

March 9, 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

Resident, Gerald Derr thanked the Board for trimming the bushes surrounding the Township Building sign. Mr. Derr also commented that if at all possible the work being proposed for the square in Mt. Aetna is completed prior to the 2010 bicentennial celebration.

Resident, Anthony Wenger asked the Board what the plan is for cutting down as per an article in the Reading Eagle pertaining to local Townships. Ron commented that the Board is watching the budget closely.

Approval of Minutes

Dale Swope made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2009 meeting and for the February 17, 2009 workshop meeting as written. John Kintzer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission Recommendations to the Board on Plans

Rossini Farm III – The Rossini Farm III is close to final plan review. The applicant is requesting the Board allow the on lot improvements be tied to the new lot owner with the occupancy permits, as the lots are sold. At the March Planning Commission meeting this was discussed and the Township Engineer and Township Solicitor were in agreement that all the improvements should be in one letter of credit and not done on an individual basis. The Board discussed this concept and agreed that this has never been done before and the concept was not clear. The Board suggested that the applicant put the request in writing on how this will be done on an on lot basis and the Township will have the Solicitor and Engineer review the request.

Giorgio II – Planning Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors was to grant a waiver of section 213.1 to allow a sketch plan of record to be recorded as non-residential. John Kintzer made motion granting a waiver for section 213.1 for the Giorgio II subdivision. 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 – Chief Kerschner read the February 2009 Police report as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Strausstown Borough	Marion Twp.
Miles Patrolled	2497	126	951
Gallons of Fuel	234	0	0
Hours of Work	406.25	20	60
Total Incidents	4	0	3
Complaints	12	1	3
Follow-up Investigations	2	1	0
Telephone Assignments	14	0	5
Comm/Residential to Alarms	3	0	1
EMS/Fire Advisory	12	0	8
Traffic Stops	63	5	15
Citations Issued	59	4	13
Non-traffic Citations	7	0	0
Traffic Warnings	10	1	4
Parking Tickets	0	0	0
Traffic Accidents	5	0	1
DUI Arrests	0	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	1	0	0
Security Checks	150	80	69
School Details	0	0	0
Police Assists	2	0	1
Motorists Assists	4	0	0
Court Appearances	1	0	0
School Hours	0	0	0

Road Master's Report – Lester Feick reported work for the month of February 2009 consisted of snow and ice events, trees down, met with Pen Dot about Mt Aetna square, garage work, and sewer maintenance and problems.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DCED & GAGAS Audit - Dale Swope made a motion to ratify Resolution 2009-3 appointing Reinsel Kuntz Leshner, LLP to the office of Independent Auditor for the Township. Motion second by John Kintzer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

EMA Promulgation – John Kintzer made a motion to ratify Resolution 2009-4 pertaining to the EMA promulgation. Motion second by Dale Swope, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule - Dale Swope made a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Fee Schedule as per Resolution 2009-5. Motion second by John Kintzer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Sewage Enforcement Officer – LTL Consultants had been temporarily appointed as Sewage Enforcement Officer until this March 9, 2009 meeting. The Board discussed the possibility of Ludgate Engineering performing the SEO work, and will get prices to compare. John Kintzer

made a motion to appoint LTL Consultants as SEO until April 13, 2009. Dale Swope second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Sewer refinancing – Chairman, Ron commented that he had met with bankers and financial advisors concerning refinancing the loans for the sewage treatment plants. The options presented to the Township for refinancing the loans were not cost effective. The cost would exceed the savings the Board agreed that now is not a good time to refinance.

Square in Mt. Aetna – The Board discussed the need for the Township to make improvements to the square in Mt. Aetna and to apply for funding for this project. DeBrunner is a company that helps local Governments obtain funding for these types of projects. However DeBrunner does charge an hourly rate. The Board is going to look into some of the question they have concerning this company, like what the hourly rate is, what the success rate is, and do they have any references. Ron also commented that Deena Kerschner from Hamburg Borough has experience with the Main Street program and is willing to meet with the Board to offer advice.

Amending wastewater rules and regulations – The Board adopted Resolution Number 2006-4 which adopted Rules and Regulation for direct and indirect contributors into the wastewater collection and treatment systems of Tulpehocken Township to enable it to comply with all applicable state and federal laws. The Board is adding a new Section 9 to the Rules and Regulations to begin to charge sewer user fees to a property owner upon the issuance of a use and occupancy permit for any newly constructed residential dwelling connected to the public sewer system within the Township. John Kintzer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-6 amending 2006-4 to allow the Township to charge new residential construction. Motion second by Dale Swope, upon a roll call vote all three members cast a yes vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ag Security – The enrollment period for Ag Security is for the months of March and October. Township Solicitor will advertise the notice that the enrollment is open.

Health Insurance – PCI Insurance has sent the renewal for the Health Insurance Benefits for 2009. The rate increase for 2009 is 4.2%

Mobile Home Ordinance - Dale Swope made a motion to amend the Mobile Home Ordinance to remove the Township Secretary and appoint the Zoning Officer to enforce street lighting in the park. Motion second by John Kintzer, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Dog Kennels – Charles Fair, of Summer Mountain Road commented to the Board that he has a problem with LTL, as Zoning Officer and does not appreciate the way they handle the residence of the Township. Mr. Fair stated that the state wants him to obtain a zoning permit from the Township. The Zoning Officer issued a zoning Permit as per last State inspection, which was for 250 dogs. Mr. Fair stated that he has a state license from the state for up to 500 dogs and that the zoning permit should correspond with the State License. Mr. Fair did not allow the Zoning Officer to enter the dog kennels, due to the fact that it is posted as a bio-hazard area.

At this time Chairman, Ron Whitmoyer, question Mr. Fair about the modular trailers on his property that were to be removed two years ago. Mr. Fair's reply was that the modular trailers are still there, they are for sale and people are looking at them. If they are not sold they will be removed with in 6 months.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further was discussed at that time.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

General Account	76,953.98
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	3,235.13
General Plus Account	196,829.78
State Aid Account	712.16
State Plus Account	71,220.97
Street Light Account	10,863.36

Payments of Bills for this March 9, 2009 meeting are:

General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #10974 to #11011 in the amount of \$26,366.74
 Street Light Account – Check #262 in the amount of \$1,008.92
 State Liquid Fuels Account – no expenses this month
 Total Expenses for this meeting – \$27,375.66

Dale Swope made a motion to approve payment of the bills with exception of check # 10991 to Swope's garage motion second by John Kintzer. Upon a roll-call vote, all three Board members cast a yes vote on the motion. John Kintzer made a motion to approve payment to Swope's Garage, motion second by Ron Whitmoyer.

Sewer Accounts
 Sewer Operation Account – \$33,000.15
 Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$9,759.74
 Debt Service Account - \$508,122.25

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this March 9, 2009 meeting are:
 Check # 509 to # 525 in the amount of \$11,293.15.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 9:13 p.m. Dale Swope made a motion to adjourn that was second by John Kintzer. 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