

**LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP    BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**February 16, 2012**

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held a special meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2011 at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Municipal Building, 2199 Buchert Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Meeting was called to order by Bruce L. Foltz, Vice President of the Board of Commissioners, at 5:35 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following were in attendance:

**Board of Commissioners:** Bruce L. Foltz, Vice-President; Michael McGroarty; James D. Kaiser and Stephen M. Klotz. Commissioner Jonathan H. Spadt, President, was absent.

R. Kurtz Holloway, Solicitor; Rodney P. Hawthorne, Manager and Alyson Elliott, Assistant Manager were also in attendance.

Mr. Hawthorne explained that he received quotes from insurance companies for a \$10,000 paid up life insurance policy for Mike Shade. This is a contractually required item and is also part of Chief Shade's retirement agreement.

Commissioner McGroarty made a motion to accept the quote provided by Kistler Tiffany Benefits and to authorize the purchase of a \$10,000 life insurance policy for Michael Shade, which will be paid for in one payment of \$5,600, instead of paying the premium over a period of ten years. Commissioner Kaiser seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Holloway announced that Codes Director Keith Place has sent violation notices to Richard Weidman, owner of 1201 Beaumont Lane, due to an insufficient heating system in a tenant-occupied dwelling and determined that further action was necessary. Mr. Holloway reported that this property is adjacent to his and, as a result, felt he should not be the attorney to represent the Township against Mr. Weidman in order to avoid the appearance of bias. He recommended the Board appoint Joseph Walsh, Esquire of the law firm Walsh and Pancio in Lansdale as special counsel to represent the Township.

Commissioner Kaiser made a motion to appoint Joseph Walsh as special counsel in this matter and Commissioner Klotz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Holloway reported that the Board held an executive session immediately prior to the public meeting to discuss the Rupert Road Bridge litigation matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney P. Hawthorne  
Manager