

Exeter Township Board of Supervisors Meeting 1/9/2006 Summary

- 4 of 5 Supervisors present (Mr. Barbieri absent)
- The Board of Supervisors accepted, Chief of Police, **Gerard Radke's Retirement Letter**. Every Supervisor imparted their good feelings for Chief Radke and let him know that he did many great things for Exeter Township and that he will be sorely missed. Many officers were present to witness Chief Radke receive a plack recognizing his achievements while serving in Exeter Township and a standing ovation was made following the presentation.
- Eric Simms spoke and thanked the township for the Festival of Lights. He also imparted his suggestions to hold the **May Day (Community Days) three-day event** to a location better suited for large crowds, vehicle access and parking. He stated that a school was probably not the optimal place for this activity, which is slated to conclude with a fireworks display. Mr. Simms made several suggestions including the possibility of using Daniel Boone Homestead for the event.
- **Cross-town Connector** Mr. Simms asked for the status of the project and was told there was no new information. Having received this information, Mr. Simms asked the board to consider allowing the general public to attend the currently closed Cross-town Connector Committee Meetings.
- **Pioneer Crossing Landfill** representatives attended the meeting and wished to explain the source of odors that had recently increased and were reported by residents of other communities. It was explained that the landfill is undertaking, at considerable expense, a project to "cap" an area of the landfill that will not be disturbed for several years. Capping was detailed as a means of covering the area to prevent escape of gases and odors while also minimizing leaching of materials to surrounding areas. In the opinion of the landfill Environmental Compliance Department, this capping is environmentally conscious as well as being neighborly by minimizing future disturbance of the owners of properties close to the landfill. Ms. Starr replied that there have been a few complaints by Exeter Township residents recently about an increase in odors and she asked how much longer this situation would last. The landfill representatives informed the board that this capping involves some disturbance of trash in the landfill, hence the odors, and that this

- project would only take another 2 to 3 weeks. The odors should be much better within 3 weeks. The board asked the landfill representatives to return for the next scheduled meeting to continue their discussion about this project and asked Mr. Bingaman to ensure they were scheduled.
- Mr. Bauscher (the Exeter Township School Board recently paid \$3.74M to purchase his farm even though it was not for sale) requested that the supervisors **consider mandating the use of motion sensing lighting for buildings in the township** where there is little or no nighttime activity, as would be the case with schools that are planned to be built on his farm, which is part of the Agriculture Preservation District. Mr. Bauscher further stated that this is environmentally friendly and it would be beneficial in terms of keeping the normally dark Ag Preservation land surrounding the farm from being too bright at night.
 - **Michelle Kircher** read a letter stating that she was **abstaining from voting on Exeter Community Library funding**. As a member of the Library Board, voting on library funding would be a conflict of interest.
 - Supervisor Voting:
 - 4-0 to approve the new Crossing Guard Ordinance
 - 4-0 to approve the preliminary plan for construction of an Applebee's Restaurant
 - 4-0 to authorize Execution of Police MCT Agreement (allowing the Police Department to maintain funds that Berks County wanted to keep in escrow for the future purchase of laptops for the departments.
 - 3-0 to approve funds for the library that were incurred due to unforeseen large rocks that hinder the construction of the new library (approximately \$81K).
 - 4-0 to appoint Reinsel, Kuntz, Leshner LLP – 2005 Tax Collector Auditors
 - 3-0 to ratify the 2006-2009 Teamster's Contract (Kircher abstained due to not being part of previous meetings having just been elected to the board)
 - 4-0 to allow a holding tank maintenance agreement (Haas/Smith)
 - Other Decisions
 - To table the decision on the Exeter Ambulance Budget Amendment until next meeting

- To table the decision on authorization of the Billy Casper Management Agreement for the newly acquired golf course. This decision was made based on concerns raised by Michelle Kircher who believes that the contract called for too much money to be paid by Exeter if we decided to break the contract within the first 3 years. The contract puts this penalty at \geq \$100K. Those in attendance at the meeting agreed that this amount seemed excessive.

For more information, view the Official Meeting Minutes at <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/exeter>.