

## **January 11, 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, Liz Magovern, and other interested persons.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

### **Public Comments**

Joe Body attending the meeting to discuss the former McMichael tract in Mt Aetna to get a better understanding of the street system in Mt Aetna and how they are maintained. It was discussed that Green Alley has not been maintained for many years and basically abandon and the Township did not have the cooperation of the previous owner to reopen the alley. Chairman, Ron Whitmoyer commented that he will talk to the church about reopening Green Alley. Also attending the meeting with Mr. Body was the developer Leonard Martin. Mr. Martin is proposing to develop this tract of land with approximately 46 townhomes. A formal submission has not been made to the Township or with Penn Dot at this time.

Resident Gerald Derr asked the Board if the check was sent out for the reimbursement of the sewer user fees for the Andulhea Heritage Center. It was commented that the check was approved at last months meeting and mailed to the Heritage Center. Mr. Derr also commented that the Bonnie Selig property still looks bad. The Board will check with the Zoning Officer to see if Ms. Selig is making any progress on maintaining her property.

### **Approval of Minutes**

John Kintzer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2009 meeting and the January 4, 2010 reorganization 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 rejection of the plan due to the history of the plan and no time extension request. The developer of this property, Mr. Wilde, commented that the plan is waiting for final approval of the conservation district and he just found out about the time expiration of the plan. He also commented that there have been many different people working on his plan due to changes in the staffing at Light-Heigel. The Board discussed that the plan has been on going for four years. Chairman, Ron Whitmoyer commented that he would be in agreement to give another time extension if the Engineer representing the plan will see to it that the plan gets done. John Kintzer commented that many extensions have been given and the plan is going nowhere and wants to see it built in the township. John Kintzer made a motion to grant a 90 day time extension. Motion second by Rick Kramer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

**Camp Calvary** – Planning Commission recommended waiver of section 501.2M.3.b also stated that there be documentation on the plan for the dimensions for the parking spaces to be constructed with gravel or grass pavers. John Kintzer made a motion to grant a waiver as per Planning Commissions recommendation. Motion second by Rick Kramer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

**Eugene Sensenig** – The driveway has not been built to the specs on the plan and needs widening. Planning Commission recommended that the contractor should bring the driveway and shoulder specs up to the plan. John Kintzer made a motion to the PC Recommendation. Motion second by Rick Kramer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

John Kintzer made a motion to accept the Stormwater Facilities maintenance and Monitoring Agreement. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

John Kintzer made a motion to accept the Land Development Improvement and Maintenance Agreement. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

The letter of credit had been reviewed by the Solicitor and is satisfactory. The Board of Supervisors will wait to sign the plans until the driveway is brought to the specs.

**Solicitor Legal Discussions** – none at this time.

## STAFF REPORTS

**Police Report** – Chief Kerschner read the December 2009 Police report as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Strausstown Borough	Marion Twp.
Miles Patrolled	2448	122	895
Gallons of Fuel	257.7	0	0
Hours of Work	408	20	60
Total Incidents	10	0	4
Complaints	5	1	4
Follow-up Investigations	4	0	2
Telephone Assignments	26	2	7
Comm/Residential to Alarms	1	0	1
EMS/Fire Advisory	3	0	2
Traffic Stops	38	2	10
Citations Issued	37	3	11
Non-traffic Citations	1	0	0
Traffic Warnings	5	0	2
Parking Tickets	0	0	0
Traffic Accidents	2	0	6
DUI Arrests	0	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	0	0	1
Security Checks	75	48	30
Police Assists	4	0	0
Motorists Assists	8	1	6
Court Appearances	1	0	0
School Hours	0	0	0

Chief Kerschner commented that he and the Police Chief of Bethel Township had talked, and it would be nice to have an agreement between Tulpehocken and Bethel Township to run speed, traffic stops, seatbelt checks, ect. This would not be a cross covering or handling of calls, just intervening and helping each other out. Township Solicitor commented that Bethel and Tulpehocken Township would enter a Police Mutual Aid Agreement. This would also require adopting an ordinance with Bethel Township. John Kintzer made a motion to authorize Attorney Hartman's office to draft the agreement. Motion was second by Rick Kramer; upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

**Road Master's Report** – Road Master, Lester Feick read the report for December 2009. The work consisted of working on pipe at Mill Road, cleaning up trees from storm damage, pull sewer pumps, getting equipment ready for snow and ice removal, and cleaning gutters along roads.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Incoming Tax Collector** – Newly elected Tax Collector, Lori A Deck submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors to notify them of the dates and times that she is requesting use of the Township Building. The dates are April 19, 20, 21 & 30, 2010 6pm – 8 pm and June 30, 2010 6pm – 8pm.

**Salem Road Bridge** – The Board had discussed that the weight limit signs for the Salem Road Bridge had been taken down when the County had done some work on that bridge. Ron will ask the County what happened to the signs. This is a historical bridge owned by the County and if it would ever need replacing it would not be replaced with the same type of bridge.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Workshop** – The Board would like to have a workshop with the Township Engineer to familiarize the new Supervisors with the projects going on within the Township. The workshop is required to be advertised. The Board had not decided on a date for this workshop at this meeting; however it does need to be advertised, and then ratified at the next meeting if it is prior to the next meeting.

**Request for Waiver of Sewer Bill** – Rita Geeseman submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting a waiver of the monthly sewer charges for her mother's property at 7645 Lancaster Avenue, Mt Aetna. The home has been vacant since May of 2009 and no one is using water or sewer. She is also preparing the house for sale this coming spring or summer. John Kintzer made a motion to waive the fees for Minnie Marks. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

**Uniform Construction Code Countywide Appeals Board** – A memo was received from the County asking if the Township wanted to participate in the Countywide Board of Appeals for the Uniform Construction Code. The Townships current Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board is Barry Wessner, Dale Stump, and Alan Bashore. The Board had decided to keep their own Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE** none

## FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of December 2009 were as follows:

General Account	131,028.32
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	27,048.81
General Plus Account	198,144.65
State Aid Account	280.05
State Plus Account	100,126.11
Street Light Account	10,181.40

Payments of Bills for this January 11, 2010 meeting are:

General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #11675 to #11711 in the amount of \$16,602.99

Street Light Account – Check 272 in the amount of \$1,027.51

State Liquid Liquid Fuels Account -

Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow - \$1,664.25

Total Expenses for this meeting – \$19,294.75

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 – \$967.51

Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$427.10

Debt Service Account - \$466,941.02

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this January 11, 2010 meeting are:

Check 681 to 693 in the amount of \$7,171.49

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 8:19 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