

May 12, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Vice Chairman Rick Kramer 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 Rick Kramer, Lester Feick, Kathy Boltz, Michelle Mayfield, Kris Kerschner, and other interested persons.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

Vice Chairman Rick Kramer announced that an executive session was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for personnel. It was decided to advertise in the Reading Eagle and the Myerstown Merchandiser for the available Secretary Treasurer position.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anthony Wenger asked the Board when the re-grating will be done along Wintersville Road that was discussed at the October 2013 meeting. The Board informed Mr. Wenger that this will be done soon.

Lloyd Schneck had commented that the property at 354A Godfrey Street has many unlicensed cars parked on the lot and it appears that a business may be operating on this property. It was discussed by the Board that the property is not set up as a business. Lester Feick made a motion to authorize the Zoning Officer to check it out. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all Board Members cast a yes vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lester Feick made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all Board Members cast a yes vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission Recommendations to the Board

Shoestring Industries Subdivision – Planning Commission recommended accepting the time extension offer as requested until August 12, 2014 and also to grant a waiver of Section 205, Preliminary to Final Plan. Lester Feick made a motion to accept the time extension until August 12, 2014. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all Board Members cast a yes vote. Lester Feick made a motion to grant a waiver of Section 205. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote, all Board Members cast a yes vote.

Larry Dean Martin Poultry Operation – Planning Commission recommended the Board of Supervisors look into a grant from DCNR to help with funding to improve the right-of-way on Lions Park Drive in the Lions Club area. The Board discussed that the desire of the Developer is to move an existing shed and the baseball field along Lions Park Drive so the road could be widened. The widening is not required and a grant would be a benefit to the township. The Board authorized the Township Secretary to look into what grants would be available.

Solicitor Legal Discussions

None

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report – Chief Kerschner read the April 2014 Police report as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Marion Twp.
Miles Patrolled	3244	1261
Gallons of Fuel	308	0
Hours of Work	527	60
Total Incidents	1	1
Complaints	12	7
Follow-up Investigations	2	2
Telephone Assignments	16	8
Comm/Residential to Alarms	2	2
EMS/Fire Advisory	11	5
Traffic Stops	36	21
Citations Issued	33	22
Non-traffic Citations	0	0
Traffic Warnings	5	1
Warrants	0	0
Parking Tickets	0	0
Traffic Accidents	2	1
DUI Arrests	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	1	0
Security Checks	97	10
Police Assists	16	0
Motorists Assists	1	2
Court Appearances	3	1
School Hours	0	0

Chief Kerschner commented that he is waiting for two more prices on stripping the cruiser and hopes to have them by next meeting. On Memorial Day weekend they will be working a buckle up grant and that the money has been received from the aggressive driving grant. The air testing that was discussed at last meeting will be getting done; he is waiting for a quote from PROAC for the cost of the test.

Rick Kramer commented that other municipalities are being sued when an aggressive dog is out of control and is euthanize. Rick suggested training people for these situations. Chief Kerschner commented that the Police Department does enforce dog laws.

Road Master's Report – Lester Feick read the April 2014 report. The work consisted of sewer maintenance, equipment work, clean up Deck Road, gutter and pipe work, met with Township Engineer on upcoming projects, PSATS Convention, administrative work, clean trucks and equipment, and worked in the PD Department.

Fire Chiefs Report – Lester Feick read the monthly reports for Keystone Fire Company and Rescue Fire Company.

SEWER OPERATIONS

Judgments/Delinquent Accounts

5 Apple Street, Kenneth and Jessica Bedleyoung have paid in full.

592 Godfrey Street; should be getting a check from the Sheriff sale.

15 West Market Street, owner is Christina Kennelly, waiting for judgment to be transferred.

28 Church Street, Linda Manegold property; proceeding with the Real Estate Sheriff's Sale. The retainer fee for the Sheriff's Department is \$2500.00. The check for the Sheriff's Sale is in this month's bills list for approval.

354 Godfrey Street, Mervin and Joanne Zimmerman this property is in foreclosure.

19 W Tanner/1 Chestnut Street, Merkey property; judgment was filed waiting for judgment to be transferred.

Waiver of Sewer Fees – The owner of 7647 Lancaster Ave, Mt Aetna has been deceased since December 2013. The executrix of the estate is preparing the house to sell and noted that there has not been anyone living in home since the owner has been deceased. The first and second quarter fees have been paid, she is asking for a waiver of the sewer user fees until the house is sold or occupied. The Board discussed the requested and decided that if the property is not sold or reoccupied by the end of June than the waiver could be granted; the rules state it must be unoccupied for 6 consecutive months. The Board suggested the request be made again at the June meeting to be effective for the end of June 2014 when it will be empty for 6 months.

Other

501 Bar and Grill – It had been reported to the Township that there may be an apartment above the 501 Bar and Grill Restaurant with someone living there. A tapping fee was not paid for an apartment and it is not being billed for user fees. The Board discussed and authorized the Zoning Officer to investigate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Battery and Tire Recycling – Rick Kramer commented that Marion Township was successful in offering a battery and tire recycling program to their residents. Rick reported that the tires can be taken to Harrisburg for a cost of approximately \$500.00 per truck load. The batteries can be taken to East Penn Manufacturing were they offer a rebate for the batteries. It was discussed to limit amount of tires to be dropped off and that proof of township resident should be required. The county may offer a grant for community service. Lester Feick agreed to check with Bethel Township to see if they would be interested in joining with the program.

Greble and Woleber Road Intersection Radius Plan Easement – The Solicitor drafted a resolution authorizing the Deed in Lieu of Condemnation for the portion of the property located at 265 Greble Road for roadway improvement purposes. Rick Kramer made a motion to adopt

Resolution 2014-7. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all Board Members cast yes vote.

Teen Challenge Road Project Easement – Lester Feick made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft a temporary easement and send to the property owners for signatures and to pay for the notary fees. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all Board Members cast a yes vote. Lester Feick made a motion to authorize the Township Engineer to draft a site plan to be attached to the easement. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all Board Members cast a yes vote.

Bradshaw Sewage Maintenance Agreement – The signed Bradshaw Agreement and escrow funds in the amount of \$500.00 have been submitted. Lester Feick made a motion to authorize the Chairman and the Secretary to sign the Sewage Maintenance Agreement. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all Board Members cast a yes vote.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen's Complaint Form – Property Maintenance complaint has been submitted for 4 Goose Lane, Mt Aetna. There has been a dumpster in the front yard since fall of 2013, tons of litter, trash, broken and busted items, and wet mattresses in the yard. The lawn goes unmowed for weeks at a time. The Board authorized the Zoning Officer to investigate the complaint.

Fire Police Coverage Request – Lester Feick made a motion to authorize the participation of fire police for the Bernville Borough Annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 26, 2014. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all Board Members cast a yes vote.

105 Teen Challenge Road – Property owner is requesting an extension of time for having storage containers removed due to having some health issues. Lester Feick made a motion to approve a time extension for removing the containers. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all Board Members cast a yes vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of April 2014 were as follows:

General Account	\$6,833.49
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	\$31,754.78
General Plus Account	\$198,733.77
State Aid Account	\$227.29
State Plus Account	\$157,139.99
Street Light Account	\$8,993.25

Lester Feick made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this May 12, 2014 meeting. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all Board Members cast a yes vote.

Payments of Bills for this May 12, 2014 meeting are:

General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #15123 to #15163 in the amount of \$81,577.10

Street Light Account – Check #326 in the amount of \$898.15

State Liquid Fuels Account – Check #179 in the amount of \$21,046.00

Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow –

Camp Calvary Inspection Escrow – Check # 150 in the amount of \$107.79

Village Estates Improvements Inspection Escrow –

Stormwater Inspection Escrow –

Total Expenses for this meeting – \$103,629.04

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of May 12, 2014 are as follows:

Sewer Operation Account – \$3,581.44

Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$108,727.80

Debt Service Account - \$402,998.64

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this May 12, 2014 meeting are:

Check #1410 to #1428 in the amount of \$11,311.46

Lester Feick made a motion to approve payment of the sewer bills motion second by Rick Kramer. Upon a roll-call vote, all Board Members cast a yes vote on the motion.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 7:58 p.m. Lester Feick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Rick Kramer. Upon a roll call vote all Board Members cast a yes vote on the motion, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Boltz

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township