

March 14, 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, Kris Kerschner, Lester Feick, Bethany Emkey, Gary Deck and other interested persons.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eugene Umbenhauer asked the Board why the road crew is hauling firewood in Township vehicles and then placing it in personal vehicles. The Board's response was that the road crew had cleaned up tree limbs from storm damage and was hauling it back to the township building where it is usually dumped in the rear of the building. Instead of dumping in the rear it was loaded on a truck.

Shirley Derr asked about the pay raises for the township employees from the reorganization meeting for 2011. Shirley questioned if this decision was economical due to the economy. Chairman John Kintzer commented that the Board had kept them lower than other years and that the township is in good shape.

Shirley also asked about the Regional Police Study. It was discussed that we are doing the study to better understand how things will work if the two departments will regionalize or merge. Shirley commented that it takes the State Police too long to respond to a call if the local police are not on duty, and she has observed an increase in crime and theft and is concerned about coverage; she is not for the change.

Resident Jake Derr commented that approximately 98% of the people living in Mt Aetna are opposing the proposed plan for Mount Aetna Village Townhomes. The plan proposes a lot of new wells for water on the six acres. Residents also commented this will not do any good for the community and bring more policing issues and an increase in Street Lighting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Whitmoyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2011 Board of Supervisors 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

Mountain Meadows Phase II – Planning Commission recommended the Board of Supervisors accept the offer of a 180 day time extension until September 24, 2011. Ron Whitmoyer made a motion to accept the 180 day time extension until September 24, 2011. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Mount Aetna Village – Planning Commission made a motion recommending the Township Solicitor and Township Engineer attend the Zoning Hearing for Mount Aetna Village which is scheduled for March 28, 2011. The Planning Commission also submitted a report to the Zoning Hearing Board as the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Township Solicitor also recommended that the Zoning Officer attend the Zoning Hearing. It was discussed that the Board of Supervisors could appoint Ludgate Engineering as Alternate Zoning Officer to have one body serve two functions. Ron Whitmoyer made a motion to appoint Ludgate Engineering as Alternate Zoning Officer. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

At this time the Township Solicitor gave a quick review of the report submitted to the Zoning Hearing board by the Planning Commission. Ron Whitmoyer made a motion to adopt the Planning Commission Report as the recommendation from the Board of Supervisors to the Zoning Hearing Board. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Rick Kramer made a motion to authorize Pete Eisenbrown and Chris Hartman to represent the Township at the Zoning Hearing for Mount Aetna Village. Ron Whitmoyer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Other – Planning Commission made a motion recommending the Board of Supervisors review and update the Township’s Ordinances. Gary Deck asked the Board to look at where the community is heading and what the Township codes currently are. John Kintzer commented that the Township Solicitor feels the Ordinances are legally sound and questioned if the Township should spend the money and time to review. It was discussed that the Township will need to go into some changes with Floodplain and Airport Ordinances soon. The Board decided to ask the Planning Commission to come up with a list of changes to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

Solicitor Legal Discussions

E & E Self Storage – E & E Self Storage owes the Township \$9,798.55 in outstanding Land Development Fees. Ron Whitmoyer made a motion to authorize Hartman/Shurr to lien the E & E Self Storage property for the unpaid Land Development fees. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Sewer Resolution – A resolution was prepared to clarify purchasing sewer capacity for the treatment plants. Ron Whitmoyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-4. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Parkside Inn Construction Easements – Rick Kramer made a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare construction easements for Parkside Inn Road project and have the Chairman execute agreements after finalized and signed by the property owners. Ron Whitmoyer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Floodplain Revisions – FEMA is using new mapping that better identifies where streams actually are. The maps have not been updated since 1996. The Township received draft copies of the new maps for review and comment. The Township will be required to adopt a new ordinance for the floodplain and the new maps after the review period. FEMA is requiring that the property owners affected by the revised mapping be notified that the maps are available for

public reviews and comments. The Board decided to have the Zoning Officer review the maps and give notice to allow the people to comment.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report – Chief Kerschner read the February 2011 Police report as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Strausstown Borough	Marion Twp.
Miles Patrolled	1990	96	819
Gallons of Fuel	223	0	0
Hours of Work	398	20	60
Total Incidents	5	0	1
Complaints	1	0	6
Follow-up Investigations	1	0	0
Telephone Assignments	13	4	5
Comm/Residential to Alarms	2	2	3
EMS/Fire Advisory	10	0	6
Traffic Stops	18	2	8
Citations Issued	18	1	8
Non-traffic Citations	0	0	0
Traffic Warnings	2	0	1
Parking Tickets	0	1	0
Traffic Accidents	0	0	1
DUI Arrests	0	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	0	0	0
Security Checks	115	75	53
Police Assists	3	0	0
Motorists Assists	0	1	0
Court Appearances	2	0	0
School Hours	16	0	0

At this time Chief Kerschner reminded that Board of a letter that was sent to the Township from the Berks County Commissioners asking for municipalities to provide funding support for the Berks County Emergency Response Team (BCERT). It was discussed that the County is much quicker to respond than the State when a Tactical Team is needed. Ron made a motion to donate \$500.00 to BCERT. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote. Chief Kerschner also asked permission from the Board to order drawstring backpacks to hand out to the Boy and Girl Scouts that come for a tour of the Police Station. The cost is approximately \$.99 a piece for an order of 100. Ron made a motion to authorize Chief Kerschner to order drawstring backpacks. Rick Kramer second the motion, 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 February 2011. The work consisted of snow removal, ice storm, stock pile antiskid and salt, shop work, equipment maintenance, sewer maintenance, and wind storm damage cleanup. Mt Aetna was also down a sewer pump.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Comprehensive Fee Schedule – Ron Whitmoyer made a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Fee Schedule Resolution 2011-5. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board of Supervisors cast a yes vote.

Chapter 94 Report – Rick Kramer made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Chapter 94 Report. Ron Whitmoyer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board of Supervisors cast a yes vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Land Use Map from County – Berks County Planning Commission is in the process of updating the Vision 2020 County Comprehensive Plan. The Board discussed the map and the Township Solicitor suggested the Zoning Officer review the map for accuracy.

County Radio System – Ron Whitmoyer commented that he was contacted by a Supervisor from Jefferson Township concerning the County Radio System. Jefferson Township is planning on submitting a letter opposing the County Radio System. Jefferson Township will be sending a letter to Tulpehocken Township for review at the next meeting.

Graffiti on Salem Road Bridge – Berks County Courts Graffiti Abatement Program sent a letter notifying Berks municipalities of the service they provide at no cost for removal of graffiti by utilizing individual sentenced to perform community service through the Berks County Court of Common Plea for the 23rd Judicial District. Ron Whitmoyer commented that the only place he could think of was the Salem Road Bridge.

CORRESPONDENCE

none

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

General Account	102,644.69
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	633.92
General Plus Account	198,458.91
State Aid Account	300.42
State Plus Account	927.82
Street Light Account	4,619.44

Payments of Bills for this March 14, 2011 meeting are:

General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #12664 to #12696 in the amount of \$44,509.46

Street Light Account – Check 287 in the amount of \$1,337.76

State Liquid Liquid Fuels Account –

Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow – Check #128 in the amount of \$72.50

Total Expenses for this meeting – \$45,919.72

Rick Kramer made a motion to pay the bills, Ron Whitmoyer second the motion. Upon a roll-call vote, all three Board members cast a yes vote on the motion.

Sewer Accounts
Sewer Operation Account – \$58,563.81
Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$7,915.41
Debt Service Account - \$437,421.49

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this March 14, 2011 meeting are:
Check #889 to #903 in the amount of \$15,846.06

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.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 9:06 p.m. Rick Kramer made a motion to adjourn that 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