

## **September 14, 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 the regular monthly meeting were Ron Whitmoyer, Dale Swope, John Kintzer, Kathy Boltz, Liz Magovern, Kris Kerschner, and other interested persons.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

### **Public Comments**

Resident Gerald Derr commented that he feels last months discussion on the square in Mt Aetna does not meet the needs of the Township and the problems with the traffic flow. Chairman, Ron Whitmoyer will forward the contact information for Penn Dot to Mr. Derr so he can correspond with Penn Dot on the safety issues within the square.

### **Approval of Minutes**

John Kintzer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2009 meeting. Dale Swope second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

### **Planning Commission Recommendations to the Board**

**Alspaugh** – Planning Commission recommended granting a waiver of section 304B under the Stormwater Ordinance No. 2008 -3, due to the small size of the ponds, they feel six inches of free board is sufficient. Dale Swope made a motion to grant a waiver of Section 304B. John Kintzer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

John Kintzer made a motion to grant preliminary approval under the condition that the requirements are met in the Ludgate Engineering letter dated August 31, 2009 and letter dated August 1, 2009. Dale Swope second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

**2010 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Police Pension Plan** – The secretary had prepared the MMO for 2010 based on 2009 wage figures with the Township obligation to be \$12,464.00 for 2010. Funding received through State Aid should cover most or the entire amount due. The MMO must be presented to the Supervisors by the end of September and then turned over to PMRS.

**Solicitor Legal Discussions** – None at this time.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**Police Report** – Chief Kerschner read the August 2009 Police report as follows:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Tulpehocken Twp.</b>	<b>Strausstown Borough</b>	<b>Marion Twp.</b>
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Miles Patrolled	2513	175	1006
Gallons of Fuel	384.2	0	0
Hours of Work	502	20	60
Total Incidents	16	0	5
Complaints	3	1	2
Follow-up Investigations	2	0	2
Telephone Assignments	44	5	6
Comm/Residential to Alarms	4	1	1
EMS/Fire Advisory	13	2	5
Traffic Stops	68	7	10
Citations Issued	60	8	11
Non-traffic Citations	2	0	1
Traffic Warnings	10	0	1
Parking Tickets	0	0	0
Traffic Accidents	4	0	2
DUI Arrests	0	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	0	0	0
Security Checks	85	39	23
Police Assists	2	0	0
Motorists Assists	5	0	1
Court Appearances	4	0	0
School Hours	0	0	0

Dale Swope made a motion to set Thursday, October 29, 2009 as trick or treat night between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. John Kintzer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

**Road Master's Report** – Ron Whitmoyer read the Road Master report for the month of August, Road Master Lester Feick was unable to attend the meeting. The work for August consisted of highway mowing, road patching, and sewer maintenance.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Omnibus Traffic Ordinance** – The Board of Supervisors discussed the parking plan for the square in Mt Aetna and decided to designate three or four car parking spaces in front of 7659 Lancaster Ave, and then allow parking for one long truck and one short truck in front of the barn on the same property. The Board also discussed the weight limits on some of the roads with bridges and the amount of truck traffic on Market Street in Mt Aetna. The decision was to completely remove section 301 part 3 of the Omnibus Traffic Ordinance.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Berks County Convention** - The convention will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2009 from 5:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at the Oley Fair Centre, 26 Jefferson Street, Oley PA, this is a new location. Ron Whitmoyer, Dale Swope, and John Kintzer plan to attend.

**Sewer Connection Ordinance** – The Board had received a memo from the Sewer Service with some questions on the EDU charges for a few Businesses. Funeral Homes are currently being charged 1.5 EDU's. Dale Swope made a motion to change Funeral Homes to one EDU from 1.5 EDU's. John Kintzer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Teen Challenge Garage currently being charged 3 EDU's per month. Teen Challenge submitted a letter to the Sewer Service requesting a reassessment of the property. The garage is minimum use, only open two or three days a week and has two employees and has dropped their inspection services. The building still has classrooms and the minimum use garage. The Board decided to reduce the EDU charge for the building to two EDU's.

It was also discussed that the garages without carwash facilities, within the sewer service are being charged per bay. This result in a high quarterly bill compared to the amount of discharge into the sewer. Dale Swope made a motion to amend the EDU charges for additional bays for service station, garages and automobile repair shops without carwash facilities to one EDU. John Kintzer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

At this time, Gerald Derr asked the Board when he could expect the refund for Andulhea Heritage Center's sewer bill. Ron had asked Mr. Derr if he has obtained the proper permits for the Heritage Center. The secretary will check with the Zoning Officer to see if any permits had been issued.

**FDIC Insurance for Bank Accounts** – Ron had met with M & T Bank to discuss the Township's banking needs and had learned that PLGIT is not FDIC insured. This raised a concern about having our bank accounts with PLGIT if they are not FDIC insured. A meeting will be set up with PLGIT to discuss how secure their Financial Institute is.

**Fair Kennels** – Mr. Fair had applied for a zoning permit to obtain a license from the state for the dog kennels on his property. Mr. Fair had not paid or pick up the permit as of this date. However he has received a state license. The Board has authorized the Zoning Officer to contact the State and find out how Mr. Fair obtained the state license with out the Townships permit being paid or pick up.

**Mill Road Project** – John Kintzer made a motion to get bids for culverts with fish baffles. Dale Swope second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Berks County Policing Study** – Center for Community Leadership has invited Municipal, Police, and School Officials to attend a regional meeting to be held Wednesday, September 30, 2009 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Bethel Community Center. Dale Swope, John Kintzer, Chief Kerschner, and Robbi Lane plan to attend.

## FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

General Account	157,628.28
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	854.47
General Plus Account	197,724.98
State Aid Account	859.25
State Plus Account	178,743.54
Street Light Account	13,933.10

Payments of Bills for this September 14, 2009 meeting are:

General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #11410 to #11439 in the amount of \$35,106.71  
Street Light Account – Check 268 in the amount of \$1,025.51  
Camp Calvary Land Development Escrow checks 107 - 108 in the amount of \$170.00  
Total Expenses for this meeting – \$36,304.22

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

Sewer Accounts  
Sewer Operation Account – \$37,075.16  
Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$8,534.72  
Debt Service Account - \$468,946.15

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this September 14, 2009 meeting are:

Check 617 to 633 in the amount of \$16,691.59

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 8:46 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