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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 BUSINESS MEETING**

AGENDA**January 7, 2008****Call to Order Immediately following 6:30 p.m. Reorganization Meeting**

1. Public Comment (Maximum 30 minutes)
2. Board's Announcements:
 - The **Annual Board of Auditors Reorganization Meeting** will be held Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., immediately followed by a regular meeting.
 - **"Family Fun Friday"** sponsored by the Buckingham Township Park and Recreation Commission continues with the following upcoming events:
 - Movie: "Iron Giant", January 11, 2008 at the township building.
 - Family Dancing: January 25, 2008, 7-9 p.m., Buckingham Friends School
3. Consideration of approving the Payroll for the weeks ending December 23, 2007 and January 6, 2008 and Bill List for the meeting of January 7, 2008.
4. Consideration of amending Supervisor's Minutes of November 14, 2007, per the Landscape Review Consultant's request.
5. Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.
6. Consideration of accepting **Request for Extension** to the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to March 21, 2008, as submitted by Bill Bolla of McNamara, Bolla, Williams & Panzer on behalf of Sal DiNardo, Four Seasons Development Group, for the **"Four Seasons Subdivision"**, Township File SA 2006-07.
 OR
 Consideration of approving Preliminary/Final Plan of Minor Subdivision (plan dated "Rev. 12/14/06") of the **"Four Seasons Subdivision"**, Township File SA 2006-07, submitted by The Major Group on behalf of Sal DiNardo, Four Seasons Development Group, T.P. 6-8-52, Forest Grove and Swamp Roads, 15.96 Acres, Proposed 2 Lots, in the AG-1 Zoning District, with a 90-day review period expiration of January 21, 2008.

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- 7. Consideration of accepting the Agreement to Extend the Residential Development Contract and Tripartite Escrow Agreement to January 23, 2009 covering "**Quarry Valley Farm**", Township File SA 2000-06.
- 8. Consideration of accepting the Agreement to Extend the Residential Development Contract and Water & Sewer Development Agreement to January 31, 2009 covering "**The Oaks at Buckingham**", Township File SA 97-02.
- 9. Consideration of accepting the Agreement to Extend the Land Development Contract to January 14, 2009 covering "**Bucks County Airport Authority**", Township File LD 2001-03A.
- 10. Consideration of accepting the Agreement to Extend the Residential Development Contract and Tripartite Escrow Agreement to January 12, 2009 covering "**Amberleigh**", Township File SA 2001-11.
- 11. ESCROW RELEASE:

EMC (4059 Doylestown Acquisition, L.L.C.), Township File LD 2000-03	ER # 3, Site	\$9,114.13 Recommended for Release
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- 12. Additional Business / Manager's Items:
 - Request by Mary Ellen Stanton on behalf of the Village Improvement Association's Bucks County Designer House to waive all sign permit fees and escrow amounts relating to the Designer House events AND requesting an extension from the 90-day limit for temporary signs to 5 months (January 10 – May 31) for the sign that will be placed at the property entrance (3990 Mechanicsville Road).
 - Police

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Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held January 7, 2008 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:	Maggie Rash	Chairman
	Jon Forest	Vice Chairman
	Henry W. Rowan	Member
	Craig A. Smith, Esquire	Township Solicitor
	Daniel Gray	Township Engineer
	Thomas Kelso	Township Water/Wastewater Consultant
	Lynn Bush	Bucks County Planning Commission

Mrs. Rash called the regular meeting to order at 8:43 p.m., following a short break after the Reorganization Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rash announced the following items:

- The **Annual Board of Auditors Reorganization Meeting** will be held Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., immediately followed by a regular meeting.
- **"Family Fun Friday"** sponsored by the Buckingham Township Park and Recreation Commission continues with the following upcoming events:
 - 1) Movie: "Iron Giant", January 11, 2008 at the township building.
 - 2) Family Dancing: January 25, 2008, 7-9 p.m., Buckingham Friends School
 - 3) The Buckingham Township website has a very special Senior Citizen's page developed by the township webmaster, Carol Russo. Mrs. Rash recommended everyone take a look at it!
www.buckinghampa.org

PAYROLL AND BILL LIST

Consideration of approving Payroll for the week ending December 23, 2007 and the Bill List for the meeting of January 7, 2008.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve the Payroll for the week ending December 23, 2007 and the Bill List for the meeting of January 7, 2008 in the total amount of \$679,430.58. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Consideration of amending Supervisor's Minutes of November 14, 2007, per the Landscape Review Consultant's request.

Ms. Manicone requested the approved minutes for the Board of Supervisors meeting of November 14, 2007 be amended as follows:

Page 121, line 6 reads as follows:

"Ms. Manicone agreed to go out to the site, do a tree count and get mulch prices from various contractors. She suggested that the trees could be remulched and then extend the maintenance contract."

The underlined sections are in error, and should be revised to read:

"suggested the Township get bids from various local, small contractors who specialize in mulching. Mr. Gray..."

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to amend the Supervisor's Minutes of November 14, 2007, per the Landscape Review Consultant's request. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to accept the various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Consideration of accepting Request for Extension to the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to March 21, 2008, as submitted by Bill Bolla of McNamara, Bolla, Williams & Panzer on behalf of Sal DiNardo, Four Seasons Development Group, for the "Four Seasons Subdivision", Township File SA 2006-07.

OR

Consideration of approving Preliminary/Final Plan of Minor Subdivision (plan dated "Rev. 12/14/06") of the "Four Seasons Subdivision", Township File SA 2006-07, submitted by The Major Group on behalf of Sal DiNardo, Four Seasons Development Group, T.P. 6-8-52, Forest Grove and Swamp Roads, 15.96 Acres, Proposed 2 Lots, in the AG-1 Zoning District, with a 90-day review period expiration of January 21, 2008.

Mr. Sal DiNardo was present for discussion of the "Four Seasons Subdivision".

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Mr. Rowan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to accept a withdrawal of the Preliminary/Final Plan of Minor Subdivision (plan dated "Rev. 12/14/06") of the "Four Seasons Subdivision", Township File SA 2006-07, submitted by The Major Group on behalf of Sal DiNardo, Four Seasons Development Group, T.P. 6-8-52, Forest Grove and Swamp Roads, 15.96 Acres, Proposed 2 Lots, in the AG-1 Zoning District, with a 90-day review period expiration of January 21, 2008, should it be offered by Mr. DiNardo, via notification within five (5) days of this meeting. The withdrawal agreement shall state that plans may be refiled within ninety (90) days without fees being charged and under current zoning.

Mr. Rowan amended the motion to include the following statement: If such withdrawal notice is NOT submitted within five (5) days of this meeting, then the Preliminary/Final Plan of Minor Subdivision (plan dated "Rev. 12/14/06") of the "Four Seasons Subdivision", Township File SA 2006-07 shall be rejected on the basis there is not active plan on file, and should it be determined there IS a plan the rejection shall be based on outstanding issues on the most recent plan as reviewed by Knight Engineering, Inc., Landscape Review Committee, Bucks County Planning Commission, Castle Valley Consultants, Inc. and all other reviews on said plan. Mrs. Rash seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting the Agreement to Extend the Residential Development Contract and Tripartite Escrow Agreement to January 23, 2009 covering "Quarry Valley Farm", Township File SA 2000-06.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to accept the Agreement to Extend the Residential Development Contract and Tripartite Escrow Agreement to January 23, 2009 covering "Quarry Valley Farm", Township File SA 2000-06, pending payment of outstanding fees due in the amount of \$7,340.12. If payment is not received then it shall be withdrawn from the escrow account per the Residential Development Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting the Agreement to Extend the Residential Development Contract and Water & Sewer Development Agreement to January 31, 2009 covering "The Oaks at Buckingham", Township File SA 97-02.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to accept the Agreement to Extend the Residential Development Contract and Water & Sewer Development Agreement to January 31, 2009 covering "The Oaks at Buckingham", Township File SA 97-02. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting the Agreement to Extend the Land Development Contract to January 14, 2009 covering "Bucks County Airport Authority", Township File LD 2001-03A.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to accept the Agreement to Extend the Land Development Contract to January 14, 2009 covering "Bucks County Airport Authority", Township File LD 2001-03A. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting the Agreement to Extend the Residential Development Contract and Tripartite Escrow Agreement to January 12, 2009 covering "Amberleigh", Township File SA 2001-11.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to accept the Agreement to Extend the Residential Development Contract and Tripartite Escrow Agreement to January 12, 2009 covering "Amberleigh", Township File SA 2001-11. The motion carried unanimously.

ESCROW RELEASE

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve Site Escrow Release #3 for EMC (4059 Doylestown Acquisition, L.L.C.), Township File LD 2000-03 in the amount of \$9,114.13. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional Business / Manager's Items

Request by Mary Ellen Stanton on behalf of the Village Improvement Association's Bucks County Designer House to waive all sign permit fees and escrow amounts relating to the Designer House events AND requesting an extension from the 90-day limit for temporary signs to 5 months (January 10 – May 31) for the sign that will be placed at the property entrance (3990 Mechanicsville Road).

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to waive all sign permit fees and escrow amounts relating to the Designer House events, and to instruct staff to refer Mary Ellen Stanton to the Zoning Hearing Board if she wishes to pursue requesting an extension from the 90-day limit for temporary signs to 5 months (January 10 – May 31) for the sign that will be placed at the property entrance (3990 Mechanicsville Road), as that is a Zoning issue and the Board of Supervisors is without the ability or authority to waive the 90-day limit.. The motion carried unanimously.

Police – Hiring of Eric Skillman as Officer

Mr. Forest made a motion that Craig Smith be authorized to prepare a Resolution hiring Eric Skillman as a Police Officer of Buckingham Township.

Mr. Rowan stated it must be understood that when the next officer leaves Buckingham Township he will not be replaced by a new officer.

Mr. Rowan made a motion that Craig Smith be authorized to prepare a Resolution hiring Eric Skillman as Police Officer of Buckingham Township, with the condition that whenever the next officer departs employment by Buckingham Township, the vacant position will not be replaced. Mrs. Rash seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Televising of Board of Supervisor Meetings

Mr. Rowan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to instruct the acting township manager to continue with the efforts and proceed quickly to televise all Board of Supervisor meetings. Mr. Rowan stated there is money budgeted for this item, and he would like it implemented by February 1, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Lookaway Golf Course

Mr. Robert Jeter spoke on behalf of Lookaway Golf Course, requesting dedication be done as soon as possible, as all outstanding issues have been completed. He understands that Lookaway Court is not to be dedicated at this time, and it is his understanding that the residents of Lookaway Court also realize this. Solicitor Smith advised Mr. Jeter to have the residents sign off so that all parties are clear that Lookaway Court will not be dedicated. Mr. Jeter agreed to do so, and will present that letter to Solicitor Smith.

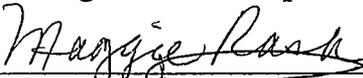
Sam Brangan Question

Mr. Sam Brangan, New Hope Road, questioned if the township is allowed to change the zoning on a county preserved property in order to permit the use of the property for a different purpose than when it was preserved? Solicitor Smith replied the Board of Supervisors is allowed to change zoning on any property in the township. Mr. Brangan asked if the County would change the zoning? Solicitor Smith replied "no", the township has the sole authority to create zoning districts within the Township, not the county. Mr. Brangan asked if you can erect a building on a property regulated by the county without filling the township building requirements. Solicitor Smith advised that certain agricultural buildings do not require permits.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

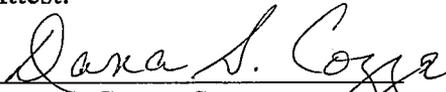
Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 23rd day of January, 2008.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors

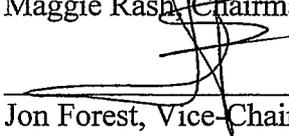


 Maggie Rash, Chairman

Attest:



 Dana S. Cozza, Secretary



 Jon Forest, Vice-Chairman

 Henry W. Rowan, Member