

**MEETING GENERALITIES:**

The Forks Township Board of Supervisors met in a Regular Meeting at the Municipal Building, 1606 Sullivan Trail, Easton, Pennsylvania on his date with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Members present were:**

Dan Martyak, Vice Chairman  
Erik Chuss, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ed Moore, Supervisor  
Brian Frey, Supervisor

**Others Present:**

John V. Cornell, Township Manager  
Tim Weis, Building & Zoning Officer  
Steve Kramer, Public Works Director  
James Farley, Finance Director  
Lisa Pereia, Solicitor  
Sean Policelli, Township Engineer  
Greg Dorney, Police Chief  
Chuck Gallagher, Fire Chief  
Barb Bartek, Human Resource Manager

**Absent:**

John O'Neil Chairman  
Rachel Sulzbach, Parks & Recreation Director

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:** Board of Supervisor Vice Chairman Dan Martyak chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and then announced prior to this evening's meeting Brian Frey was sworn in as the newest Supervisor. The other members welcomed Mr. Frey. At this time Mr. Martyak asked for any Public Comment on non-agenda items.

- Ms. Kelly Keegan addressed the Board regarding restricting plastic bags and plastic straws. It was suggested the Board consider passing an ordinance regulating a prohibiting use by businesses with in the Township. Ms. Keegan read from a prepared statement noting the negative impact plastic bags have on the environment such unsightly trash, was of oil and cost. The Board thanked Ms. Keegan for the information and then members shared their thoughts on the topic. It was agreed to take under advisement the topic and to continue discussion at a future work session and the seek the input of the F.B.A. (Forks Business Association).
- Mr. Edward Cole addressed the Board regarding the issue of Forks Landing and potential apartments. Mr. Cole announced he would be represented by Counsel at the next meeting and asked the Supervisors to keep an open mind when his attorney Joel Sheer addresses the Board.

**1. Gerrymandering Resolution discussion**

*Mr. Taylor has requested the opportunity discuss a resolution regarding gerrymandering.*

- Mr. Richard Taylor addressed the Board and public regarding the history and perceived unfairness of gerrymandering in the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Taylor shared data on the most recent re-districting process that ended up being appealed and litigated. Mr. Taylor requested the Board of Supervisors consider passing a resolution encouraging the Pennsylvania legislature pass legislation creating a non-partisan redistricting gerrymandering commission. The supervisors agreed to take it under consideration when the full board was available.

**2. EOP Plan discussion EMC Chuck Chapman**

*Emergency Management Coordinator Chuck Chapman will present the updated EOP Plan.*

- Mr. Charles “Chuck” Chapman the Township Emergency Management Coordinator announced the Township’s Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was recently updated. Chuck provided an overview of the update and noted the Northampton County coordinator was satisfied with the update. Chuck recommended the Board officially adopt the Plan and the next meeting, April 18, 2019. Chuck then also recommended Supervisors appoint Andrew Trumbauer as an additional EMA assistant coordinator the begin the transition for the future.

**3. Ladder Truck discussion**

*Fire Chief Chuck Gallagher will discuss potential purchase of a future ladder truck.*

- Fire Chief Chuck Gallagher provided an overview of the current condition of the existing ladder truck. Chuck explained the mechanical problems, the 25 years of age and the undependability of vehicle. He then explained a “stock” replacement truck could be obtained for 1.4 million dollars. The Board then discussed the needs and financial options. It was agreed the fire department could proceed with replacement discussion but was limited to only information gathering at this time. It was further agreed to consider discussion in a couple of months pending a financial strategy.

**4. 4650 Braden Blvd preliminary plan discussion**

*A Preliminary plan is pending with the Township for 48,000 square foot addition to the Bakerly Bakery.*

- Township Zoning Officer Tim Weis provided an informal overview of the plan. Tim noted the Supervisors had granted Conditional Use to the project and the formal preliminary plan consideration would take place at the April 18, 2019 regular meeting. Further it was explained this was a 48,000 square foot addition to the existing bakery plant.

**5. 4300 Braden Blvd preliminary plan discussion**

*A Preliminary/final plan is pending for a warehouse 105,000 square foot building*

- Township Zoning Officer Tim Weis provided an informal overview of the plan. Tim noted the Supervisors had granted Conditional Use to the project and the formal preliminary plan consideration would take place at the April 18, 2019 regular meeting. Further it was explained this was a 105,000 square foot warehouse building the future user is yet to be determined.

**6. Truck Parking Solutions**

*The Planning Commission has been discussing ways to accommodate tractor/trailer parking*

- Tim Weis explained considering the increases in tractor trailer activity in the region the Township Planning Commission has expressed an interest adding truck parking uses to the zoning ordinance. And they wanted to know if the supervisors agree. The consensus of the Board was to proceed.

**7. Department Head Roundtable**

- **Township Manager:** It was noted 2 potential applications had been received for the 2 year Alternate Planning Commission position.
- **Township Engineer:** Provided an update on the Frutchie Hill Road project.
- **Township Solicitor:** Noted the two Conditional Use decisions were available for signature.
- **Human Resource Manager:** Nothing to Report
- **Public Works Director:** Road bids will be available for the next meeting
- **Police Chief:** No to report
- **Zoning Officer:** Nothing additional to report
- **Fire Chief:** Presented information on tax relief for fire fighters

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Minutes prepared by John V Cornell without benefit of recordation.