

**SOUTH COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of South Coventry Township, Chester County, PA, was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 7:30 PM in the South Coventry Township Building with Chairperson Tim Blevins presiding. Mildred Donnell, David Prizer and Sean O'Neill were also in attendance. Mr. Blevins called the meeting to order.

**Minutes** – The minutes of the August 3, 2009 regular meeting and the July 31, 2009 morning meeting were approved as presented.

**Public Comment** –1. Ian Proud's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hahn, updated that Board as to Ian's progress with the trail. Ian was unable to attend due to an athletic event. Most of the mulch has been delivered. The Boy Scouts have a workday scheduled for this Saturday, September 11, 2009 starting at noon. Once the trail is completed, they will work with the Township to schedule a dedication ceremony. 2. Rick Whitlock approached the Board about a stream disturbance at 2725 Coventryville Road. He presented pictures to demonstrate his concern. The Board relayed that they received his phone messages and that Mrs. Donnell contacted the Township Engineer as well as the Chester County Conservation District. Upon review by the Mr. Kologie, he found no Township Ordinance violations. Mr. Kologie also referred the concern to the Chester County Conservation District. Mr. Dami was present and he also confirmed that he contacted Ben Drover of Chester County Conservation District. Mr. Whitlock questioned how often Mr. Dami's property is monitored for compliance to his settlement agreement.

**Public Works/Roadmaster's Report** – 1. Mr. Ciebien is on vacation. A copy of the August 2009 Public Works Report is available for review in the Township Office.

**Zoning Officer's Report** – 1. Copies of the August 2009 reports, including correspondence, from the Residential Code Enforcement Officer and the Commercial Code Enforcement Officer are available for review in the Township Office. 2. Correspondence was received from the Chester County Conservation District concerning the work at Owen J. Roberts School District. Mrs. Donnell notified the Board that the requested walk-thru for a temporary U & O for the pool is tentatively scheduled for October 1, 2009 at 3:00 PM. 3. Upon satisfactory review by Castle Valley Consultants, Mrs. Donnell made a motion to accept the driveway escrow agreement from Frank Gunson of 398 Porters Mill Road. Mr. Blevins seconded the motion and it was carried with all ayes. 4. On the recommendation of Mr. Ciebien, Mrs. Donnell made a motion to release Driveway Escrow Funds to Rotelle Development Company for the driveway at 2715 Chestnut Hill Road. Mr. Blevins seconded the motion. It was carried with all ayes.

**Planning Commission Report** – 1. Mrs. Donnell summarized the minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting. The minutes are available for review in the Township Office.

**Federation of Northern Chester County Communities** – 1. No August meeting was held. The Chester County Communities Steering Committee meeting is being held tonight.

**Historic Commission** – 1. Mrs. Donnell summarized the minutes from the August 10, 2009 meeting. A copy of the report is available in the Township Office. A letter sent to Clare Quinn, French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, on behalf of the Township was also presented. 2. Mrs. Donnell made a motion to adopt the 1981 Chester County Historic Sites Survey and Key as compiled by Estelle Cremers. Mr. Prizer seconded the motion, it was carried with all ayes.

**Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Oversight Board** – 1. Amy Gorham summarized the minutes of the August 24, 2009 meeting. 2. Dialog followed about parking during the Red Knights' games. Larry Challenger and Jim Deery were present to represent the Red Knights. They outlined the improvements in parking for the games this weekend. Several other ideas were presented and discussed. Mr. Blevins, supported by the other Board members, made it clear that the Township does not want any parking along Route 100 for safety reasons. After more discussion, it was determined that parking would be allowed at the following locations utilizing the locations in this order: a. Connie Batdorf Parking Lot b. Diagonal parking on the south side of Hartman Road c. Parking on the sewer plant road done in a way to maximize the area d. Diagonal parking on the north side of Hartman Road where possible. The Board requested that parking attendants direct cars into the parking areas and spaces. The Township agreed to have the grassy areas along Route 100 taped off to prevent cars from parking there. The Red Knight requested that the mower be moved, apparently it is PennDOT's. Mrs. Donnell will follow through on that request. Mr. Deery questioned whether lighting of the fields was a possibility. Mr. Blevins noted that several years ago, the Board voted not to have a lighted field. The Red Knights invited everyone to come out Friday, October 9, 2009 for Homecoming. 3. The Board received a letter from PA DCNR approving the hiring of Castle Valley Consultants, Inc. and Natural Lands Trust to prepare the Woody's Woods Master Site and Conservation Plan. Mr. Blevins signed the contract. The project will begin at the September OREO meeting.

**Discussion or Business from the Floor** – none

**Old Business** – 1. The Township received information on the Countywide Earned Income Tax and an announcement of the first meeting of the Tax Collection Committee. 2. Mr. Blevins noted that a summary of the Grinder Pump Ordinance was advertised Friday, August 21, 2009 in the Pottstown Mercury with copies of the entire ordinance made available for public inspection at the Township Office, the Pottstown Mercury and the Chester County Law Library. Mr. Blevins asked if there was any public comment. Hearing no comment, Mrs. Donnell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009 – 2, a South Coventry Grinder Pump Ordinance. Mr. Blevins seconded the motion and it was carried with all ayes.

**New Business** – 1. The Board members received a letter from the Visiting Nurse Association of Pottstown & Vicinity requesting a contribution. Mr. Blevins made a motion to contribute \$500.00. Mrs. Donnell seconded the motion. It was carried with all ayes. 2. Mr. Prizer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-09-01 to encourage the federal government to pass the Local Fiscal Assistance Act. Mrs. Donnell seconded the motion. It was carried with all ayes. 3. The Township received several pages of hearing dates scheduled by the Chester County Board of Assessment Appeals. 4. The Board received notification from the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority that the building loan rates have been decreased. 5. A notice was received from PA DEP concerning the Gross School Bus lot property. 6. Information concerning Lyme Disease was received from the Chester County Health Department. The Board members decided to try to schedule a Lyme Disease Education Night in early October. Mrs. Donnell will contact the Health Department to try to schedule it. 7. The Township received a letter from Chester County Health Department about their revision to the Chester County Solid Waste Management Plan.

**Correspondence** – The Township is in receipt of the following correspondence: 1. August 2009 Log from Ridge Fire Company 2. July 2009 Log from Chester County Emergency Services 3. PSATS NewsBulletin.

**Additional Business** – 1. Mrs. Donnell made a motion to approve a release from the Bucktown Crossing Financial Security for the amount approved and recommended by the Township Engineer. Mr. Blevins seconded the motion. It was approved with all ayes. 2. Mrs. Donnell made a motion to approve a proposal to repair a generator block heater at the Ridglea Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Prizer seconded the motion. It was carried with all ayes.

**Financial Business** - Mr. Blevins announced that there was \$67,952.27 in Receipts and the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved \$80,946.39 in Disbursements.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the South Coventry Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred W. Donnell  
Secretary-Treasurer