

August 13, 2012 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Chairman John Kintzer 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 John Kintzer, Rick Kramer, Gary Deck, Kathy Boltz, Kris Kerschner, Cheryl Allerton, Lester Feick, and other interested persons.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Tony Wenger asked the Board if the Township receives money for the recycling provided by the County. It was discussed that the Township does not receive any money for the recycling collected. Mr. Wenger also commented that his daughter who lives along a state road in Tulpehocken Township was required to obtain a driveway permit from the Township for \$40.00 several years ago when Gettel was the Zoning Officer. He questioned the Board if a township driveway permit was required because this was on a state road. The Board is going to look into what is required.

Joseph Bednarczyk commented that his neighbor's dogs are barking all hours of the night and it is very annoying. He asked if there is a noise ordinance that can be enforced. The Board commented that they are revising zoning ordinance and they will keep this in mind when reviewing the zoning ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rick Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2012 Board of Supervisors meeting and the July 30, 2012 joint meeting with Bethel Township. Gary Deck second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote. Rick Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2012 zoning workshop. Gary Deck second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission Recommendations to the Board

Glenn Hurst – Glenn Hurst submitted a letter requesting a release of letter of credit for the construction of a poultry house. The Township Engineer gave approval for the release. Gary Deck made a motion to release the letter of credit for Glenn Hurst. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Conner Subdivision – Rick Kramer made a motion to approve and authorize signatures on the Improvements & Maintenance Agreement and the Stormwater Agreement. Gary Deck second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote. Gary Deck made a motion to approve and sign the final plan. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Amos Lapp Annexation – The Amos Lapp Annexation was conditionally approved at the July 9, 2012 meeting. Conditions are met, plans need to be signed.

Larry Hartranft – Planning Commission made a motion to not respond to the request for conditional plan approval until they obtain the Township Engineer and Township Solicitor’s review on the revised plan. Gary Deck gave a review of the Planning Commission meeting discussion for this plan. No action was taken by the Board of Supervisors at this meeting.

Solicitor Legal Discussions

County Radio’s – The Board discussed the purchase of the County Radio’s for the Police Department, Fire Companies, and Ambulance. The order for each department needs to be confirmed and the Promissory Notes created. It was unclear on the amounts the Promissory Notes will be and how much the County is paying if any toward the Federal Granted portion for these radios. It was discussed that quantities and costs of the radios for each department must be confirmed and that the Board will need to get DCED approval for the loans and advertise an ordinance prior to signing the Promissory Notes. Rick Kramer made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the loan ordinance for enactment at the September 2012 meeting pending resolution of the discrepancy identified at tonight’s meeting as to the amount of the grant funded radios. Gary Deck second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board members cast a yes vote.

Sewer Maintenance – The Board discussed a problem at the Rehrersburg Treatment Plant which caused a harmful discharge. Gary Deck made a motion to authorize the Township Engineer to investigate and report to the Board the harmful discharge into the sanitary sewer system. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report –Chief Kerschner read the July 2012 Police report as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Strausstown Borough	Marion Twp.
Miles Patrolled	2676	134	1028
Gallons of Fuel	305	0	0
Hours of Work	426	20	60
Total Incidents	6	9	3
Complaints	13	1	6
Follow-up Investigations	0	1	3
Telephone Assignments	29	3	13
Comm/Residential to Alarms	1	0	1
EMS/Fire Advisory	4	0	10
Traffic Stops	23	2	7
Citations Issued	19	1	10
Non-traffic Citations	1	1	1
Traffic Warnings	1	1	0
Parking Tickets	0	0	0
Traffic Accidents	4	0	6
DUI Arrests	1	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	1	0	3
Security Checks	159	95	67
Police Assists	15	0	0
Motorists Assists	1	1	0
Court Appearances	3	0	0
School Hours	0	0	0

Chief Kerschner reminded the Board that one of the cruisers needs tires. After some discussion, Gary Deck suggested that a limit be set for purchasing non-emergency items to keep better control of the spending and the budget. Gary Deck made a motion to allow Kris to get prices for alignment and new tires under the state contract and his choice of tires for safety. Rick Kramer second the motion upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

The Board discussed Gary's suggestion on setting a limit on non-emergency spending; any items exceeding the limit would require authorization at a public meeting. After the discussion Rick Kramer made a motion to set the purchasing amount for non-emergency items to \$300.00. Gary Deck second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Road Master's Report – Road Master Lester Feick read the June 2012 Road Report. The work consisted of highway mowing, cleaning gutters, road patching, sewer maintenance, mowing grass, working on equipment, shop work, and is planning on completing the second cycle of the state contract mowing at the end of August.

The Board and Road Master discussed the seal coat road project for this year. The project went over approximately 66 ton of material and more patching was done. The total of all bills received came close to Pennsy's price to do the patching. Lester Feick commented that this project was a lot of coordinating and suggested bidding out if we do a big project again. Gary Deck commented that we should budget for road projects more specifically for 2013 for better planning.

The Board also discussed the dump body prices. The Board would like more accurate prices and equivalent quotes for sandblasting verses purchasing a new body on the state contract.

There was discussion on the muffin monster and that this was one of the things reported to DEP as part of fixing the sewage leak that occurred last month. Lester Feick had talked to neighboring sewer authorities that have been operating for many years. They recommended rebuilding the muffin monsters every 6 – 8 years. Lester had gotten quotes as follows:

- \$13,798.00 – we do the labor, pull our muffin monster and replace with one that will be shipped to us, we also pay for shipping. Distributed through CW Sales
- \$19,610.00 –Municipal Maintenance, a company from NJ will come and swap out the muffin monster. This was recommended from local sewer authorities.
- Dell Tronics, a company from NJ was also recommended, a call was put in but no response at this time. The sales rep was out of the office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Amendments made to the PA MPC – A memo from Berks County was received with a copy of the amendments made to the PA MPC. The amendments include new sections; 508.1 is

notification to school districts of final plan approvals for residential development each previous month, 711 (f) is notification to school districts of final plan approvals for planned residential development each previous month. The change will be incorporated into the ordinance since we are amending the SALDO and the Zoning Ordinance at this time.

Berks County Emergency Response Team – Berks County Commissioners and BCERT is requesting support for 2012. Last year’s support was \$500.00. Gary Deck made a motion to give \$500.00 for support to the BCERT. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of July 2012 were as follows:

General Account	261,786.83
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	5,979.12
General Plus Account	198,615.31
State Aid Account	547.04
State Plus Account	139,668.74
Street Light Account	11,315.35

Rick Kramer made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this August 13, 2012 meeting. Gary Deck second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Payments of Bills for this August 13, 2012 meeting are:

General Account – Checks #13771 to #13800 in the amount of \$45,778.73
Street Light Account – Check #307 in the amount of \$1,236.27
State Liquid Fuels Account –
Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow –
Camp Calvary Inspection Escrow –
Martin Poultry Operation Inspection Escrow – \$57.50
Stormwater Inspection Escrow – Check #103 in the amount of \$120.00
Total Expenses for this meeting – \$47,192.50

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of July 2012 are as follows:

Sewer Operation Account – \$4,705.40
Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$1,456.75
Debt Service Account - \$402,758.43

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this August 13, 2012 meeting are:
Check #1128 to #1141 in the amount of \$13,061.96

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 10:02 p.m. Rick Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by John Kintzer. 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