FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
7:00pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

CITIZEN'S INPUT

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VACANCY

- Designation of Township solicitor as temporary chair
- Review of selection process
- Nomination(s) and appointment to vacancy on Board of Supervisors

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Treasurer's Report, DEP Application

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS – RESOLUTIONS

1. **A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR A CONSULTANT TO FACILITATE THE REWRITE OF THE ZONING AND SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Arbor Day Proclamation
2. Board Agenda Organization
3. I-99 Magazine Advertisement
4. Discussion of Bristol Avenue Parking
5. Application to Amend the Traditional Town Development Permitted/Prohibited Uses
6. Request to Sponsor Spring Creek Watershed Commission Meetings on CNET
7. Approval of January 2016 Voucher Report
8. Consent Agenda

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VI. CALENDAR ITEMS – FEBRUARY / MARCH

VII. MINUTES

1. February 1, 2016 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

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NARRATIVE
Provided with the agenda is a copy of a resolution authorizing the Township to submit a grant application to the Department of Community and Economic Development Municipal Assistance Program to help fund the rewrite of the Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances. The Township has appropriated $100,000 in its 2016 Operating Budget; however, the funding opportunity would help to offset that cost. The resolution also authorizes the Township's required match of the $50,000 that would be requested from the program. The Request for Proposal to select a consultant to facilitate the rewrite has been issued on February 10, 2016, with a due date for responses of Friday, March 4, 2016.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
That the Board of Supervisors ***adopt*** the resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Department of Community and Economic Development Municipal Assistance Program to help fund the rewrite of the Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

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1. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

NARRATIVE

Provided with the agenda is a copy of a proclamation declaring April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day. The Township Tree Commission is planning an Arbor Day event at the Young Scholars school property to commemorate Arbor Day. Additionally the Township will be utilizing its spring newsletter and e-newsletter to highlight Arbor Day activities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Supervisors ***approve*** the proclamation proclaiming Arbor Day as April 29, 2016 in Ferguson Township.

2. BOARD AGENDA ORGANIZATION

NARRATIVE

Board member Laura Dininni has requested an opportunity to discuss the possible reorganization of the Board of Supervisors meeting agenda to place COG committee reports as the first agenda item rather than considering those reports later in the meeting agenda as is currently practiced. At the COG General Forum meeting in January COG Chairman Eric Bernier urged the member municipalities governing bodies to thoroughly discuss activities and agenda topics from the various COG committees so that General Forum members were thoroughly informed of COG committee activities and to provide COG committee representatives with sufficient direction from their governing bodies on municipal positions on the various COG committee agenda items. The Board should discuss whether or not this reorganization of the Boards meeting agenda would lead to better discussion of COG committee activities and if so when this agenda reorganization should take place.

3. I-99 MAGAZINE ADVERTISEMENT

NARRATIVE

Ferguson Township along with other Centre Region municipalities has been approached by the publisher of the I-99 Corridor Economic Development Guide to participate in an advertisement sponsoring and promoting economic development. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the I-99 Corridor Economic Development advertising rates as well as a copy of the advertisement which State College placed in the magazine in 2015. The managers of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris and Patton Townships have discussed the possibility of combining our resources to provide an advertisement that promotes the Centre Region versus each of our individual municipalities. Harris Township has declined to participate. Based upon each municipalities population a percentage distribution of the potential cost of doing an advertisement in the magazine utilizing the integrated media rates is as follows:

I-99 Corridor Magazine Centre Region Proposed Cost Distribution

Twp	pop 2014 est	%	1/3 page	1/2 page horiz	1/2 page vert	2/3 page
College	10153	21.61%	$ 552.18	$ 687.25	$ 796.39	$ 921.74
Ferguson	18310	38.97%	$ 995.81	$ 1,239.40	$ 1,436.22	$ 1,662.28
Halfmoon	2708	5.76%	$ 147.28	$ 183.30	$ 212.41	$ 245.85
Harris	5198	0.00%	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Patton	15808	33.65%	$ 859.73	$ 1,070.04	$ 1,239.97	$ 1,435.13
	46979	100.00%	$ 2,555	$ 3,180	$ 3,685	$ 4,265

Board members will recall that the 2016 budget includes an appropriation of $25,000 toward economic development and therefore funding is available to participate in a multi-municipal advertisement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
That the Board of Supervisors ***consider*** participation in a multi-municipal advertisement in the I-99 Corridor Economic Development Magazine up to $1,450 subject to participation by the other Centre Region townships.

4. DISCUSSION OF BRISTOL AVENUE PARKING

NARRATIVE
On December 10, 2015 the Township received a letter from Mr. Cliff Way, a copy of which is provided with the agenda. Mr. Way has requested that the Board of Supervisors consider a parking ban on Bristol Avenue. Due to scheduling Mr. Way has not been available to attend the Board meeting to present this request until the meeting of February 16th. Bristol Avenue has a 26 foot wide cartway and currently does not prohibit parking on either side of the street. Options which the Board may consider include: (a) do nothing (b) consider a 90 day experimental no parking prohibition on either one side of the street or both sides of the street (c) request staff to initiate an engineering study to determine if no parking restrictions are warranted. Note: on a 26 foot wide street parking restrictions will meet the warrants to implement no parking regulations (d) consider no parking regulations during specific time periods during the day. Parking on Bristol Avenue is most noticeable between Saratoga Drive and Concord Drive. Prior to implementing any of the options staff would recommend that the Board notifies property owners within the area of Bristol Avenue being considered for parking regulations to obtain further input.

5. APPLICATION TO AMEND THE TRADITIONAL TOWN DEVELOPMENT PERMITTED/PROHIBITED USES

NARRATIVE
Planning staff reported to the Board at the January 18 meeting that Smith/Packett (tdba) State College AL Investors, LLC, had presented a proposed amendment to the Traditional Town Development (TTD) to allow for an assisted living facility in the TTD. The Board was generally open to this amendment subject to an application being submitted. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the application to amend Chapter 27, Section 701.4.A (1) (d).
If the Board concurs with such an amendment the Township planning staff will begin to develop more fully the amendment for review by the Planning Commission and a recommendation to the Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
That the Board of Supervisors ***approve*** the application to develop a zoning ordinance amendment to the Traditional Town Development zoning district to permit assisted living facilities.

6. REQUEST TO SPONSOR SPRING CREEK WATERSHED COMMISSION MEETINGS ON CNET

NARRATIVE
Provided with the agenda is a copy of a letter from Mr. Dennis Hameister, President of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission, requesting Ferguson Township to sponsor two meetings of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission in 2016 for broadcast on CNET. Also provided with the agenda is a copy of the Township's Sponsorship Policy for CNET programming.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
That the Board of Supervisors ***approve*** sponsoring two meetings of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission in 2016 for broadcast on CNET.

7. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2016 VOUCHER REPORT

NARRATIVE
Provided with the agenda packet information is the January 2016 Voucher Report, if any Board members have questions with regard to any of the payments listed, please advise me prior to the meeting, so that I have the opportunity to research your question and answer it appropriately.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
That the Board of Supervisors ***approve*** the January 2016 voucher list.

8. CONSENT AGENDA
- **a.** January 2016 Treasurer's Report
- **b.** DEP Application – Suburban Avenue Upgrades

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