

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held Tuesday December 4, 2007

The Board of Supervisors conducted a regular meeting held on Tuesday December 4, 2007 commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Hensel called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Ms. Silvernail, and Mr. Doratt, Mr. Pompo Township Solicitor, Mr. MacCombie Township Engineer & Zoning Officer, Mr. Hawkins Township Building Inspector and members of the community.

A moment of silence and pledge of allegiance was observed.

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

Township Police report. Chief Groce reported that for the month of November the police patrolled 4,227 miles and handled 417 incidents for : 1 theft, 8 suspicious persons, 42 stationary patrols, 3 911 hang ups, 181 business checks, 17 alarms, 20 assist to other depts., 6 animal, 4 domestics, 11 accidents, 2 criminal mischief, 4 disturbance, 1 robbery. He reported 41 citations issued for the month for 35 traffic citations and 6 summary citations, 8 criminal arrests for 1, DUI, 2 disorderly conduct, 3 criminal warrant, 1 terroristic threats, 1 intimidation of witness, 2 juvenile arrests for 1 burglary and 1 disorderly conduct. The Chief stated that he has copies of sample Ordinances pertaining to public park grounds signage and rules for review.

Township Engineer report. Mr. MacCombie reported that the condition diagram has been completed and sent to Pen Dot regarding the traffic signal for AIM Boulevard/Independence Way. Mr. MacCombie stated that it will take approximately 6-8 weeks to get a permit. Mr. MacCombie reported that the pumps at the Stottsville sanitary sewer pump station were replaced Saturday. Mr. MacCombie reported that approximately (2) weeks ago a 2x4x1 was found blocking the communitor at the pump station, currently the communitor is out of service and will cost \$6,000.00 to repair. Mr. MacCombie stated that he will provide a report to the Township for the insurance company. Mr. MacCombie stated that Fran Rupert from the County is no longer the contact for the Bert Reel Park improvements, John Earl is now the contact, and Mr. Earl has provided documents to Mr. MacCombie for the Township to sign off that there are no liens against the property. Mr. MacCombie stated that since Doug Doratt is current liaison of the Park Committee and going out of office at the end of the month, the Township will need to appoint another liaison in his place for the records. Mr. MacCombie prepared a release for the Boards consideration for Burkholder Paving, this release is the 10% retainage for the Old Mill Road project in the amount of \$4,627.88. Mr. MacCombie also prepared a construction release for Wagontown Construction in the amount of \$3,331.50, also one for N. Abbonizzio in the amount of \$38,968.50 this

amount completes the Spring View Manor phase of the sanitary sewer system, a release for Cowan Estates construction in the amount of \$172,084.76 for the Board consideration.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt to approve the release of \$4,627 to Burkholder Paving for the 10% retainage that was being held for the Old Mill Road project. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Silvernail, to approve the escrow release for Wagontown Construction in the amount of \$3,331.50. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to approve Certificate 14 sanitary sewer construction release for phase 2A and Spring View Manor in the amount of \$38,968.50. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Doratt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Silvernail, to approve the construction release for Cowan Estates in the amount of \$172,084.76. With there being no questions from the public, Mr. Doratt voting “aye”, Ms. Silvernail voting “aye”, Mr. Hensel abstained, the motion passed.

Mr. MacCombie reported that Mr. Pompo sent a letter to Alan Jarvis attorney for Valley View Subdivision regarding the road widening and other improvements to be completed on Washington Lane which is situated in both Sadsbury Township and Valley Township. The letter stated that both Townships’ should cooperate regarding the implementation of the road improvements. Sadsbury Township is willing to hold the financial security and assume the role in overseeing the inspections and releases as well as the improvements which will more directly impact Sadsbury Township. A response received stated that they are aware that 85% of the project was in Sadsbury Township and 15% in Valley, their request was that any disbursement intended for work done on Valley’s portion of Washington Lane receive approval from Pennoni Associates Inc. prior to Sadsbury’s release of any of the escrow. In the same letter a comment was made about concern regarding the proposed signalization of Route 30 and Washington Lane intersection. Mr. MacCombie stated that he believes that a traffic signal is not warranted for that location, and will get Pen dot confirmation.

Township Solicitor report. Mr. Pompo reported that he has received the financial security agreement documents and land development documents for the Gateway Church Subdivision and finds the documents to be acceptable.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to approve the land development and financial security agreement documents of Gateway Church. With there being no questions from the public, Mr. Doratt voting “aye”, Ms. Silvernail voting “aye”, Mr. Hensel abstained, the motion passed.

Township Building Inspector report. Mr. Hawkins reported that he has received (3) complaints regarding various matters and is handling them.

Township Road report. Mr. Doratt reported that a drain pipe was extended on the North side of Compass Road. All plows and spreaders have been repaired and installed on Township vehicles for the winter season. The Township safe was relocated from the old site to the new Township building, a shelf was built in the utility room to keep all electronic equipment off the floor. The Road Crew opened the gate at the pump station for maintenance personnel to service and replace the battery and sensor. The water meter has been removed from Bert Reel Park for the winter months and the park has been winterized. Total equipment hours are 8 and total vehicle miles are 498. Mr. Doratt thanked Dale Hensel and the Road Crew for the Christmas tree that was placed in the lobby.

Township Planning Commission report. No report given.

Township Saldo Committee report. Ms. Silvernail reported that the committee met on Thursday November 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The committee reviewed the final draft for editorial changes. Appendix C; TND standards was added to the text with some language as the Zoning Ordinance and definition section was amended to include the TND. Copies were distributed to the entire committee, Township Solicitor, Engineer, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for their review and comments. A meeting will be scheduled to review any comments received on Monday December 3, 2007 if the meeting is necessary.

Township Zoning report. Mr. MacCombie received a call from an attorney which is a resident on Octorara Road that wishes to build an addition on his home for an office.

Pomeroy Fire Company report. Mr. Taylor reported that a total of 12 alarms were answered for the month of November for: 2 auto accident, 1 building, 3 automatic alarm, 1 standby, 1 ambulance assist, 1 wire transformer, 2 odor investigation, 1 tree. Time in service was 10 hours and 52 minutes.

Sadsburyville Fire Company report. A total number of alarms answered for the month of November were 12 for: 5 auto accidents, 2 ambulance assist, 1 odor investigation, 3 automatic alarm, 1 tree and wires. Assist to 43 was 2 buildings, 2 standbys, 1 smoke investigation. Total hours in service were 13 hours and 35 minutes.

Sadsburyville Station 31 EMS report. A total number of calls responded to was 22, the call types were: 1 fall, 17 fire standby, 4 vehicles. Township's where calls were responded: Sadsbury 16, Valley 1, and West Caln 5. Assist ambulance: 1 Amb. 28, 12 Amb. 29, 4 Amb 34.

Emergency Services Coordinator Update: Mr. Taylor stated that he had nothing to report.

Payment of Bills:

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Silvernail, to pay the November invoices in the amount of \$94,482.04. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to pay the November payroll in the amount of \$35,803.22. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Silvernail, to pay the November sanitary sewer invoices in the amount of \$19,586.81. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Tabled Business:

The Board discussed a quote from Signal Service for (2) preemption emitter be placed in the Sadsburyville Fire Company equipment. The Board asked why Signal Service did not move forward with the approval they received a few years back to complete the same project. Mr. Weaver stated he does not recall the reason other than he remembers there being issues. The Board agreed to have the emitters placed in both pieces of equipment.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Silvernail, to have Signal Service install (2) preemption emitters into the Sadsburyville Fire Company equipment to cost \$1,956.00 for both. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the entrance sign at the Bert Reel Park and discussed if any other language should be added to the Ordinance since it will need amended? The Board has sample Ordinances of other Township’s to review. The Board tabled further discussion.

The Board discussed the request made from Mihali Sikoutris being an Eagle Scout seeking to complete a project on the Sadsbury Park grounds. Mr. Sikoutris was present at the meeting along with his mother, who stated that her son is seeking to build a fitness course or fitness clusters and asked if this was something the Township would have interest in? Ms. Sikoutris provided the Board with information and pictures of the project. Ms. Sikoutris stated that the approximate cost per cluster would be \$4,000.00. Mr. Hensel asked if in order to complete this project they are seeking the funding from the Township. Ms. Sikoutris stated yes, if the Township would supply the funding the Eagle Scouts will supply the man power to complete the project. The Board replied it sounds like a great project but the Township does not have the funds. Mr. Doratt commented that Eagle Scouts that have come before the Board prior have had the funding in place with sponsors that donated to the cause. The Board recommended that Mr. Sikoutris seek sponsors and bring the project back to the Board.

New Business:

Ms. Susan Boswell representing JYF Partners is seeking final plan approval for Lafayette Square. Ms. Boswell stated that she is in receipt of the November 30, 2007 review letter from Mr. MacCombie which states that the applicants engineer has incorporated all the notes and details into the plans dated 10/22/07 which contains 25 sheets. The review letter also states that the applicant will need to provide copies of the Pen Dot Highway Occupancy Permits and approval from the PADEP for sewage facilities planning module prior to the plan being executed for recording.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to approve the final plan of Lafayette Square contingent upon the Pen Dot Highway Occupancy Permit, approval for PADEP for sewage facilities planning modules, upon Mr. MacCombie review letter dated November 30, 2007, submittal of the financial security agreements, condo agreement and Mr. Pompo's review and approval. With there being no questions from the public, Ms. Silvernail voting "aye", Mr. Doratt voting "aye", Mr. Hensel abstained, the motion passed.

The Board discussed a letter received from Ann McGrail wishing to connect her (2) unit duplex building located at 1972 Valley Road. Ms. McGrail is requesting a waiver from the Township's tap in fees in lieu of the McGrail family's large contribution to the Township for access and placement of the sewer through her property. The Board discussed in the past how many residents was granted a waiver such as this request? Mr. MacCombie stated he knows the Michelle White property. The Board asked if any compensation was ever received by the McGrail family for the easements. Mr. MacCombie stated that he has no knowledge of this and if SSC paid any money back then. Ms. Silvernail stated that the current sanitary sewer budget is not in great shape and she does not want the Board to set precedence, she requested to table this request until further information can be gathered, the Board agreed.

Mr. Doratt stated that he received a request from Congressman Gerlock for the Township to draft a letter showing support for the West Bound entrance off Airport Road onto the Route 30 bypass project. Mr. MacCombie stated that the Township and himself attended (2) meetings regarding this project and he is puzzled why they would only want support for the Westbound? Mr. Doratt stated the letter is to support the entire project Mr. Doratt stated that this request is being made to all Municipalities that will be affected by Pen dots project and show of support. The Board directed Lisa Myers draft the letter.

The Board discussed Mr. Hensel receiving a letter from the Chester County Airport Authority to be part of the Technical Advisory Committee for a feasibility and justification study. Mr. Pompo stated that the Technical Advisory Committee is an advisory board and he has no problems with any of the supervisors being part of this committee. Mr. Lymberis commented that it is a good thing to have a representative from the Township as part of this committee.

The Board discussed (3) proposals for a sign to identify the Sadsbury Township Municipal Building.

After discussion Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Silvernail, to accept the sign proposal of Denron Sign Company Inc. To fabricate and install 1 double sided carved gold leafed 4x6 sign to cost \$4,984.00. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Silvernail, to waive all sign permit fees for the installation of a sign to identify the Township Municipality. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

The Board scheduled December 31, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. as the public meeting to close the books and adopt the 2008 budget.

Public Comment:

Dave Turner thanked Doug Doratt for his years of service.

Scott Weaver thanked the Board for the approval of the opticoms for Sadsburyville Fire Company.

Earl Taylor commented that when the road crew gets a chance to inspect North Street for pot holes.

Dale Hensel stated that this was the last night meeting after 12 years of service for Doug Doratt and thanked him for his years.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Myers
Secretary/Treasurer