

Board of Supervisors Regular meeting Tuesday October 5, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday October 5, 2004 commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Mr. Garris called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Mr. Doratt, and Mr. Hensel, Mr. Pompo Township Solicitor, Mr. Herbert MacCombie Township Engineer, Mr. Lowry Township Zoning Officer/Building Inspector and members of the community.

Mr. Garris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to waive the reading of the previous meetings minutes. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Garris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hensel, to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings minutes. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Garris stated the Board met in executive session on Tuesday September 28, 2004 at 8:30 to discuss personnel issues.

Mr. Garris stated the Board would open the sealed bids for the 1973 Ford Tractor award as is. The bids were as follows: Gaudino Brothers \$526.00, Gil Weaver \$1,650.00, Norm Shirk \$811.00.

Mr. Garris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt; to award the sealed 1973 Ford Tractor as is bid in the amount of \$1,650.00 to Gil Weaver. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Township Police report. Chief Groce reported that 3,809 miles were patrolled and 228 incidents were handled for the following categories: 4 criminal mischief, 5 thefts, 4 harassment, 2 suspicious persons, 72 stationary patrols, 2 911 hang ups, 73 business checks, 11 alarms, 10 assist to other departments, 4 animals, 8 domestics, 3 accidents, 2 disturbance. There were 54 citations issued for 52 traffic, 2 non-traffic, 1 disorderly conduct, and 1 harassment. Chief Groce stated that all new officers hired are working on the street. Chief Groce suggested to keep your vehicle doors locked and not to keep valuables in your car, 3 vehicles were broken into last month.

Township Engineers report. Mr. MacCombie stated that paving and repairs have begun with the completion of the Quarry Ridge development. Mr. MacCombie stated that the Pomeroy Heights residents can tap into the public sewer system and that all paving work in Pomeroy Height should be completed by Halloween. The Greenbelt drive bridge construction has begun today and should be completed by the end of the month. Mr. MacCombie stated that he needs to speak with Chief Groce with regards to the preemption on the 10 & 30 traffic signal. Mr. MacCombie stated that he has prepared several construction releases for Electronic Boutique in the amount of \$511,830.80, Octorara Glen in the amount of \$39,204.55, and Morris Farm in the amount of

\$96,645.35, and a reduction of Credit to AIM in the amount of \$344,863.60 and a reduction of credit to AIM in the amount of \$32,161.25.

Mr. Garris made a motion to accept the following construction releases: Electronic Boutique in the amount of \$511,830.80, Octorara Glen in the amount of \$39,204.55, Morris Farm in the amount of \$96,645.35, and reduction of credit releases to AIM in the amount of \$344,863.60 and \$32,161.25 per Mr. MacCombie's recommendation. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacCombie stated that he reviewed grading permit applications for Peco Energy regarding the installation of a gas main along Octorara Road and was acceptable. Mr. MacCombie stated he is currently reviewing 5 land development applications for the Township. Public water is currently being installed in Pomeroy Heights.

Mr. Garris stated he is in receipt of traffic light and signal modification agreement that was handed to him just before the meeting. Mr. Garris understands that two agreements were drafted; one with Meeting House Properties and one with AIM, the agreement should state the years to be extended to 7 and how to use allocation of the money. Mr. Garris tabled the traffic agreement.

Mr. Silvernail asked about the left hand turn signal onto Old Wilmington Road. Mr. MacCombie stated that would probably be warranted for future use.

Township Solicitors report. Mr. Pompo stated that he is in receipt of a letter from BFI; the letter states that during their audit they realized they were not charging Sadsbury the correct rate per the contract. Mr. Pompo stated that according to our contact BFI is supposed to bill the Township an incremental increase every September until the contract expires and they did not therefore they want the Township to payback the difference owed. Mr. Pompo states he will contact BFI to explain that this seems to be their billing error and the Township should not have to pay any back money. Mr. Pompo also stated he would also like to see the tonnage reports each week.

Township Zoning report. Mr. Lowry reported 65 inspections have been performed and 95 inquires have been answered, 3 permits were issued for one mobile home, one deck and one addition. Mr. Lowry reported the hearing for Mr. Zydinsky was held on September 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. and was granted his Variance with conditions. Cumberland Insurance has submitted for a conditional use hearing to reduce the number of required parking spaces, the hearing is scheduled for October 19, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Lowry stated nothing to report on the code enforcement for the month. Mr. Lowry stated that he received an extension letter from JYF partners for an application for a non-building three-lot subdivision on Lincoln Highway. Mr. Lowry states he expects Gateway Church to submit plans in the near future. Mr. Lowry has also received an extension letter from Cumberland Insurance.

Township Planning Commission report Mr. Przychodzien stated their regular meeting was held on September 20, 2004. Present were Dale Hensel, Tony Przychodzien, George Dalmas and Anthony Cabassa. Mr. Przychodzien stated that Joe Russella representing P & R products lot #5 Morris Farm requested approval. Mr. Hensel and Mr. Lowry suggested waiting for further recommendations from Mr. MacCombie. Mr. Przychodzien stated there was general discussion regarding \$436,000.00 grant that was awarded to the Township for the village enhancement, the discussion was left for further review. The Planning Commission voted on an amendment to permit by conditional use specialty retail shop in a separate building on the same lot as a single family dwelling within the village district. The vote passed 3-0.

Pomeroy Fire Company report. Mr. Taylor reported a total of 11 alarms answered during the month of September for 1 hay bale, 2 auto alarm, 1 dwelling, 3 stand by, 1 auto accident, 1 wires, 1 mobile home, 1 ambulance assist. Time in service was 13 hours and 16 minutes.

Sadsburyville Fire report. Mr. Crugnale reported a total of 7 alarms answered for the month of September for 1 ambulance assist, 1 co2 detector, 1 residential rescue, 4 assist to other departments. Time in service was 3 hours and 58 minutes.

Township Road report. Mr. Hensel reported for the month of September most roads passable. The road crew has been patching potholes throughout the Township, put 4' stone along Compass Road and continued gutter and drain work for water drainage, installed a drain pipe across Meeting House Lane. Mr. Hensel reported that the new tractor for mowing the roads and parks has arrived. Total vehicle miles are 786.

Comprehensive Study Committee report. Mr. Hensel reported that the committee discussed and reviewed grants regarding Chapter 6 Population and Housing and projected future population. One of the goals was to keep the residents in the Township as they grow older, the home you live in at 30 years of age may not be the house you want to live in when your 75 years of age. A projection being studied is assisted living for the elderly or a retirement community. Next months study will be population growth goals and land use. The next scheduled meeting is October 20, 2004 at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Garris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to pay the September bills in the amount of \$63,758.24, which includes \$37,525.76 for the John Deere Tractor. With there being questions from Connie Alfrez, being answered by the Board, the Board voted "aye", and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Garris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hensel to pay the September payroll in the amount of \$26,119.65. With there being no questions from the public the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Garris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to pay the September sanitary sewer bills in the amount of \$9,915.46. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jeff Sellers was present to answer the letter that the Pomeroy Fire Company received from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Sellers read a response letter, which stated that he felt the Board's letter to them, was offensive, they never received an invitation in writing from the Supervisors or the Park Committee requesting them to attend Community Day therefore they feel as though it is not their fault for not attending. Mr. Sellers stated Pomeroy Fire Company did not attend park day last year and the year before they attended and provided a demonstration of their manpower and tools and they got not acknowledgement of what they were doing. Mr. Sellers states the funding the Township provides is appreciated but falls far short of their yearly expenses. He stated it would be nice to see the Supervisors during their fundraising events. Mr. Sellers states they are a volunteer organization their volunteers are on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week, therefore not all functions can be attended, our members spend their weekends with family and loved ones. The Board thanked Mr. Sellers for the demonstration they held a few years ago for Community Day and stated it was appreciated. Mr. Doratt stated that a verbal invitation was given to the fire company to attend Community Day this year and last year he remembered the Pomeroy Ambulance coming to the event late. Mr. Garris stated that the Township not only makes a contribution to the fire company yearly but also pays the business auto, workers compensation and general liability for the fire company.

After discussion, Mr. Garris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hensel to send (3) road crew members to a winter road maintenance course to cost \$35.00 each on November 12, 2004, to pay their hourly salary to attend said class. With there being no questions from the public, the board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Garris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to approve the Supervisors and their guest officials to attend the County Convention to be held at the Mendenhall Inn at \$42.00 per person to be paid by the Township. With there being a question from Jane Heineman on who was included as officials, it was as follows, Supervisors, Engineers, Auditors, Secretaries, Treasurers, Tax Collectors, Managers, Solicitor, Codes permits. With there being no other questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Garris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to send the Secretary/Treasurer to a Liquid Fuels Fund workshop to cost \$15.00. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacCombie stated he attended a pre-design kickoff meeting with Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. He stated they have a tentative master plan approved by the FAA.

Public Comment:

Robert Silvernail asked if there would be a re-location of the runway. Mr. MacCombie stated an extension is likely. The project is phased out the next 20 years in 5 phases.

Robert Silvernail asked why the traffic counter in front of Quarry Ridge. Mr. MacCombie stated its probably Arcadia doing a traffic study. Mr. Silvernail asked the status of the Municipal Complex. It was stated that it would probably be discussed during the conditional use hearing.

Jane Heineman stated when Electronic Boutique was approved; her understanding was the entrance at Old Wilmington Road would be closed to traffic. Mr. Doratt stated the use is only a temporary use for 90 days.

Ann Garrett also asked about the traffic going in and out of Electronic Boutique. Mr. Doratt stated it should stop December 1, 2004.

Jeff Sellers asked when preemption emitters would be ready. Mr. MacCombie stated when all information is gathered regarding the vehicle year and make. A memo has gone out to the fire companies and police department requesting the information.

Connie Alfrez asked if the Landing Zone sign could be moved back. Where it is currently sitting creates a vision problem pulling out of Washington Lane. Mr. Lowry stated he would take care of the problem tomorrow. Ms. Alfrez also asked if the Board gave Keystone Helicopter an option to expand closer to Washington Lane? Mr. Lowry stated no.

Nick Crugnle thanked the road crew for the prompt service during the heavy rains.

Theresa Alfrez asked what decimal is the noise of the helicopters at Keystone Helicopter. Mr. MacCombie replied they complied with the Township noise ordinance.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Myers
Secretary/Treasurer