

MINUTES
EXETER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

Public Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Exeter Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7: 01 PM at the Reading Country Club by David Speece, Chairperson.

Supervisors Present: David Speece, Chairperson
Michelle Kircher, Vice Chairperson
John Cusatis
Gregory Galtere
Joseph Staub

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Laurie Getz, Township Secretary
Sam Cortes, Fox Rothschild, Solicitor
Wendell Morris, Chief of Police
Clarence Hamm, Highway Superintendent
Joseph Rogosky, Great Valley Consultants, Township Engineer

REGULAR MEETING

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Savage explained that two bills will be received by property owners this year for taxes, county and Township. The County cannot accommodate the Homestead Exemption, so the Township was required to mail their tax bill separately. We had been on target, but unfortunately there was a software issue by our tax bill mailer resulting in a mailing delay. They were mailed last Friday, one week late. Residents with questions should contact the Township or the Township Tax Collector.

Mr. Staub suggested that a statement be added to the website directing residents to contact their mortgage company regarding escrow.

Carol Leiby, 30 E. 34th Street; A resident stated that her tax bill was substantially less than last year, asked if that is related to these changes. Ms. Savage explained that yes, that is a direct result of the Homestead Exemption. The first \$50,000 of your home's assessed value is now exempt. This is the first year that the Township has implemented it.

Dorothy Reilly; Asked where the money from the Homestead Exemption came from. **Ms. Savage** stated that this was implemented as part of the sale of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Asked if it will happen every year. **Mr. Cusatis** responded indicating that it has to be re-enacted yearly by the Board.

Mr. Speece announced that Michele Gilbert, Interim Township Manager has resigned from her position.

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Motion of Mr. Cusatis seconded by Ms. Kircher the Board unanimously accepted Michele Gilbert's resignation.

Mr. Speece explained that the succession plan for the Interim Township Manager position will be discussed under new business.

Mr. Speece explained that individuals are in attendance to present on the Lincolnwood Development. **Mr. Rogosky** explained that at a Feb Planning Commission meeting, a sketch plan was presented. The Planning Commission suggested that the applicant appear before the Board for a sketch plan presentation to make the Board aware of the project. In the future, they will need to appear for a conditional use waiver.

Bill Swanick with HRG, explained that the proposed development will be located South of the Walmart shopping center. There are 30-acres of vacant property where they are looking to expand the manufactured home community. The plan involves extending into the wooded area to increase the number of homes by approximately 100 units. There are about 107 existing homes. They are working with the Engineer on traffic concerns, tree survey, as well as topo surveys of the property. Are aware they will need to come before the Board again for a conditional use waiver.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Agenda Items

Dorothy Reilly; Prefaced her comments by stating that she doesn't like coming to the meetings, didn't run for office, doesn't get paid to be here. Does not think residents should have to watch everything that the Supervisors do. Hopes that trust will be restored. Does not like the rules being included on the agenda, finds it to be adversarial. Thinks residents need to be treated better. Mentioned a golf committee meeting happening tomorrow. Thought it was said that if the property isn't developed, that the property would remain greenspace. Asked for clarification from the Board. Stated that Mr. Cusatis has been posting on social media about the RCC, has been sharing his opinions regarding what should be done with the greenspace at the RCC. Ms. Reilly read aloud social media posts that she stated were made by Mr. Cusatis. Thinks the DA should look into the actions taken by previous Board members. Hopes that the Board will put a stop to character assassinations by Supervisors.

Mr. Speece stated that the rules being included on the agenda is an effort to apply rules fairly to everyone. Reminded residents that comments should be directed to the Board as a whole, not to single specific Board members out.

David Hughes; Thinks that capital requirements of the RCC should be evaluated before putting out RFP's. Discussed stipends, stated that the IRS has specific regulations related to stipends. He thinks that the stipends are unnecessary, employees are very well paid, best in the county. Doesn't think it's legal to give employees stipends. He thinks that the public has been very civil, it's the Board that has not been civil.

REGULAR APPROVALS

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Minutes

MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Cusatis, to approve the February 24, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Kircher requested that the minutes be tabled until she can review the video. **Mr. Speece** stated that there is no video.

Ms. Kircher asked that the minutes be amended to state that she did not think that the restaurant was located in a blighted area and to remove the line stating that it is county-wide requiring extensive review.

Mr. Galtere withdrew his original motion.

MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Cusatis the Board unanimously approved the February 24, 2020 minutes subject to Ms. Kircher's two edits.

Disbursements

Mr. Staub asked for several clarifications from Ms. Savage. **Ms. Savage** explained that there were monthly health insurance bills paid for Teamsters Employees, DVIT is for Township Employees. City of Reading payment was for training at the Reading Police Academy for the new recruit, and uniform purchase. Fox Rothchild bill was for December 2019 still related to JMH, charges for Right to Know Requests and general advice. Invoice for Scott's Exeter Car Care is related to car wash stickers that we pay annually so Township vehicles can be maintained. We get a bulk discounted rate.

Mr. Speece discussed that there are two different versions of the disbursements, asked if we can potentially post a more detailed version.

MOTION of Mr. Speece seconded by Mr. Staub, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED payment of the bills presented on the Disbursement List dated March 6, 2020 in the amounts of \$283,265.04 in the General Fund; \$2,602.22 in the Developer's Escrow Fund; \$10,550.03 in the Sewer Fund; \$8,829.21 in the Golf Fund; \$11,080.53 in the RCC F&B Fund; \$1,060.56 in the Promenade Fund; \$15,320.64 in the State Liquid Fuels Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on Reading Country Club

Mr. Galtere clarified that it's not a formal committee yet, just Mr. Galtere and Ms. Kircher. They came to the conclusion that they think there should be restaurant operations. Whether that is one person, or multiple in order to run the restaurant and banquet facilities. Asked if we need RFP's to start the process to get food and beverage facilities in the RCC.

Mr. Galtere asked who writes the RFP's that they have requested? Would like to get the formal process started because it's lengthy. **Ms. Kircher** stated that we could contact cooking schools for advice, and

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allow them to come and tour the facility for ideas. **Mr. Cusatis** mentioned the Chamber of Commerce. **Ms. Kircher** mentioned bringing the chef in that attended before for ideas.

Mr. Galtere asked who is writing the RFP for the entire property that was authorized? **Mr. Speece** responded that no one is currently writing it, they authorized it but did not decide who was responsible for writing it. **Mr. Speece** suggested that we refer to a prior RFP to assist in drafting it.

Mr. Cortes discussed the liquor license, decisions would need to be made regarding who will be responsible for selling liquor before the RFP is done.

Mr. Galtere would like to see an RFP for lower level restaurant, banquet facility, and for both.

Mr. Cortes stated it's possible, with alternate proposals required. What would it look like with a management company responsible for the liquor, or Township responsible for the liquor. Can require those who respond to submit multiple proposals.

Mr. Galtere doesn't want to make a decision until he can see proposals. Doesn't want to limit options, thinks it's possible that multiple entities might be a good idea.

Mr. Speece stated that there is another company he is aware of similar to Golf Property Analysts, suggesting that the Board hold conversations with them and Golf Property Analysts for ideas. **Mr. Cortes** suggested speaking to other golf courses as well. **Ms. Kircher** suggested speaking to a chef for advice on the property, because there is only one kitchen for two floors. Would like to hear feedback on that.

Mr. Speece and **Mr. Cortes** discussed possible RFP formats. It can be asked to be done in multiple ways. **Mr. Staub** suggested making it as simple as any/all food and beverage services for the Reading Country Club. **Mr. Galtere** would like to make sure as many options are given as possible, so choices are not limited.

Mr. Reilly; asked if a separate event company is reasonable given that there is only one full kitchen.

Tim Morgan; Stated that vendors are used to reading RFP's, so if they're given all of the options, they'll understand what the Board is looking for. He thinks it makes sense to have an open comment section but include detailed information on what the Board is looking for.

MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Cusatis the Board unanimously approved RFP for the Operation of the First Floor Restaurant, Operation of Banquet Facilities, and Operation of all Food and Beverage Operations.

Mr. Cortes stated that it doesn't have to be done now, but the Board will need to decide how the RFP will be written.

Mr. Speece and **Mr. Galtere** discussed that they can look into templates.

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Authorize Township Engineer to Work on Trout Run Secondary Access Plan

Mr. Rogosky explained that a Master Plan for Trout Run Sports Complex was completed by Simone Collins, and it includes the concept of a secondary access. The purpose of a Master Plan is to allow for future grants and park improvements. Currently there is only one access to the complex. A secondary access would allow for more attendance to events held at the park, but also emergency services. The secondary access would be from Gibraltar Road into the park. Access road would also serve as a bike/walking path. Can be gated off at the Township's discretion to keep vehicles off. PA American Water requires a sewer interceptor center along the existing pathway. This must be replaced by PA American Water as part of the acquisition of the sewer plant within the next two years. The Township met with PA American water last fall regarding bringing domestic water into the park, it is currently on a well. This would allow for additional bathroom facilities. The well requires constant testing due to the condition of the water.

Mr. Hamm explained that the well will not be sufficient when the planned improvements and expansion to the park is completed. **Mr. Rogosky** stated that PA American Water would prefer to work with the Township so all of this work can be done at once. This will require large environmental studies, and coordinating with PA American Water on this will allow for minimal disturbance of the environment as well as sharing the environmental study.

Mr. Rogosky explained that he is seeking approval to proceed with preliminary environmental studies and prepare numbers and visuals for presentation to the Board. PA American Water is aggressive in their planning at this point because they would like to get their work done. They are receptive to sharing costs with the Township if we complete work together.

Environmental studies will take some time because a project scope meeting with DEP will need to occur. Permitting process can take several months. Hoping to get the environmental work taken care of this year.

Mr. Speece stated that he is aware that a year and a half planning process for Trout Run was completed. This is a first step in a multi-year process.

Mr. Hamm stated that this access would also be a safety asset. It could allow for an additional detour off of 422. He also explained that there are three pieces of private land at the parking lot where the trail head is, if the Township acquired them it would allow parking expansion which is in need, and is also necessary to the road work. **Mr. Rogosky** explained that currently an easement would be required at a minimum. **Mr. Hamm** recommended that the Township look into acquiring those properties.

MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Cusatis, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the Township Engineer and Solicitor to proceed with working on the Trout Run Secondary Access Plan.

Monthly Golf Report

Mr. Sandritter stated that rounds were up in February, 510 in 2020 over 187 rounds in February 2019. Up in rounds YTD, 929 vs. 318. 44% in February played by residents. Revenue is up, related to good weather and increased play. 56 players for February 8th Jack Frost Tournament. 112 rounds on Feb 12th, highest number of rounds in February in his career.

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Mr. Speece stated that performance isn't solely weather related, staff has been doing a great job. Total costs are down, revenues are up.

Mr. Galtere stated that Mr. Sandritter has been doing a great job of organizing tournaments and works a lot of hours. Thanked Brian for all of the hours he puts in.

Mr. Galtere commented about the golf committee, quoted something Mr. Cusatis posted on social media. He disagreed with his comment because he does not think that the intent of the committee is what Mr. Cusatis posted. Mr. Galtere does not support adding a tennis court, or a pool, or anything like that to the property.

Mr. Staub stated that the plan for the golf committee meeting tomorrow, there will be a brief introduction and then presentations by Derrick and Brian. There will then be an opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions. The meeting is at 6pm at the RCC.

Mr. Speece thanked the volunteers who have been doing work at the RCC.

Monthly Right to Know Request Report

Mr. Speece stated that the report has been posted to the website.

Mr. Galtere stated that he wanted to compliment Ms. Stephens because 8 of the 11 requests were completed within 5 days. He recognized her hard work, and stated that sometimes they will take longer but appreciated the responsiveness.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize the Administration to Seek Bids for the Demolition of the Radio Shack Building

Mr. Hamm explained that as part of the Perkiomen Avenue Streetscape project, Radio Shack needs to be demolished to allow for the sidewalk/curbing plan. That intersection will be re-aligned, \$500K of grant funding is set aside for the work but the Township must do the demolition work. The Police Department and Fire Department will be using the property for training before demolition takes place. The demolition costs count towards our project match for the grant funding.

MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Cusatis, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the Administration to seek bids for the demolition of the Radio Shack building.

Authorize Purchase of 2019 Caterpillar 440 Backhoe Loader for \$161,000.00

Mr. Piersol explained that cost savings were achieved by government pricing, as well as by purchasing a 2019 leftover model. The current loader owned by the Township is not roadworthy. The old loader will be sold on Municibid. This is a budgeted item. The seller has requested that the payment be made within 30-days.

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MOTION of Mr. Speece seconded by Mr. Galtere, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the purchase of the 2019 Caterpillar 440 Backhoe Loader for \$161,000.00.

MOTION of Mr. Speece seconded by Mr. Cusatis, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED placing the old backhoe loader on Municibid.

Authorize Weeks Tree Service for the Removal of Trees at the Reading Country Club in the amount of \$11,075.00

Mr. Hamm explained that there are several trees that need to be removed on the property and require removal by crane.

Mr. Speece stated that this has been planned for some time.

MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Staub, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED contract with Weeks Tree Service for the removal of trees at the Reading Country Club in the amount of \$11,075.00.

Approve Contract with Golf Cart Services, Inc. in the amount of \$29,975.00

Mr. Speece explained that this is a lease to replace the 11-year old fleet currently owned. Over \$30K was spent last year keeping the current fleet running last year. **Mr. Hamm** clarified that this is a 4-year lease. **Mr. Galtere** stated that he is a member of the RCC, and has received a response from the Ethics Commission stating that he can participate and vote on RCC matters with no ethics concerns. **Mr. Speece** stated that he received an extension letter from the commission.

Mr. Hughes asked if this should go out for bid. **Mr. Speece** stated that it did, three were received and this was the best price. The company is COSTARS approved so technically the bid was not necessary, but they did seek three anyway. **Mr. Cusatis** asked if fees are increased to pay for this. **Mr. Speece** confirmed yes it was done last year in anticipation.

Mr. Staub stated that this is a 4-year contract with an option to buy at the end.

Ms. Reilly questioned what Mr. Galtere means by membership. She discussed the language and suggested it be called something other than a membership to sound more inclusive. **Mr. Speece** explained that options have been floated, but membership is the common term used by most courses.

MOTION of Mr. Staub seconded by Mr. Galtere, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED contract with Golf Cart Services, Inc. in the amount of \$29,975.00.

Authorize Destruction of the Fire Police Vehicle 1994 Ford Ambulance VIN# 1FDKE30MXRHA80951

Mr. Hamm explained that the vehicle is not roadworthy.

MOTION of Mr. Speece seconded by Mr. Galtere, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the destruction of Fire Police Vehicle 1994 Ford Ambulance VIN# 1FDKE30MXRHA80951.

Mr. Speece called a recess at 8:21PM.

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Mr. Speece reconvened the meeting at 8:25PM.

Authorization Stipends for Interim Township Positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Township Manager

Mr. Speece explained that in the absence of a current Township Manager, existing staff are being asked to step up and take on additional job duties, and put in additional work. Clarified that it should be called a temporary increase in salary and not a stipend.

Mr. Staub commented that in the corporate world this is common practice, when people are given additional responsibilities, they are awarded additional compensation. He thinks it's the right thing to do, if employees are doing more work and putting in extra hours they should be compensated.

Mr. Speece stated that they reached out to other leaders from other municipalities and collected information on pay ranges to help in this decision.

Mr. Hughes asked what the amount of pay is. **Mr. Speece** responded that they are about to discuss amounts.

Mr. Hughes stated that he doesn't think anyone is working overtime because he doesn't see cars in the parking lot. Said it's not in the budget.

Mr. Speece stated that it is. They are not currently paying a Township Manager or an Assistant Township Manager.

Mr. Hughes doesn't think that any Township employees are working extra. Doesn't think anyone works over 8-hours.

Mr. Speece stated that the employees are working over and above their responsibilities and are working extra hours.

Mr. Galtere suggested that it is his understanding that the Treasurer job involved the least additional responsibilities, then Secretary, then Manager. **Mr. Speece** clarified that it's time requirement versus responsibilities. **Mr. Galtere** agreed, and suggested \$200/month for Treasurer, \$300/month for Secretary, and \$500/month for Manager.

Mr. Speece stated that he has been collecting data and speaking to other municipalities. He suggested \$300/month for the Treasurer, \$500/month for Secretary, and \$1000/month for Manager.

Mr. Speece stated that there are currently over 25 applicants for the Township Manager position. Hope to start interviews in the end of March. In the interim, they would like to do the right thing for the existing employees who are picking up the slack.

Mr. Galtere and Mr. Staub both stated they would support those numbers. **Mr. Staub** feels employees putting in extra time should be compensated.

Mr. Cortes clarified that this temporary increase in salary is in effect so long as those employees are doing the additional job duties. **Mr. Speece** also clarified that the increases are retroactive.

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MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Speece, for a temporary increase in salary of \$300/month for the Treasurer, \$500/month for Secretary, and \$1000/month for Manager.

Mr. Cortes stated that the motions should be done individually due to the retroactive nature.

Motion withdrawn by Mr. Galtere and Mr. Speece.

MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Staub, the Board APPROVED temporary salary increase for Interim Township Treasurer in the amount of \$300/month retroactive to the person in the position.

Opposed by Ms. Kircher

MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Speece, the Board APPROVED temporary salary increase for Interim Township Secretary in the amount of \$500/month retroactive to the person in the position.

Opposed by Ms. Kircher

MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Cusatis, the Board APPROVED temporary salary increase for Interim Township Treasurer in the amount of \$1000/month retroactive to the person in the position.

Opposed by Ms. Kircher.

Ms. Kircher stated she has nothing against the employees doing the work, but she doesn't believe in giving them additional money on top of the salaries they already have.

Adopt Check Signing Procedure

Ms. Savage stated that we are short on authorized check signers because of the current short-staffed position of the Township. We only have one of three. Ms. Savage suggests adding the Board Chairperson, and Vice Chairperson to the existing policy of Township Manager and Accounting Officer.

MOTION of Mr. Staub seconded by Mr. Cusatis, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED adoption of the revised check signing procedure.

Appointment for the Exeter Township Planning Commission for the 2020-2023 Term

Mr. Speece stated that he was happy to have received three applications for the position.

MOTION of Mr. Cusatis seconded by Mr. Galtere, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED Todd Arnold for the appointment to the Exeter Township Planning Commission for the 2020-2023 term.

Approve Resolution Approving and Adopting Tax Collector Fees

Ms. Savage explained that the Tax Collector has requested an increase in the tax certification fee. That is the fee paid by someone buying or selling a home, it comes from the buyer of the property and is

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handled in their settlement. This fee last increased two years ago, from \$40 to \$50. This would not put us highest in the county, this would be middle of the road.

Mr. Staub stated that this is a pass-through fee handled by a title company in the process of settlement.

MOTION of Mr. Staub seconded by Mr. Cusatis, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED Resolution NO. 11 Approving and Adopting Tax Collector Fees.

Authorize Advertisement of Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Daniel Boone Homestead Master Plan

Ms. Getz explained that the Township has received a \$50,000 grant to complete a Master Plan in conjunction with PHMC, who owns the property. **Mr. Speece** asked what the match would be. **Ms. Getz** stated that there is a match, but did not have the exact figure present at the meeting.

Ms. Kircher stated that she thinks we are trying to develop too much. We might want to talk to the county, they have a lot of money for parks. We should consider allowing the County the opportunity to do this, rather than the Township.

MOTION of Mr. Galtere seconded by Mr. Speece, for advertisement of Request For Proposal (RFP) for the Daniel Boone Homestead Master Plan subject to DCNR final approval.

The motion was withdrawn by Mr. Galtere.

This item was tabled until the match amount could be verified.

Approve Study Committee for the Daniel Boone Homestead Master Plan Process

MOTION of Mr. Speece seconded by Mr. Cusatis, the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED tabling approval of study committee for the Daniel Boone Homestead Master Plan Process.

Appointment to Interim Township Manager Position

Mr. Speece explained that the Board must consider making an appointment to the now vacant Interim Township Manager role.

Mr. Hoover asked if candidates applying to the Township Manager role will be made public?

Mr. Cortes stated that the candidates might require confidentiality, it might not be possible to release the names.

Mr. Speece stated that as it gets down to the final candidates, they will look into what can be released.

MOTION by Mr. Speece seconded by Mr. Galtere the Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED Clarence Hamm to the role of Interim Township Manager.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clarence Hamm; Highway Department/Public Works: They put a tarp over the salt pile today due to lack of snow. Will save it for next year. Working in the parks, taking advantage of the nice weather.

Chief Wendell Morris; Police Department: Last Thursday a Motor Carrier Safety Inspection detail was conducted, 7 trucks and 3 drivers were put out of service. 65 citations, over \$10K in fines. Successful detail, officers did a great job.

Asking for help from the public, Friday at 2pm a dark colored BMW pulled into a residence at the 5000 block of Boyertown Pike dumped a bag containing a malnourished and abused Pit Bull dog. Asking the residents to take a look at the Police Department's Facebook page to view the photo of the vehicle and contact the ETPD with any tips.

Mr. Speece asked about automated ticketing he read about. **Chief Morris** explained that starting today, PennDOT will be using automated ticketing in active construction zones. Drivers will be ticketed if they are going 11 miles over the speed limit or more. It will be a fine, not a point violation.

ENGINEER REPORT

Joe Rogosky, Great Valley Consultants: Update on Butter Lane culvert project. It is ready to go out to bid, but during utility coordination meeting Mt. Penn Water raised a potential conflict with the new culvert that needs to be worked out. They would prefer that our contractor do the relocation work at their expense, not the Township's expense. Mt. Penn Water would do the design work. We will need an agreement between the two entities so that the Township can get reimbursed for the work. The advantage of doing it this way is that it avoids delay in the construction.

MOTION of Mr. Speece seconded by Mr. Galtere the Board Unanimously Approved our Solicitor to contact their solicitor to prepare an agreement.

Mr. Speece commented on the Agenda format, stated that the rules were added to the document to help people to have information at the meetings. Wants there to be respect of the public, the Board, and the Township employees. There is a resolution in existence that establishes the rules that are documented on the agenda. Looked at past caselaw, the purpose of public comment is to address the Board not to attack individuals.

Mr. Cortes clarified that he was asked to look into whether or not a personal attack was made against a specific individual was appropriate. The courts have spoken that those types of attacks are not appropriate. The Board can prescribe personal attacks and implement restrictions. It can be a fine line to determine what is an attack and what is criticism, but it would be appropriate.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Sam Cortes, Fox Rothchild: Executive session was held discussed tax dispute and personnel matters.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Morgan; Thanked the Board on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 319 for approving their fundraiser scheduled for next month. Hoping to make enough money to buy new equipment. Stated that as of Fall 2019 the Township has begun charging youth organizations for the use of our fields. He disagrees with that practice. Doesn't think Township youth organizations should be charged, thinks it's double-dipping. Stated that if it's a maintenance issue, we should consider working with those organizations.

David Hughes; Spoke about 'Old Business', would like to see it somehow tracked on the agenda to keep track of tabled items. Specifically, topics that are raised but still pending. Clarifying statement on the website needs to be reviewed and updated. Said people need to speak right into the microphones in order for people to hear them.

Mr. Speece asked for patience as we continue to work to make improvements.

Vinny Biancone; Congratulated Clarence. Thanked Michele Gilbert for her service to the Township. Stated that the current employees have done a lot to make Exeter Township a better place.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Mr. Cusatis: Commended the Exeter Township Fire Department and Larry Piersol for something they did this weekend. **Mr. Piersol** explained that on Saturday the Fire Department was conducting a rescue of an individual who fell off an overlook on Neversink Mountain. Mr. Piersol took his personal equipment to assist in the rescue because an ATV was necessary. He drove in reverse for over 2-miles to reach the individual.

Mr. Cusatis wished Michele Gilbert the best.

Mr. Galtere: Thanked Michele for her work, was put in a difficult position she did a great job. Can't attend the Thursday evening training because Mamma Mia opens at the Exeter Township High School, his wife is the director. School raised a lot of money.

Mr. Staub: Thanked the staff for their work. Will be attending his fourth new supervisor training course on Thursday and will seek some advice on RFP's discussed earlier. Reminder for the Golf Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 at 6pm at the RCC.

Ms. Kircher: Wished everyone a nice evening and a nice day tomorrow.

Mr. Speece: Thanked Michele for her work, and the rest of the staff. Does receive correspondence from staff all weekend long. Short-term lodging will be on the March 23rd agenda, it has been reviewed and recommendations made by the Zoning Officer. Noise Ordinance is under review by legal counsel, hoping for it to be on the March 23rd Agenda. Chief Morris is working on the Noise Ordinance. Still working on scheduling the Service Electric Cable Television Franchise Agreement meeting, trying to get participation by outside agencies for the meeting. Discussed the building at the Reading Country Club, does the Board want to consider opening it up for rentals. There is a staff cost to that, opened it to Mr. Sandritter and Board members for comment.

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Mr. Galtere commented that Mr. Sandritter was here all weekend working on the course, does not think he can take on those additional duties.

Pat Vlasak asked if it would be ok to consider opening that up to volunteers to run events. **Mr. Speece** stated they could look into that, but there still would be a staff requirement. **Ms. Vlasak** also suggested reaching out to Vo-Tech.

Mr. Speece wished Michele Gilbert well in her new endeavor.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION of Mr. Cusatis, seconded by Mr. Galtere, the meeting adjourned at 9:22PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Getz
Township Secretary