

February 10, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Vice Chairman Rick Kramer 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 Rick Kramer, Lester Feick, Kathy Boltz, Michelle Mayfield, Kris Kerschner, and other interested persons.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lester Feick made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2014 Reorganization meeting and the Board of Supervisors meeting. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote both Board Members cast a yes vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission Recommendations to the Board

Shoe String Industries Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan – Planning Commission recommended the Board accept the time extension offer as requested until May 13, 2014. Rick Kramer made a motion to accept the time extension offers as requested until May 13, 2014. Lester Feick second the motion, upon a roll call vote both Board Members cast a yes vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report – Chief Kerschner read the January 2014 Police report as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Marion Twp.
Miles Patrolled	2895	1000
Gallons of Fuel	305	0
Hours of Work	501	60
Total Incidents	5	0
Complaints	8	4
Follow-up Investigations	3	0
Telephone Assignments	34	12
Comm/Residential to Alarms	2	4
EMS/Fire Advisory	9	5
Traffic Stops	17	5
Citations Issued	16	6
Non-traffic Citations	0	0
Traffic Warnings	5	1
Warrants	1	0
Parking Tickets	0	0
Traffic Accidents	10	3
DUI Arrests	0	0

Misdemeanor/Felony	2	0
Security Checks	57	20
Police Assists	12	0
Motorists Assists	3	2
Court Appearances	4	0
School Hours	0	0

Chief Kerschner commented that the county radios have been installed in the police vehicles. The new uniforms are complete and the Police Department is wearing them.

Road Master's Report – Lester Feick read the January 2014 report. The work consisted of snow events, mixing salt and antiskid, and equipment repairs.

Fire Chiefs Report – Lester Feick read the monthly reports for Keystone Fire Company and the monthly report submitted by Rescue Fire Company.

SEWER OPERATIONS

Amnesty Update/Delinquent Accounts

Judgments and Delinquent Sewer Accounts – The Solicitor was not at the meeting at this time so this was skipped until later in the meeting.

Debt Service Funds/Teen Challenge Agreement/Annual Rate Calculation – The Township Secretary had inquired on rates with the local bank in the township and notified the Board that the funds could be invested which would yield a higher rate of interest with different types of investments. Pending which investments principle balance could be jeopardized. This was tabled due to the Chairman not being at the meeting.

Request for Waiver of User Fees – Christine Perniski is the executor of the estate of Charles Perniski, 344B Godfrey Street, Rehersburg and is requesting that the sewer user fees for the fourth quarter of 2013, the first quarter of 2014, and the future bills going forward be waived. The property has been vacant since July 3, 2013 when Mr. Perniski unexpectedly passed away. The Board discussed and agreed to waive the user fees starting from the January 1, 2014, as per the rules and regulation the property will be vacant six months from that date. Lester Feick made a motion to grant the waiver of the sewer fees starting January 1, 2014. Rick Kramer second the motion upon a roll call vote, both Board Members cast a yes vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Greble and Woleber Road Intersection Radius Plan – The Yenser property has a conservation easement, Mr. Yenser contact the county to see if this would be an issue for radius plan. The County replied that the portion of the easement for the radius plan would have to be bought back. This was tabled until next month.

Midway Road Bridge – PennDOT and the County Planning Commission was unable to answer the question on ownership of the bridge. Lester Feick would like to move forward with making the repairs. He will be contacting the Engineer and the Bridge Inspector to see what must be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Module for Raymond & Amanda Bradshaw – The proposed planning module is for a small flow system to discharge into a stream for a property at 61 Rehrersburg Road, the current system is a holding tank. The SEO has reviewed the Planning Module and has approved it. The Solicitor is not satisfied with the maintenance agreement proposed with the planning module and is revising the agreement and recommends approving the planning module contingent upon the approval of the maintenance agreement. Lester Feick made a motion to authorize the execution of the documents and resolution pending the approval of the maintenance agreement. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote both Board Members cast a yes vote.

County Radio's – The County has submitted the System End User Agreement for the county radios. The Solicitor has reviewed the draft agreement and has some questions on the ownership of the radios and would like to negotiate with the county. This was tabled until next month.

Proposed Stop Ahead Signs – Lester Feick has received a correspondence from R K & K, a company doing work for PennDOT about installing four flashing lights with stop ahead sign at the intersection of 419 and New Schaefferstown Road. Lester commented that Bethel Township had received a request for the same thing at the intersection of 419 and Old 22 and that Bethel Township does not want to do this. Lester had asked PennDOT what happens if the Township does not want to do this, due to the cost and maintenance of the lights and signs, a response has not been received. This was tabled until PennDOT replies.

Mount Aetna Mennonite School – The School Board has requested a partial release of the bond being held for the maintenance improvements. Township Engineer has conducted an escrow release inspection for the Mt Aetna Mennonite School and is in agreement of the partial release. The amount to remain in the escrow is \$24,961.00. Rick Kramer made a motion to release the fund recommended by the Township Engineer as per the Township Engineers approval. Lester Feick second the motion, upon a roll call vote both Board Members cast a yes vote. The amount of the partial release will be \$29,827.12 which includes interest earned on the funds, the remaining balance at this time will be \$24,961.00

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Resident Pertaining to Snow Removal – Harold and Rose Shirk of 62 Teen Challenge Road have written a letter to the Board of Supervisors stating their disappointment in the Township does not seem to respect or appreciate their efforts in keeping the roadside neat and trim. Photos were also submitted with the letter for the Board to review. The Shirks feel the snowplow comes off the road to far making a mess out of the reseeded grass and feel it is unnecessary. Mr. and Mrs. Shirk is asking if the Board would kindly consider their feelings and comments about this matter and asked if there is something they can do to work this out to an agreeable conclusion. The Board discussed the letter and commented that the right of way is 16 ½ feet from the center of the road, the area that was disturbed was within the right of way and there is nothing that can be done, the roads need to be maintained during the winter storms for safety. The Board discussed putting an article in the Township Newsletter about snow removal and the right of way of the roads as to inform all residents.

2014 Road Project – Lester Feick commented that he would like start moving forward with the 2014 Teen Challenge Road project which will require easements for bank work.

SOLICITOR LEGAL DISCUSSIONS

Sewer Judgment Update – The Solicitor commented that two judgments have been paid, two civil actions filed, and there is one large account that will take two separate actions due to the amount owed. This large account had filed for bankruptcy and since has been dismissed so action can now be taken. The property at 15 West Market Street is vacant and the property owner cannot be found, the Solicitor recommends filing a personal judgment against the property owner when found, the Board agrees.

Manegold Property, 28 Church Street Rehrersburg – The Solicitor gave an update on the property and that a judgment is being filed on the property.

Municipal Derivative – The Solicitor received a notice of class action for a Municipal Derivative Law Suit regarding Bank of America, N.A. and Trinity Funding Co., LLC, Trinity Plus Funding Co., LLC and GE Funding Capital Market Services, Inc. The Solicitor recommended staying in the class action, the Board agreed.

Village Drive Estates – The developer is looking for direction on the ownership of the pump station proposed for this development. It was discussed if the pump station should be dedicated to the Township at the occupancy of the first home or at a later date when more of the homes are occupied. Lester Feick made a motion to authorize the dedication of the pump station when the first house receives the Use and Occupancy Certificate. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote both Board Members cast a yes vote. The Solicitor will draft the pump station agreement to the specs agreed upon by the developer and Township Engineer.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of January 2014 were as follows:

General Account	\$46,661.02
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	\$49,552.51
General Plus Account	\$198,723.07
State Aid Account	\$227.28
State Plus Account	\$372.37
Street Light Account	\$6,248.52

Lester Feick made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this February 10, 2014 meeting. Richard Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote both Board Members cast a yes vote.

Payments of Bills for this February 10, 2014 meeting are:

- General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #14926 to #14967 in the amount of \$57,899.77
- Street Light Account – Check #323 in the amount of \$921.79
- State Liquid Fuels Account –
- Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow –
- Camp Calvary Inspection Escrow –
- Village Estates Improvements Inspection Escrow –
- Stormwater Inspection Escrow –

Total Expenses for this meeting – \$58,821.56

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of January 2014 are as follows:

Sewer Operation Account – \$2,123.035
Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$12,491.72
Debt Service Account - \$402,976.94

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this February 10, 2014 meeting are:

Check #1370 to #1382 in the amount of \$12,491.72

Lester Feick made a motion to approve payment of the sewer bills motion second by Rick Kramer. Upon a roll-call vote, both Board members cast a yes vote on the motion.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 7:52 p.m. Lester Feick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Richard Kramer. Upon a roll call vote, both Board members cast a yes vote on the motion, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Boltz

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township