

December 12, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Chairman 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, Ron Whitmoyer, Kathy Boltz, Chad Hepler, Beth Auman, Gary Deck, Lester Feick, and other interested persons.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Martin from Dutch Valley Food Distributors Inc. submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisor's requesting to purchase an additional 8 EDUs to accommodate the growth at their facility. Dutch Valley is adding a food processing center to the facility. All three Board Members agreed to sell the 8 EDUs and directed the township Solicitor and Engineer to attend a meeting with Larry Martin to discuss the agreements and the purchase of the additional EDUs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rick Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting. Ron Whitmoyer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission Recommendations to the Board

No recommendations from the Planning Commission, they did not meet for the month of December due to lack of business.

Camp Calvary – Ron Whitmoyer made a motion to accept a time extension for review that will extend to March 13, 2012. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Glenn Hurst – Mr. Hurst is requesting a reduction in the letter of credit for the poultry project. Township Engineer recommends reduction the letter of credit to \$5,400.00. Ron Whitmoyer made a motion to reduce the letter of credit to the terms in the October 10, 2011 Ludgate letter. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

2012 Budget for Township and Sewer Funds

2012 Budget Certification – The proposed 2012 budget had been advertised as available for public inspection on October 26, 2011, after having been reviewed and preliminarily approved by the Board on October 18, 2011. The 2012 budget for all Township accounts, except the Sewer Service, proposes revenues of \$928,307.00 and expenditures of \$918,081.00.

At this time Ron Whitmoyer commented that he had not attended the preliminary budget meeting and asked if the township is committed to purchasing the radios for the fire companies in the

township. Ron feels the township should take care of the entire bill for the radios. John commented that he feels the fire companies and the township should share the burden of the costs. Resident Jake Derr shared that he feels it is important for the township to cover the cost of the radios.

John Kintzer made motion to adopt **Resolution 2011 -8** to enact the 2012 Budget. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote John and Rick cast a yes vote, Ron cast a no vote. Ron commented that he voted no due to the fact that the full amount for the radios is budgeted, but the Township is not committed to buying the radios at this time.

2012 Budget Certification for Sewer Service – The proposed 2012 budget for all public sewer funds had been advertised as available for public inspection on October 26, 2011, after having been reviewed and preliminarily approved by the Board on October 18, 2011. The 2012 budget for all public sewer funds proposes revenues of \$298,830.00 and expenditures of \$295,500.00. John Kintzer made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2011-9** to enact the 2012 Sewer Budget. Rick Kramer second the motion upon a roll call vote John and Rick cast a yes vote and Ron cast a no vote on the motion.

Tax Levy Resolution – This resolution fixed the rate for the year 2012 as follows:

Real Estate Tax Levy – remains at 1.6 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of 16 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. (\$160 for each 100,000.00 valuation).

Act 511 Per Capita Tax Levy – remains at the rate of \$5.00 payable of all residents 18 years of age or older.

Act 511 Real Estate Transfer Tax Levy – remains at the rate of one half percent.

Act 511 Earned Income Tax Levy – remains at the ratio of one half percent.

Tax Rate for Street Light usage in the Villages of Rehrersburg and Mt Aetna – at the rate of \$.75 for each front foot of property that is serviced by the coverage of such Street Light on each property.

Rick Kramer made a motion to adopt the Tax Levy **Resolution 2011-7** to enact the tax levy for 2012. Ron Whitmoyer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote on the motion.

Police Contract for 2012-2014 –Rick Kramer made a motion to approve and sign the Police Contract for 2012-2014. Ron Whitmoyer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Solicitor Legal Discussions

An executive session was held to discuss a personnel matter.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report –Rick Kramer read the November 2011 Police report as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Strausstown Borough	Marion Twp.
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Miles Patrolled	2205	117	804
Gallons of Fuel	214	0	0
Hours of Work	386	20	60
Total Incidents	5	0	2
Complaints	5	1	5
Follow-up Investigations	4	0	0
Telephone Assignments	14	1	7
Comm/Residential to Alarms	1	0	1
EMS/Fire Advisory	6	1	7
Traffic Stops	23	5	15
Citations Issued	22	5	16
Non-traffic Citations	1	0	0
Traffic Warnings	4	1	1
Parking Tickets	0	0	0
Traffic Accidents	3	0	1
DUI Arrests	0	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	0	0	0
Security Checks	147	80	57
Police Assists	9	0	0
Motorists Assists	1	0	1
Court Appearances	1	0	0
School Hours	0	0	0

Road Master's Report – Lester Feick read the November 2011 report. The work consisted of road and shop work, Parkside Inn Road pipe project, storm damage, and sewer maintenance work. Lester also commented that the Mack truck now has 300 hours and the valves should be adjusted. The truck was purchased in Harrisburg and they offered to pick up and deliver for this service but no price has been given at this time. The Board suggested getting the price from where the truck was purchased and from Leshar and then schedule the adjustment with whoever has the best price.

Lester Feick also brought to the Board attention some posts that are in the townships right of way on Teen Challenge Road. They are very close to the road and should not be located in the right of way. Harold Shirk is the property owner, the Board of Supervisors directed the township secretary to send a letter to Mr. Shirk notifying posts

It was also discussed that one of the sewer pumps needs to be replaced. John Kintzer will talk to Mike Kreiser about purchasing a new pump.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Marion Township Snow Plow – Marion Township has a snow plow for sale and has offered Tulpehocken Township first chance at purchasing it. The price of the plow is \$500.00 and Marion Township is willing to accept in kind services from Tulpehocken Township for the purchase. Ron Whitmoyer made a motion to purchase the plow for in kind services. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote. Township Secretary will send a letter to Marion Township notifying them of the action taken at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Berks County Department of Emergency Services – Berks County Department of Emergency Services has reviewed the proposed street name “Village Drive” for Village Drive Estates. The Department of Emergency Services cannot approve the suggested street name; it is already being used in Berks County. All three Board Members are in agreement to allow “Village Drive” as the proposed street name.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of November 2011 were as follows:

General Account	217,373.09
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	19,814.54
General Plus Account	198,549.57
State Aid Account	4,458.83
State Plus Account	11,194.57
Street Light Account	7,427.16

Chairman Kintzer asked to see the Solicitors bill. Kintzer questioned the charges for the Solicitor to research eligibility and health insurance questions, these business items had been previously taken care of. Chairman Kintzer shared his opinion that these were researched for a personal issue. Ron Whitmoyer commented that he had talked to the Solicitor about these issues and was only following up on the previous decision he felt it was incorrect and asked additional questions. The Solicitor commented that things need to be clarified between Policy and Insurance plan and that the questions Ron Whitmoyer asked are not for personal but for all employees. Ron Whitmoyer stated that he stayed at the meeting for the interest of all employees not his own, so they don't lose health benefits. Also that the township employee handbook states that part time/regular employees are eligible for medical benefits, he helped write and approve this handbook and it does state for medical benefits regular “comma” full time employees are eligible for medical benefits.

After this discussion Rick Kramer made a motion to approve the payments of bill for this December 12, 2011 meeting. Ron Whitmoyer second the motion, upon a roll call vote Ron and Rick vote yes and John voted no. John is opposed to the section previously discussed in Hartman's bill.

Payments of Bills for this December 12, 2011 meeting are:

General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #13265 to #13305 in the amount of \$35,451.36
Street Light Account – Check #296 in the amount of \$1,338.02
State Liquid Fuels Account – Check #172 in the amount \$3,866.00
Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow – Check # 136 & 137 in the amount of \$2,046.62
Camp Calvary Inspection Escrow –
Martin Poultry Operation Inspection Escrow – Check #103 in the amount of \$275.00
Stormwater Inspection Escrow –
Total Expenses for this meeting – \$42,977.00

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of November 2011 are as follows:

Sewer Operation Account – \$75,721.92
Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$671.21
Debt Service Account - \$422,618.97

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this December 12, 2011 meeting are:

Check #1018 to #1029 in the amount of \$82,131.33

Ron Whitmoyer 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.

At this time Gary Deck thanked Ron for his 18 years of service to the community. Ron responded to Mr. Deck and wished him luck and a meaningful service to him in his future as Supervisor Elect for the term beginning in the New Year.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 8:28 p.m. Rick Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Ron Whitmoyer. 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