

**Tulpehocken Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting of January 6, 2020**

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on January 6, 2020 in the Township meeting room at 7 P.M. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Gary Deck, Vice Chairman Richard Kramer and Lester Feick, Supervisor. Also present were Chad Hepler, Police Officer and Christy Flaherty, Township Secretary/Treasurer.

Members of the audience included: Louise and Wally Burd.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Deck called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission

Steven Younker (5133 Four Point Road): Mr. Younker is proposing a 40 x 120 (4,860 square foot) calf barn on his 59.83 acre property located at 5133 Four Point Road. He would like to consolidate the individual huts and stand-alone weening pens to one barn. The number of animals is not increasing and he is not proposing to add additional paving. He plans on taking the top layer of topsoil off of the area and will be putting grass in the area where the existing calf huts and weening pens are currently. Since he would be only be disturbing the area where the hoop building is placed, placing straw bales and planting grass, E & S may not be needed. He may also be exempt from Stormwater through House Bill 1486 (hoop building) if so, nothing would need to be done. If he isn't exempt, the minimum requirements would be trenches. The Township Engineer will review and determine if anything will be required. The waiver of land development is being requested due to not having any utilities, septic or water going to the building. There will not be any new driveways. Stormwater and E & S will be addressed accordingly as stated above.

John Zimmerman made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to grant the waiver of land development with the following conditions. Seconded by Robert Sattazahn and approved unanimously.

- *Agrees to do Stormwater if not exempt.*
- *Agrees to place hay bales in at the bottom portion of where the soil is planted and make sure it becomes stabilized.*

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to grant the waiver of land development with the following conditions:

- *Agrees to do Stormwater if not exempt.*
- *Agrees to place hay bales in at the bottom portion of where the soil is planted and make sure it becomes stabilized.*

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Solicitor Legal Discussions

None.

Escrow Release

None.

**Correspondence from Zoning Officer
December – No update received**

Land Development

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report – Officer Hepler read the December, 2019 Police report as follows:

ACTIVITY	TULPEHOCKEN TWP	MARION TWP
MILES PATROLLED	2405	647
GALLONS OF FUEL	232.5	0
HOURS WORKED	399	60
PATROL HOURS	276.25	38.25
TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DIST. HOURS	20.75	0
TOTAL INCIDENTS	9	1
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	6	4
MISCELLANEOUS CALLS FOR SERVICE	21	2
FOLLOW-UP INVEST	0	0
TELEPHONE ASSIGNMENTS	11	4
COMM/RESIDENTIAL ALARMS	3	0

EMS/FIRE ADVISORIES	24	10
TRAFFIC STOPS	7	3
CITATIONS ISSUED	8	3
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	0	0
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	0	0
WARRANTS	0	0
PARKING TICKETS	0	0
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	6	4
DUI ARRESTS	0	0
MISDEMEANOR/FELONY	2	0
SECURITY CHECKS	57	45
POLICE ASSISTS	8	0
MOTORISTS ASSISTS	0	0
COURT APPEARANCES	1	0
SCHOOL HOURS	4	0

Officer Hepler reported that during the month of December there were 124 calls received through Berks County 911.

Chairman Deck updated the Board with regards to discussions that took place at the December Planning Commission meeting regarding certified stops signs within the Township. It was noted that research is being done to confirm that the Township's stop signs are enforceable.

Road Master's Report – Supervisor Feick read the December, 2019 report. The work consisted of snow events, work in shop, meter reading, sewer maintenance/repairs, hole patching, equipment repairs/maintenance, telephone calls, p/u parts/supplies, attend UPM Paving program, sign maintenance/repairs, clean gutters on Teen Challenge Road, p/u dump truck from E.M. Kutz, prepare equipment for snow events, tree trimming, paperwork, mix antiskid, met with M&W Precast re: Greble Road project, sewer call out, office work, check water problems.

Supervisor Feick reported that there was a total of 149 PA One Calls in 2019. He also updated the Board with regards to the Greble Road Bridge; noting that the Township Engineer is working on the permit. He advised that with regards to the trucks being purchased from Jackson Township, there is no news. It was noted that the Mac dump truck will need tires in the next year; the Board discussed getting a spare wheel/tire for the truck. Supervisor Feick reported that he received five (5) loads of salt last week and has to get two (2) more loads to meet the minimum amount for the State contract. It was also advised that the dump bed on the small truck is having issues raising.

Motion to advertise the bid packet for the new pole building once complete. The bids will be opened at the February 12th meeting.

Supervisor Feick made a motion to advertise the bid packet for the new pole building once complete; bids will be opened at the February 12, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

Fire Chiefs' Report – Supervisor Feick read the monthly reports for the Keystone Fire Company and the Rescue Fire Company.

SEWER OPERATIONS

Judgements and Delinquent Sewer Accounts

The Supervisors discussed sewer operations with regards to judgments and delinquent accounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion to accept quote from SmrtGuys for Bi-Yearly Service Contract for a cost of \$637.50

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to accept the SmrtGuys bi-yearly service contract for a cost of \$637.50. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of December, 2019 were as follows:

General Account	\$ 80,444.30
First Citizens General Holding Account	\$ 79,691.35
General Plus Account	\$308,666.91
State Aid Account	\$ 28.09
State Plus Account	\$ 22,043.29
Street Light Account	\$ 14,907.35
Recreation Planning Escrow Account	\$ 29,295.38

Payments of Bills for this January 6, 2020 meeting are:

- General Account combined with the payroll account – Checks #19559 to #19577 and Checks #19590 - #19602 in the amount of \$16,041.27
- Street Light Account – Check #444 in the amount of \$1,207.23
- State Liquid Fuels Account –
- Recreation Fund –

Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow –
Camp Calvary Inspection Escrow –
Village Estates Improvements Inspection Escrow –
Stormwater Inspection Escrow –
Total Expenses for this meeting – \$17,248.50

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this January 6, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of December, 2019 were as follows:

Sewer Operation Account – \$905.10
Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$130,137.20
Debt Service Account - \$424,787.25

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this January 6, 2020 meeting are:
Check #2432 to #2445 in the amount of \$12,653.10

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to approve payment of the sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 P.M. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Flaherty

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township