

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting November 20, 2007

The Board of Supervisors conducted a regular meeting held on Tuesday November 20, 2007 commencing at 9:00 a.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, and members of the community.

The moment of silence and pledge of allegiance were observed.

Township Police report. Sergeant Ranck stated there was nothing to report.

Township Solicitor report. Mr. Pompo stated that his office reviewed a draft letter written by Lisa Myers regarding the final collection notice of past due sanitary sewer and trash for properties that are already in lien. Mr. Pompo stated that his office also drafted a letter that would be addressed from them. The Board reviewed both letters and stated that the letter written by Mr. Pompo's office is more firm and it takes the conflict out of the Township's hands and puts it into the lawyer's hands. Mr. Pompo asked if they are firm with the 10 day notice, Mr. Hensel replied "yes" the time frame is to be 10 days the other Board members agreed, this notice will allow the already leined residents to make payment arrangement or pay their liens off with a credit card. Ms. Silvernail asked if the letter will be mailed certified? Mr. Pompo stated they will be mailed certified and regular mail, therefore those certified letters that come back without the returned regular mail can be assumed that the resident received the mail. The Board directed Mr. Pompo take action and send the letter for collection of all those already in lien with the Township.

Township Engineer report. Mr. MacCombie reported that a pump is in failure and needs replaced at the pump station in Stottsville, metal pieces were found. Mr. MacCombie reported that currently only one pump is running at the pump station, Mr. MacCombie got a quote from Bob Bernauer of P & B Maintenance for \$7,000.00; this price replaces parts for both pumps. Mr. MacCombie recommended that the Board replace both pumps at the same time, the Board agreed. Mr. MacCombie stated that he has prepared a bid package for the Township to purchase a natural gas generator only without the installation costs, the Board agreed to prepare the package. Mr. MacCombie stated that he has reviewed the Bert Reel Park bid packages and the lowest bidders were Purcell Construction and McCracken Construction. The Township budget allows for \$126,000.00 and the lowest bid was \$180,000.00. Mr. MacCombie stated that the Township budget does not allow for the entire project to get completed. Mr. MacCombie stated budget wise the snack shack, bathroom, bleachers, walkway, fence and tables can be completed, the tot lot and basketball court cannot be completed at this time. Mr. MacCombie will contact Fran Rupert at the County. Ms. Silvernail asked Mr. Doratt to go before the Park Committee to inform them of all items that can be completed and the few items that cannot. Mr. Garris was present and stated that he is a Park Committee Member and feels that the Township should complete what is most important.

Township Park Committee report. The Board discussed that the information sign at the Bert Reel Park is missing, a memo from Chief Groce states that without the proper signage the police cannot enforce park hours, people or cars entering the park. The Board directed Mr. Pompo to look into any amendments to the chapter that pertains to the Township parks. The Board tabled this item until the next Board meeting. Mr. Doratt discussed a letter received from Mihali Sikoutris a Boy Scout member of Troop 116 in search of an Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Sikoutris is requesting to fix up the playground and baseball field at the Sadsbury Park located along First Avenue. Mr. Doratt stated that he will contact Mr. Sikoutris. Susan Franco showed interest in having a community compost pile. Mr. Hensel stated that the Township has received a grant for a chipper and will designate an area and start a compost project in the future. Alan Eagles commented that Upper Marion Township uses a compost program if the Township is interested in gathering information from them.

Tabled Business:

The Board continued discussion on the request to use the Township Board room and whether or not to charge. Mr. Doratt stated that he has no problem with anyone using the room. Mr. Pompo stated that at East Bradford the Board charges for use of the room if the use is anything for profit, an example is an exercise room. Mr. Garris asked who was going to maintain the room when people are done using it for free, who's going to clean, pay the electric and heat? Mr. Garris said the Board should have a fee. Susan Franco said why not ask for a donation and who would let them into the building? The Board replied that a donation could be a \$1.00 if the Board does not set a fee and the use of the room would be during normal business hours. Ms. Silvernail suggested that the charge for a profit business using the room should be \$50.00 an hour. The Board agreed.

New Business:

Brian Kulakowsky representing Gateway Church presented that Board with a request of final approval of the Gateway Church development along with the construction cost estimate. Mr. Kulakowsky showed the Board the phase I plan will reduce to lighting to (1) temporary light that will be relocated during the phase II of the project into the cul-de-sac, the tree landscaping plan will place the trees along Cowan Road upon phase II the trees will be dug up and re-located. Ms. Silvernail stated the applicant appeared before the Planning Commission on November 13, 2007 with Mr. MacCombies review letter dated October 17, 2007 and November 7, 2007. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the Board for final approval of this project contingent upon both review letters of Mr. MacCombies as well as the satisfaction of all comments received from the Township Emergency Coordinator. Ms. Silvernail also stated that the Planning Commission recommended a waiver of the SALDO requirements for (2) street lights in the projects temporary cul-de-sac instead recommending construction of only (1) planned street light determined to be the least intrusive to neighboring residents.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to grant final land development approval of Gateway Church contingent upon the review letters of Mr. MacCombie and

recommendations of Earl Taylor the Township's Emergency Services Coordinator. With there being no questions from the public, with Ms. Silvernail voting "aye", Mr. Doratt voting "aye", Mr. Hensel abstained, the motion passed.

The Board discussed a quote received from Signal Service for the placement of (2) preemption emitters being installed in the Sadsbury Fire Company Equipment. Mr. Hensel asked what about equipment in the future, will it be the Township's responsibility forever to pay for the emitters? Ms. Silvernail stated that perhaps the cost could be shared? Mr. Hensel asked why the emitters were not placed in the Sadsburyville Fire Company equipment a few years ago when they approved the emitters. The answer is unknown other than some kind of conflict between Signal Service and Sadsburyville Fire Company. Mr. Hensel requested that both fire companies be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss further what the future cost may be? The Board tabled discussion until the next Board meeting.

The Board discussed a request from Terry Muto representing Bellaire Business Center to have the road crew salt all roads within the business center during the winter season 2007/2008 at a rate of \$75.00 each trip into the center that the road crew makes, the cost will cover material, manpower and equipment. The Board discussed increased costs with gasoline and material and asked Mr. Muto if he would agree to an increase in rate? Mr. Muto stated that he would be fine with a higher rate because of higher gasoline prices. Ms. Silvernail asked Mr. Muto if \$90.00 each trip is acceptable. Mr. Muto agreed that \$90.00 would be fine.

The Board discussed a request made from McMahon Associates to include three additional intersections beyond the original estimated scope to be Octorara Road/Old Mill Road, Valley Road/Western Avenue, and Valley Road/Newport Avenue to cost an additional \$4,200.00. Mr. Muto and Ms. Franco stated that originally 20 intersections were listed in the scope to study, the additional (3) intersections are not as important as the original (20). The Board agreed to proceed with the original estimated scope at this time.

Christy Flynn presented the Board with a request for re-signature of Resolution 2007-13. Ms. Flynn stated that the original Resolution was incomplete by missing the last paragraph of the original Resolution. Ms. Flynn added that Resolution 2007-13 was amended by stating on November 7, 2007 the Board of Supervisors approved the plans and signed Resolution 2007-13 evidencing that approval but the copy of Resolution 2007-13 signed by the Board was incomplete.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doratt, to approve amended Resolution 2007-13. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Alan Eagles made a request to be placed on the Act 209 Committee. The Board stated that the Act 209 is made up of Planning Commission members therefore they will have to wait and see if any positions open in 2008. Alan Eagle then requested to be a Planning Commission member, he stated that he would put his time and effort towards the commission and would be an effective and helpful member. The Board stated that they will take that under consideration.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Myers
Secretary/Treasurer