

April 12, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Chairman Whitmoyer called the regular meeting of the Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Tulpehocken Township Municipal Building. Those attending the regular monthly meeting were Ron Whitmoyer, John Kintzer, Rick Kramer, Kathy Boltz, Kris Kerschner, Lester Feick, Bethany Emkey, and other interested persons.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

Public Comments

Resident Shirley Derr commented that she had the water tested from the well on their property, and the water quality has improved. She contributed the improvement of the water to the public sewer and is thankful for a better quality of water.

Resident Gerald Derr, asked the Board of Supervisors if they could run the street sweeper through the square in Mt Aetna, prior to the Bicentennial celebration. The Board agreed that this would be done as to improve the appearance of the square. Mr. Derr also asked if the Police would be willing to help with traffic control when the Bicentennial Committee is installing the new signs that they had purchased. Chief Kerschner responded that the Police would assist in the directing of traffic when the signs are installed.

At this time Joe Body, the surveyor for the Mt Aetna Village land development plan, approached the Board to inquire the Board's opinion of the width of the private street with the proposed development. The Boards response was that in the past the Township required wider streets and that they would like to hear from the Planning Commission and take a look at some existing townhomes with narrow streets.

Approval of Minutes

John Kintzer made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2010 meeting and the March 25, 2010 workshop meeting. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission Recommendations to the Board

E & E Self Storage – Planning Commission recommended accepting a 90 day time extension. Applicant is waiting for a response from Met Ed on moving electric poles. A motion was made by John Kintzer to accept a 90 day time extension. Motion second by Rick Kramer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Mt Meadows (Preliminary Plan – Phase 2) – Planning Commission recommended accepting a 60 day time extension. A motion was made by John Kintzer to accept a 60 day time extension. Motion second by Rick Kramer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Hurst Poultry Expansion – Planning Commission recommended granting waiver request of section 303.1.B. John Kintzer made a motion to grant waiver of section 303.1.B.

Planning Commission recommended granting waiver request of section 302.4.F with the condition that a certification from the soils scientist is presented and that wetland delineation is to be completed for the entire driveway. John Kintzer made a motion to grant waiver of section 302.4.F with condition set by the Planning Commission. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Planning Commission recommended granting waiver request of section 311.F. John Kintzer made a motion to grant waiver request of section 311.F. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Bashore – Kauffman Annexation – Planning Commission recommended granting waiver request of section 501.M. Planning Commission also asked that a letter be sent to the Bethel Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission to inform them of the recommendation from our Township Engineer and our Planning Commission. John Kintzer made a motion to grant a waiver of section 501.M for the lot width to depth ratio, it is not possible. Motion second by Rick Kramer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote. It was discussed that the applicants Engineer should send a letter to Bethel Township to inform them of the recommendation from Tulpehocken Township.

Gettel Acres Revised Phase I - Planning Commission recommended to the Board of Supervisors to view Sketch B as it may be the best way to compromise. No action was taken; the Board needs clarification on the Sketch Plans.

Zoning Hearing Findings – Planning Commission recommended to the Board of Supervisors to have the Zoning Officer investigate the Zoning Hearing Board findings which have not been met in the 501 Bar & Grill Hearing and the Dale and Jennifer Swope Hearing. Ron Whitmoyer had a letter that was submitted by Dale Swope to serve as a notice to the Board of Supervisors of his continued interest to conform to the Zoning Hearing Board’s decision whereas he is to provide a vegetative screen to the side and rear of the garage, and that a timeline was not attached to the decision and that he is willing to do as originally required. John Kintzer also commented that he had talked to Dale, the trees are on order. All Three Board Members are willing to allow more time for Dale to comply with the findings.

The 501 Bar & Grill was to create a vegetation buffer in compliance with the stormwater. The Board authorized the Zoning Officer to review the land development plan and talk to the owner about the outstanding issues.

Zimmerman Farm Subdivision – John Kintzer made a motion to authorize Ron Whitmoyer to execute and sign the sewage agreement for the Planning Module Exemption. Motion second by Rick Kramer, upon a roll call vote all Three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Solicitor Legal Discussions

Sensenig – Eugene Sensenig attended the meeting and commented that he plans to be complete within the next 30 days, the pipe size is as per Engineers recommendation, the rip rap has been done, inlet depth final grading is done, and the storm water berm inspection process is at the end of the project completion. Township Solicitor commented that the damage done to the road is a violation of the Second Class Township Code. The Board could send a notice and issue a citation if not fixed. Chairman Ron Whitmoyer commented that there has been some damage to the road, and asked Mr. Sensenig if he could fix it. Mr. Sensenig will meet with the Road Master on how to repair the damage.

Ombius Traffic and Road Ordinance – It was decided to eliminate the Mt. Square parking to get the Ordinance advertised and passed. John Kintzer made a motion to have the Solicitor advertise the Ordinance for adaption. Motion second by Rick Kramer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Police Mutual Aid Agreement – Bethel Township has agreed to the Police Mutual Aid Agreement. John Kintzer made a motion to have the Solicitor draft and advertise the ordinance to implement the agreement. Motion was second by Rick Kramer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote. The ordinance authorizes the Chairman and the Police Chief to sign the agreement.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report – Chief Kerschner read the March 2010 Police report as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Strausstown Borough	Marion Twp.
Miles Patrolled	2973	153	1206
Gallons of Fuel	290	0	0
Hours of Work	508	20	60
Total Incidents	7	1	5
Complaints	2	1	3
Follow-up Investigations	2	2	3
Telephone Assignments	19	5	15
Comm/Residential to Alarms	1	1	0
EMS/Fire Advisory	10	2	5
Traffic Stops	60	5	20
Citations Issued	55	5	16
Non-traffic Citations	1	0	0
Traffic Warnings	9	1	2
Parking Tickets	0	0	0
Traffic Accidents	2	0	1
DUI Arrests	1	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	0	0	0
Security Checks	158	115	94
Police Assists	5	0	0
Motorists Assists	2	0	0
Court Appearances	5	0	0
School Hours	0	0	0

Road Master's Report – Road Master, Lester Feick read the report for March 2010. The work consisted of 3 sewer calls, 9 days working on sewer, 5 days cleaning culvert pipes, cleaned bridge on Deck Road, and cleaning of the winter equipment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tapping Fee – Township Engineer has completed the review and calculation of the updated tapping fee. The suggested tapping fee is \$2,823.32, which is an increase of \$228.97. John Kintzer made a motion to have the Solicitor draft a resolution to raise the tapping fee to \$2,823.32. Motion second by Rick Kramer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Lancaster Avenue Pump Station – The Board had discussed scheduling a workshop with the Township Engineer to discuss revising the Lancaster Avenue pump station. A specific date was not scheduled at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Survey – Regional Police Services Survey was received from Berks County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Supervisors will complete the survey and give to the Township Secretary for final completion and to be sent back to the County.

Community Development Block Grant Program – The Block Grant is available every 3 years and the Township is eligible for funding. However, an income survey is required and the Township had not qualified for the last grant. It was decided to get more information for the next meeting.

Additional Capacity for Dutch Valley Food Distributors – Dutch Valley is asking for an additional six EDU's. It was discussed that the Solicitor should get involved and that this would be discussed at the upcoming workshop for sewer planning within the Township.

CORRESPONDENCE

Berks County Conservation District Contribution – John Kintzer made a motion to give \$200.00 to the Conservation District. Motion was second by Rick Kramer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Repaving Teen Challenge Road – Lee Mays is a resident who lives on Teen Challenge Road and commented that he would like the road to remain a country road, and keep it the same width that it is now.

At this time Chairman Ron Whitmoyer called an executive session for a real estate purpose. Upon returning from the executive session Chairman Ron commented that this concludes the executive session for Real Estate purpose.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of March 2010 were as follows:

General Account	96,313.54
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	31,676.98
General Plus Account	198,243.78
State Aid Account	297.43
State Plus Account	200,268.52
Street Light Account	9,004.01

Payments of Bills for this April 12, 2010 meeting are:

General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #11913 to #11946 in the amount of \$23,723.29

Street Light Account – Check #275 in the amount of \$1,135.83

State Liquid Liquid Fuels Account –

Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow – Check #114 in the amount of \$105.00

Total Expenses for this meeting – \$24,964.12

John Kintzer made a motion to pay the bills, Rick Kramer second the motion. Upon a roll-call vote, all three Board members cast a yes vote on the motion.

Sewer Accounts

Sewer Operation Account – \$31,479.98

Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$500.00

Debt Service Account - \$467,174.63

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this April 12, 2010 meeting are:

Check 723 to 738 in the amount of \$21,858.07

John Kintzer made a motion to approve payment of the sewer bills motion second by Rick Kramer. Upon a roll-call vote, all three Board members cast a yes vote on the motion.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 9:08 p.m. John Kintzer made a motion to adjourn that was second by Rick Kramer. Upon a roll call vote, all three Board members cast a yes vote on the motion, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Boltz

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township