

January 12, 2009 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 were Ron Whitmoyer, Dale Swope, John Kintzer, Kathy Boltz, Lester Feick, Liz Magovern and other interested persons.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

Public Comments

Louie Brown was at the meeting to discuss the sewer bill for the Andulhea Heritage Center. Mr. Brown is requesting the Township consider entering an agreement with the Historical Society to refund some of the funds that will be paid to the Township for public sewer. The Board of Supervisors discussed this request and all agreed that the Heritage Center is a non profit like the Lions Club with minimal sewage use and has no problem entering an agreement similar to the Lions Club. The Township Solicitor recommends billing the Heritage Center for the regular quarterly amount and then sending a donation for the refund, this is how it is done for Lions Clubs.

The Board of Supervisors also discussed the Andulhea Heritage Center and questioned if it is open to the public. If this facility is open to the public it is required to meet the Uniform Construction Codes. The Board of Supervisors wants to see the Heritage Center succeed but it must be in compliance. These uniform Construction Codes are audited by the state. The Township Solicitor suggested the Heritage Center meet with the building code enforcement officer to find out what needs to be done.

Resident Jacob Derr asked the Board to remove the bushes out front that are around the sign so the public can read the sign. Supervisors discussed this and agreed that the bushes should be removed.

Approval of Minutes

John Kintzer made a motion to approve the minutes from the reorganization meeting on January 5, 2009. Motion second by Dale Swope, upon a roll call vote all three members cast a yes vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission Recommendations to the Board on Plans

Conner Subdivision – Mr. David Wells attended the meeting to discuss the Conner subdivision with the Board. Mr. Wells commented that the design of the plan has been revised to connect the development with the village of Rehrersburg as per the Planning Commission's request. The Board reviewed the recommendations by the Planning Commission with regards to the street widths and the installation of sidewalks. There was discussion on which streets are to be considered minor or collector streets and that at a prior Planning Commission meeting Solicitor Hartman ruled that none of the streets could be considered a collector street. After review and discussion on the recommendations of the Planning Commission from the December 4, 2009 meeting, all three Board members agreed to support the recommendation of the Planning

Commission and recommended that Mr. Wells talk to the applicant about the street widths and sidewalks for this development.

The Board discussed the time extension for this plan and that it will expire February 10, 2009 which is the day after the next Supervisors meeting and if we would have incimate weather action should be taken now to grant a time extension. Mr. Wells verbally requested a time extension until April 13, 2009. Dale made a motion to accept a time extension until April 13, 2009, motion second by John Kintzer. Upon a roll-call vote, all three members cast a yes vote on the motion.

Rossini Farm III – Art McGonigle of Stackhouse Bensinger Inc. attended the meeting to discuss the Rossini Farm III subdivision. At the January 8, 2009 Planning Commission meeting the Planning Commission Board made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to grant a waiver requiring delineation of the wetlands on the residue lots A & B and to conditionally approve the Preliminary Plan, conditions being the outstanding items on the Ludgate Engineering review letter dated January 6, 2009. John Kintzer made a motion granting the waiver requiring delineation of the wetlands on residue lots A & B. Motion second by Dale Swope, upon a roll call vote, all three members cast a yes vote on the motion. John Kintzer made a motion to conditionally approve the Preliminary Plan, the conditions being the outstanding items on the Ludgate review letter dated January 6, 2009. Motion second by Dale Swope, upon a roll call vote all three members cast a yes vote.

At this time Recreation Board member, Rick Klopp asked the Board of Supervisors if any funds are to be paid to the Recreation Board for this subdivision. Township Solicitor commented that the Township would need an approved Recreation Plan in place to accept fees in lieu of, and the Township does not have a plan at this time. If a development has 50 lots or more in the development then the developer is required to set a side land for recreation, this subdivision is proposing 6 residential lots.

Mt Meadows – A letter was presented for a time extension of 90 days, until April 24, 2009, for the revised final of phase 1 for the Township to render their decision on this plan. Upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission John Kintzer made a motion to accept the 90 day time extension. Motion second by Dale Swope, upon a roll call vote all three Board members cast a yes vote.

Solicitor Legal Discussions

Liz Magovern reported she did not have any further legal issues for discussion.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report – for the month of December 2008 was read by Officer Dronick as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Strausstown Borough	Marion Twp.
Miles Patrolled	2233	148	857
Gallons of Fuel	236.2	0	0
Hours of Work	415	20	60
Total Incidents	6	2	2
Complaints	12	5	8
Follow-up Investigations	3	1	0
Telephone Assignments	11	1	3

Respond to Alarms	1	1	1
EMS/Fire Advisory	6	2	4
Traffic Stops	33	7	10
Citations Issued	21	5	9
Non-traffic Citations	0	0	0
Traffic Warnings	10	2	1
Parking Tickets	0	0	0
Traffic Accidents	3	0	2
DUI Arrests	0	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	1	0	0
Security Checks	99	29	33
School Details	0	3	0
Police Assists	5	0	1
Motorists Assists	0	0	0
Court Appearances	3	2	0
School Hours	8	0	0

Road Master's Report – Lester Feick reported work for the month of December 2008 consisted of cleaning gutters, trees down, shop work, snow events, stock piling, and mixing of anti skid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Sewer Engineer – Ludgate Engineering is able to due the Chapter 94 Report as well as any reviews and inspection for the Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plants as per their fee schedule. Dale Swope made a motion to terminate Brinjac Engineering as the Sewer Service Engineer, motion second by John Kintzer. Upon a roll call vote, all three Board members cast a yes vote. Dale Swope made a motion to appoint Ludgate Engineering as the Sewer Service Engineer to do the sewer work and chapter 94 reports. Motion second by John Kintzer, upon a roll call vote all three Board members cast a yes vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Workshop for Planning and Zoning – The Board discussed the need to set up a workshop to discuss the current Planning and Zoning issues of the Township with the Planning Commission Board members and to also invite the Recreation Board members to attend, as well as the Township Engineer and Solicitor. The workshop will be held at the Township Building on February 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The Township secretary will invite the Board members to attend and advertise the meeting in the Reading Eagle.

CFA Funding – The Township had received a letter from the County informing all Berks County Municipalities of new funding for water projects, the H2O PA Act. The fire Chief of the Rehrersburg Fire Company met with Ludgate Engineering to discuss possible funding of a dry fire hydrant line to run from the fire dam to Rehrers Street, in Rehrersburg and possibly into the proposed new development connecting to the village of Rehrersburg. The Township would only be responsible for the portion of the line on the existing Township property, and the developer would be responsible for the portion in the new development. Fire Chief commented that when there is a fire in the town of Rehrersburg they must close the road due to the fact that the hoses are lying on the road. If hydrant line were installed this would eliminate the need for a lot of hose and also would create a quicker response. It is unknown if fire hydrant lines would be eligible for

this type of funding or if the Mt Aetna Fire Company would have any water projects that would qualify. Dale Swope made a motion to research this possible funding to verify if any funds would be available for this type of project. Motion second by John Kintzer, upon a roll call vote, all three members cast a yes vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further was discussed at that time.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of December 2008 were as follows:

General Account	151,909.77
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	26,697.14
General Plus Account	196,829.78
State Aid Account	887.26
State Plus Account	73,720.97
Street Light Account	12,443.94

Payments of Bills for this January 12, 2009 meeting are:

General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #10833 to #10869 in the amount of **\$30,259.28**

Street Light Account – Check #260 in the amount of **\$1,011.48**

Total Expenses for this meeting – \$31,270.76

Dale Swope made a motion to approve payment of the all bills, motion seconded by John Kintzer. Upon a roll-call vote, all three Board members cast a yes vote on the motion.

Sewer Accounts

Sewer Operation Account – **\$5,987.96**

Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - **\$3,201.34**

Debt Service Account - **\$508,122.25**

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this January 12, 2009 meeting are:

Checks #489 to #494 in the amount of \$5,875.41.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 8:55 p.m. John Kintzer made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Dale Swope. 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