

**Tulpehocken Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting of July 11, 2018**

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on July 11, 2018 in the Township meeting room at 7 P.M. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Gary Deck, Vice Chairman Richard Kramer and Supervisor Lester Feick. Also present were Kris Kerschner, Police Chief and Christy Flaherty, Township Secretary/Treasurer.

Members of the audience included: Harold Zimmerman.

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

Mr. Zimmerman commented with regards to a property along Four Point Road having a double wide trailer parked by the roadway and question how long it can sit there. The Board discussed the matter and requested the Zoning Officer to contact the property owner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Feick made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission

Earl Martin Poultry Plan: Time expires August 1, 2018. This is an expansion of an existing agricultural operation currently consisting of two poultry buildings, existing dairy, heifer barn, single family dwelling, and several out buildings. This plan proposes an expansion of two additional poultry barns measuring 63 foot by 600 foot. These barns will house broilers. One will be constructed now and the other in the future. There will be paving at the edge of the driveway and stone off the opposite side of the road for truck turning. There is currently a hoop structure that measures 70 foot by 50 foot for manure storage and that is what is being proposed to continue to use with the additional barns. This plan will have a riparian buffer to meet the water quality requirements and will have a basin to hold the water to slowly release into the buffer. This basin will be more like a detention basin. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) prefers the riparian buffers because it has the best BMP for Pennsylvania. The Township Solicitor is satisfied with easements for the riparian buffer shown on the plan as meets and bounds since the plan will be recorded. Hershey Surveying will be setting two concrete monuments along Deck Road at the corner of adjoining Burkholder property and the Ilus property at the other corner of Deck Road. It was suggested that three markers are placed for the riparian buffer to assist in future inspections. Markers are to be placed where the buffer starts and stops. There should be a notation on the plan regarding the markers for the riparian buffer as well. There is a total of 237 acres that the manure is going to be spread on. This is a manure management plan. A nutrient management plan is not required. The manure management plan is monitored and

maintained by the owner. If any changes are made then the applicant needs to notify the Conservation District.

Red Barn Consulting Inc. is requesting the following four (4) waivers for this plan. Section 205. This section pertains to the requirement of submitting a preliminary plan for approval ahead of submitting a final plan. A modification of this section is being requested to submit the plans as a combined preliminary/final plan due to the plan being minor in scope, no facilities are being offered for public dedication and by processing as a combined preliminary/final plan the intent of the ordinance is still met. Scott Hetrick made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to grant the waiver for Section 205. Ray Daub seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Feick made a motion to grant the waiver of section 205. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

Section 303.1.B. This section pertains to the requirement of providing precise bearings and distance for the entire tract and all boundaries. The plan is located over one hundred feet from any property line or street right of way line. Monuments were established on Deck Road per the previous Land Development Plan and the boundary hasn't changed since the submission of that plan.

Section 303.1.L. This section pertains to the requirement of providing a certificate of Accuracy to be signed and sealed by a surveyor. Red Barn has licensed engineers and are permitted to seal topography surveys. Hershey Surveying Inc will review and certify the Deed Plot prior to final plan approval. Ray Daub made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to grant the waiver request for Section 303.1.B and 303.1.L. Additionally note to also place the three markers set along the riparian buffer 150 feet off of center line of the creek and the two concrete monuments along Deck Road at the corner of adjoining Burkholder property and the Ilus property at the other corner of Deck Road. Scott Hetrick seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Feick made a motion to grant the waiver request for Section 303.1.B and 303.1.L. Additionally note to also place the three (3) markers set along the riparian buffer 150 feet off of center line of the creek and the two (2) concrete monuments along Deck Road at the corner of adjoining Burkholder property and the Ilus property at the other corner of Deck Road. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

Section 602.7. This section pertains to the requirement of providing permanent stone, concrete or steel pin monuments at changes in directions of line in the property boundary. There is no subdivision of the property associated with this plan and the land development is located over one hundred feet from the property and street right of way lines. Again, monuments were established on Deck Road per the previous Land Development Plan. John Zimmerman made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to grant the waiver request for Section 602.7. Scott Hetrick seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to grant the waiver request for Section 602.7. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Red Barn Consulting Inc. is asking for conditional preliminary/final plan approval. Ray Daub made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to grant conditional preliminary/final plan approval with the following conditions. John Zimmerman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- *Ludgate Engineering review letter dated July 5, 2018.*
- *Maintenance Agreements to be drafted by the Township Solicitor.*
- *NPDES approval.*

- **Escrow review/financial security.**

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to grant Conditional Preliminary/Final Plan approval with the following conditions:

- Ludgate Engineering review letter dated July 5, 2018.
- Maintenance Agreements to be drafted by the Township Solicitor.
- NPDES approval.
- Escrow review/financial security.

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

Solicitor Legal Discussions

Update regarding Intermunicipal Agreement and Ordinance for the management of the funds for the DCNR Recreation Planning Project between Bethel, Marion and Tulpehocken Townships – Ordinance will be advertised for enactment consideration by the Board for the August meeting

Escrow Release

None.

Correspondence from Zoning Officer

June – No Update

Land Development

Motion to ratify signing of Weaver Annexation plan; conditional approval was granted at the May 9th meeting

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to ratify signing the Weaver Annexation Plan. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Nelson Auker Poultry Plan – Motion to reaffirm the plan and authorize the Chairman to sign agreements; conditional Preliminary/Final approval was granted at the April meeting

Supervisor Feick made a motion to reaffirm the plan and authorize the Chairman to sign agreements. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report – Chief Kerschner read the June, 2018 Police report as follows:

ACTIVITY	TULPEHOCKEN TWP	MARION TWP
MILES PATROLLED	2712	548
GALLONS OF FUEL	247.5	0
HOURS WORKED	382	60
PATROL HOURS	284.5	39
TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DIST. HOURS	2	0
TOTAL INCIDENTS	1	1
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	14	4

MISCELLANEOUS CALLS FOR SERVICE	17	3
FOLLOW-UP INVEST	0	0
TELEPHONE ASSIGNMENTS	20	7
COMM/RESIDENTIAL ALARMS	3	1
EMS/FIRE ADVISORIES	17	8
TRAFFIC STOPS	20	5
CITATIONS ISSUED	24	5
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	1	1
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	1	1
WARRANTS	1	0
PARKING TICKETS	0	0
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	4	2
DUI ARRESTS	0	0
MISDEMEANOR/FELONY	0	2
SECURITY CHECKS	46	23
POLICE ASSISTS	20	0
MOTORISTS ASSISTS	0	0
COURT APPEARANCES	0	2
SCHOOL HOURS	48	0

Chief Kerschner reported that during the month of June there were 148 calls received through Berks County 911 for police. He advised that all three (3) Officers attended an Active Shooter Training program and reminded everyone that National Night Out will be held in Mt. Aetna this year on Tuesday, August 7th from 5 – 8 P.M.

Chief Kerschner requested the Board to consider purchasing three (3) Halligan bars; noting that it is a forcible entry tool.

Chairman Deck made a motion to authorize the purchase of three (3) Halligan bars. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

Chief Kerschner updated the Board on his meeting with the Tulpehocken Area School District Superintendent; noting that the District is looking forward to having the Officers there again this school year. He also discussed the need to replace the Officers bullet proof vest and requested authorization to order three (3) new vests for an approximate cost of \$2,954.40, the vests are good for five (5) years; noting that the Township should receive a grant for approximately \$800 and that the current vests will be kept as spares.

Supervisor Feick made a motion to authorize the purchase of three (3) new bullet proof vests for the Officers; approximate cost of \$2,954.40. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

Road Master's Report – Supervisor Feick read the June, 2018 report. The work consisted of sewer maintenance, meter reading, highway mowing, lawn mowing, pothole patching, telephone calls, equipment repairs/maintenance, weed trimming, took pump to motor shop, work in shop, p/u parts, sewer repair work in Rehrersburg, met with Jeff Lutz, telephone calls/meeting w/ Comcast re: road project, meeting with Village Estates re: pump station, meet with Lloyd High, answered a complaint, work on road project, exchange pumps at Teen Challenge Pump Station, pull grinder at Rehrersburg Waste Water Treatment Plant, sign maintenance/repairs, repair gutter on Pottieger Road and Jacob Street, flush pipes, remove wood from Stone Road, cut up tree on Witman Road, remove tv's from embankment, went for

ash, met with property owners along West Four Point Road, clean out box culverts, clean out pump stations, monthly sewer checks, and sewer call out.

Supervisor Feick advised that the West Four Point Road project will be starting next week, Thursday, July 19th; he also reported on the meeting with the DCNR representative and Township Engineer. Mrs. Flaherty reminded the Board that there are still a few property owners that need to sign temporary easements.

Supervisor Feick reported that he has researched Mr. John Zimmerman's comments regarding water running onto his property from the Market Street Pump Station; noting that he feels it would require at least 205 tons of black top to resolve the issue. He suggested getting quotes from contractors. Chairman Deck felt it could cost over \$18,000.

Supervisor Feick advised that the Township should purchase two (2) new tires for the International dump truck

Chairman Deck made a motion to authorize the purchase of two (2) new tires for the International dump truck. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

Vice Chairman Kramer advised that a u-joint is needed for the service truck and on the maintenance needed on the Mack.

Motion to ratify hiring Laverne Frey as a Road Crew employee

Supervisor Feick made a motion to ratify hiring Laverne Frey as a Road Crew employee. 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.

Chairman Deck inquired on the status of the Mount Aetna force main upgrade and permits. Supervisor Feick advised that PennDOT was out last week and he is hopeful that the permit will be issued soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on various renovation projects at the Township building – quote for stairs received from High Builders

The Board discussed the quote received from High Builders for installing stairs to access the attic. Supervisor Feick advised that he is waiting to hear back from Jeff Lutz with regards to cutting the glass for the office window. The Board agreed to wait to receive more quotes before making any decisions.

Weidner Bridge/Salem Road Update – Some of the signs have been installed; waiting on items to be welded before installing the rest of the signs

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request from the Borough of Robesonia for Fire Police coverage for the 125th Anniversary and Housing scheduled for Saturday, July 14th

Supervisor Feick made a motion to authorize Fire Police coverage for the 125th Anniversary and Housing scheduled for Saturday, July 14th. The motion was seconded by Chairman Deck and passed unanimously (3-0).

Request from the Bernville Borough Police Department for Fire Police coverage for a 5K Run scheduled for Saturday, August 4th

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to authorize Fire Police coverage for the 5K Run scheduled for Saturday, August 4th. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

6th Annual Berks County Water & Sewer Association Conference – Wednesday, July 25th at Albright College from 7:30 A.M. – 4 P.M.

The Board discussed the conference and agreed they had no interest in attending at this time due to working on West Four Point Road.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of June, 2018 were as follows:

General Account	\$159,732.88
First Citizens General Holding Account	\$ 14,421.91
General Plus Account	\$251,790.15
State Aid Account	\$ 83.69
State Plus Account	\$307,161.22
Street Light Account	\$ 18,474.98

Payments of Bills for this July 11, 2018 meeting are:

- General Account combined with the payroll account – Checks #18415 to #18456 in the amount of \$24,025.84
- Street Light Account – Check #376 in the amount of \$1,296.73
- 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 – \$25,322.57

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this July 11, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of June, 2018 were as follows:

Sewer Operation Account – \$652.68
Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$80,858.66
Debt Service Account - \$411,152.89

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this July 11, 2018 meeting are:

Check #2157 to #2168 in the amount of \$18,262.37

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Chairman Deck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03P.M. The motion was Vice Chairman Kramer seconded by and passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Flaherty

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township