

March 11, 2013 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, Gary Deck, Kathy Boltz, Michelle Mayfield, Kris Kerschner, Lester Feick, and other interested persons.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Mease from DIEHM & Sons and Larry Martin Burkholder Family Limited Partnership attended the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have on the rezoning of property located at 7620 Lancaster Ave which is in Marion Township and partially in Tulpehocken Township and Jackson Township. The property was purchased by Burkholder Family Limited Partnership. An application for rezoning has been submitted to Marion Township and Marion Township is offering Tulpehocken Township review and comment on the application. Chairman John Kintzer commented that he feels the Board should stay neutral; we don't know what the plans are for the property and does not want to base the comment on speculation. Rick Kramer commented that the Board can't give an opinion not knowing what the future plan is for the property. Gary Deck commented that we cannot go on hearsay and it does not matter either way to agree or to not respond. Mr. Mease commented that rezoning from Agricultural Rural to Highway Commercial will be favorable to whatever the plan would be. Marion Townships Comprehensive Plan already shows this property to be zoned Highway Commercial and the change would be consistent with the zoning of the portion in Tulpehocken Township. John asked Mr. Martin about the possibility of a slaughter house on this property. Mr. Martin responded that Burkholder Family Partnership is no affiliated with Bur Pack. After this discussion, John Kintzer made a motion to send a letter to Marion Township thanking them for the opportunity to review the rezoning and no comment is being offered. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Jake Derr asked the Board if the amnesty program has been successful for the Township. As of this time one property owner has paid in full and few have made commitments to paying the outstanding balance off with in the twelve months.

Ray Daub notified the Board that he has received complaints about the bushes at the intersection of Market and Chestnut Streets in Mt Aetna. The bushes create a hazard in the intersection for site distance. The Board directed the Township Secretary to send a letter to the property owner notifying them that a complaint has been received and to trim the bushes, if the bushes are not trimmed the Township will trim them; they are located within the right of way.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rick Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting and February 13, 2013 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

Mountain Meadows Phase 2 and Camp Calvary – Planning Commission recommended the Board of Supervisors grant a time extensions for Mountain Meadows Phase 2 until September 13, 2013 and Camp Calvary until June 10, 2013. Rick Kramer made a motion to grant a time extension for Mountain Meadows Phase 2 until September 13, 2013 and Camp Calvary until June 10, 2013. Gary Deck second the motion, upon a roll call vote, all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Solicitor Legal Discussions

Draft Zoning Ordinance – The workshop scheduled for March 20, 2013 is cancelled, the County Planning Commission will not have reviewed the SALDO for comment prior to this workshop. County of Berks Planning Commission has reviewed the amended Tulpehocken Township Zoning Ordinance and offered two comments for consideration:

1. The proposed zoning amendment is generally consistent with Berks County Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan.
2. The Township may want to consider language regarding regulations for renewable energy resource.

Gary Deck made a motion to authorize Hartman’s office to advertise a public hearing to be held on April 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for adoption at the April 8, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote, all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Amnesty Update – The Solicitor commented that two property owners that have been offered amnesty are in bankruptcy; proof of claim is being filed to the bankruptcy proceedings.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report –Chief Kerschner read the February 2013 Police report as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Marion Twp.
Miles Patrolled	2427	1029
Gallons of Fuel	231.5	0
Hours of Work	443	60
Total Incidents	5	0
Complaints	9	2
Follow-up Investigations	1	0
Telephone Assignments	15	7
Comm/Residential to Alarms	1	2
EMS/Fire Advisory	6	4
Traffic Stops	17	8
Citations Issued	20	8
Non-traffic Citations	0	0
Traffic Warnings	5	5
Parking Tickets	0	0
Traffic Accidents	5	2
DUI Arrests	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	1	0
Security Checks	190	106
Police Assists	4	0
Motorists Assists	1	1
Court Appearances	1	0
School Hours	0	0

Chief Kerschner discussed with the Board that new uniforms have been approved with the 2013 budget and it will cost approximately \$2500.00 to outfit the Police Department. Atlantic Tactical will come to measure and tailor the uniforms for each officer. The Board gave Chief Kerschner permission to go ahead and order the uniforms.

Road Master's Report – Lester Feick read the February 2013 report. The work consisted of snow events, snow equipment maintenance, work on equipment and chemical feed pumps, wash trucks, paperwork, and remove bicycle from tree.

- Road sweeper – It will cost approximately \$2,500.00 to rent a Road Sweeper for a week. Lester suggested contacting Jackson Township to share the cost for a week.
- Cutting side of road down – Rick Kramer has received complaints on snow plowing and asked what we have to do to cut the sides down. Lester Feick commented that he has plans to do this in the spring when the weather is nice.
- Grader Tires – Four new tires are needed. It was discussed and agreed to get quotes in writing so the Board can review the quotes.
- Service truck – Service truck is making a ticking noise and the engine light comes on. The computer read out code says it is a collapse lash adjuster. This was repaired under warranty, the warranty has run out. The Board agreed to get a quote from the Ford Dealer and from a local garage.
- Tree trimming – Gary Deck made a motion to set up Stoltzfus to trim trees as long as it stays under 10,000.00 price range. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote, all three Board Members cast a yes vote.
- Curb painting – It was discussed that the square in Mt Aetna and Rehrersburg should be painted yellow and marked for no parking. Chief Kerschner commented that there is a problem in Mt Aetna with trucks parking at pizza shop, also with site distance at the intersection of Teen Challenge Road, Godfrey Street, and Maria Street in both direction, and he does receive complaints on this issue. The Solicitor agreed that a law suit will be more costly than painting. All three Board Members agreed to paint the curbs, and the Solicitor will verify if no parking signs have to be placed.
- TC meter reading – Meter is not working; Lester has someone coming to look to see if it can be repaired or needs replaced. The recorder is bad.
- Telephone dialers – Market Street and Teen Challenge pump station telephone dialers have been sent back to the phone company for repair, if they cannot be fixed, approximate cost is \$1600.00 each.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pressure Washer – John and Rick looked at the used pressure washer, it turned out to be older than the owner thought it was, it was agreed to not purchase it. The Board discussed purchasing a new Karcher pressure washer and to have the quotes in writing to compare what is the better deal including repairs and services. A Karcher sales representative from Elverson will come on Friday to give a demonstration.

PMRS Pension Plan – Gary Deck made a motion to enact Ordinance 2013-3. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

NEW BUSINESS

PennDot Mowing Contract – Rick Kramer made a motion to sign the Agreement and adopt Resolution 2013-5 for the 2013, 2014, & 2015 mowing contract with PennDot. Gary Deck second the motion, upon a roll call vote, all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

MRM Property & Liability Trust – MRM Property and Liability Trust is requesting a voting delegate or an alternate to cast one vote for the election of Trustees and/or to attend the annual meeting. Gary Deck made a motion to sign the proxy and send in authorizing the Chairman to cast the vote for purposes of a quorum. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote on the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Property Maintenance Complaints – Two property maintenance complaints have been received. Gary Deck made a motion to authorize the Township Secretary to send a letter to the property owner of 18 East Market Street to give them notice that progresses has been made and that another complaint was received and to notify the township when cleanup is complete. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote, all three Board Members cast a yes vote. There was discussion on the alley located behind this property. Solicitor will check on the status of the alley.

Gary Deck made a motion to authorize code enforcement to inspect 22, 24, and 26 Maria Street and send notice. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote, all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Settlement Action for 2007 F550 – work had been done on the F550 under warranty. The towing expense of \$150.00 was not covered. The Solicitor recommended taking no action at this time; the township will then be submitted into the class.

Amnesty Request for Additional Time – a written request was received from Scott and Lorraine Jackson asking for additional time to be able to pay off the delinquent sewer user fees for the amnesty program. They are requesting a two year time period. John Kintzer made a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft an agreement and authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign the agreement and letter. 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 February 2013 were as follows:

General Account	\$106,252.39
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	\$21,267.84
General Plus Account	\$198,659.20
State Aid Account	\$518.92
State Plus Account	\$23,284.98
Street Light Account	\$3,571.52

Rick Kramer made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this March 11, 2013 meeting. Gary Deck second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Payments of Bills for this March 11, 2013 meeting are:

General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #14218 to #14242 in the amount of \$22,733.83
 Street Light Account – Check #311 in the amount of \$1,233.65
 State Liquid Fuels Account –
 Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow –
 Camp Calvary Inspection Escrow –
 Martin Poultry Operation Inspection Escrow –
 Stormwater Inspection Escrow –
 Total Expenses for this meeting – \$23,967.48

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of February 2013 are as follows:

Sewer Operation Account – \$48,596.17
 Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$997.48
 Debt Service Account - \$402,847.43

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this March 11, 2013 meeting are:
 Check #1217 to #1230 in the amount of \$12,002.29

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.

Sewer Secretary Hours – John Kintzer mentioned that Heather Claman was hired to worked no more than 20 hours a week and that the amnesty program has increased her duties. The Board agreed that Heather should keep track of the hours for amnesty and contact the Board of Supervisors if more hours are needed. It was agreed to let it ride.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 10:32 p.m. Rick Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Gary Deck. 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