessary to have a specific part of the meeting like "Supervisors Comments", to answer questions from the residents. Carrie Thomas further stated that the Board has a moral obligation to answer the questions of the citizens.

- **Shirley Mascuo** – commented that it is dismaying that the supervisors will not simply hear a question and decide whether to answer it or not at the time the question is asked. She further stated that it is ridiculous in her view to have residents ask a question and wait during another time of the meeting to decide to answer it.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

- **None**

Motion to adjourn at 8:42pm made by Vice-Chair Hoeper, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Diana Blume
Township Secretary**