

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on Tuesday March 2, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was conducted on Tuesday March 2, 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairwomen Ms. Silvernail called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Ms. Horan and Mr. Walton, Mr. Pompo Township Solicitor, Mr. MacCombie Township Engineer/Zoning Officer, and members of the community.

The moment of silence and pledge of allegiance were waived.

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

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to adopt the previous meetings minutes. 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 February that 2,250 miles were patrolled and 131 complaints were answered for 29 snow related complaints, 1 suspicious, 3 911 hang ups, 14 alarms, 4 domestics, 23 accidents, 2 disturbances, 6 assist to other departments, 1 criminal mischief, 1 animal, 2 theft. There were 7 citations issued for the month. Patrol activity included was 7 traffic checks and 20 property checks.

Township Engineer report. Mr. MacCombie reported his recommendation to award the final phase of the sanitary sewer project is to Pact Construction of NJ with a result of \$466,210.00, Mr. MacCombie stated that he has 2 out of 12 easements received and the stream crossing permit that went to DEP was lost but he was told once he gets another copy to them they will issue the stream crossing permit. Mr. MacCombie stated that the Board has 120 days from December 1, 2009 when they opened the bid results to award it. That date will fall just before the next Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. MacCombie received a letter from Pact Construction giving the Township an extension until the regular meeting on May 1, 2010. The Board agreed to table any decision on awarding the sanitary sewer phase 4 projects until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. MacCombie stated that he received a letter from Sadsbury Park requesting their stream crossing project and the bond be released. The letter states that all work has been completed and approved by the engineer, therefore they are requesting the release of their security bond that was posted for construction. Mr. MacCombie stated that after review of this request he has no objections to release their surety bond.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walton, to release the security bond of Sadsbury Park that had been posted for the stream crossing project. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacCombie stated that he and Ms. Silvernail attended a DEP meeting with regards to the Sadsbury Commons project. Mr. MacCombie stated that the Township must receive Act 537 approval before DEP will approve the Sadsbury Commons project.

Township Solicitor report. Mr. Pompo reported that he is in receipt of the conditional use application submission for the National Guard Readiness Center. The Board agreed to schedule the conditional use to be held on April 6, 2010 an hour before the regular Board meeting. Mr. Pompo stated that he is in receipt of land developments of Witmer Properties and a letter of credit in the amount of \$739,582.28 and an amount of \$6,000.00 was posted for the storm water maintenance agreement. Mr. MacCombie stated that he is ok with these escrow amounts.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to approve the Land Development Agreement, Financial Security Agreement, Storm water Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement, and the Landscaping Restrictive Covenant of Witmer Properties. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pompo stated that his office has collected \$29,041.50 in bad debt between sanitary sewer and trash collection fees in the Township and an additional \$3,864.00 will be sent to the office.

Township Planning Commission report. Ms. Franco stated that there was nothing to report at this time due to the meeting being cancelled due to bad weather.

Township Zoning report. Mr. MacCombie reported that Mr. Herzog of Wallace Alley has been in contact with his office; Mr. MacCombie stated that Mr. Herzog has a non conforming lot and in order to place a single family dwelling. Mr. MacCombie recommended that he goes before the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. MacCombie stated that a real estate company has been in contact with him with regards to this property.

Pomeroy Fire Company report. Mr. Taylor reported that for the month of February a total number of alarms answered was 17 for 1 trash, 3 house, 6 ambulance assist, 4 auto accident, 1 unknown fire, 1 assist CCDES, 1 roof collapse. The alarms were answered for Valley 2, East Fallowfield 1, Highland 1, Parkesburg Borough 2, Sadsbury 9, West Sadsbury 1, and Philadelphia 1. Total time in service was 8 hours and 46 minutes.

Pomeroy Ambulance Report. Mr. Taylor reported calls per Township went as follows: Sadsbury 23, Coatesville 5, Valley 2, Highland 3, East Fallowfield 4, Parkesburg 10 and West Caln 1. Call types were: medical 29, vehicle 7, recalled 18. Mr. Taylor reported that 2 tires were replaced on Ambulance 29-2. EMS answering calls for the month was 15 different volunteers.

Sadsburyville Fire Company report. Mr. Reynolds reported that for the month of February a total number of alarms answered was 8 for 1 ambulance assist, 3 auto

accidents, 3 building, and 1 odor investigation. The fire company assisted 44 with 2 dwellings. Total time in service was 2 hour and 30 minutes.

Emergency Coordinator report. Mr. Taylor reported that on February 9, 2010 a Statewide emergency was declared due to a winter “nor easter”. RSAN communications contacted Sadsbury Township’s EMC with hourly updates on snowfall totals. The Township road department was put on alert. The Department of Emergency Services opened the operations center to help coordinate and facilitate with emergencies as they arose. Sadsbury Township declared a weather emergency. The Township Road Crew made every attempt to keep roads open; however, with deteriorating weather conditions they had to abandon two Township trucks with snowplows that became stuck in drifts. A high volume of traffic was out on roads that should not have been and because of cars getting stuck creating a situation for the Township plow trucks to get stuck also. High winds causing drifting and vehicles getting stuck put the Road Crew to the test. Thanks to all the residents that helped us dig out and offer food, drink and a place to get warm throughout the many hours was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Dave Simmons, Mike Audette, Dale Hensel, Bob Silvernail, Scott Weaver, Weavers Mulch, Joe Prekup and Bill Bradford for their assistance. Mr. Taylor suggested that the Township purchase chains for the plow trucks, radio communication in each truck would be better then use of personal cell phones, it was difficult trying to keep in touch with each other.

The Board thanked the Road Crew workers for the great job they did in the Township during (2) major snow storms keeping the roads open and residents safe.

Township Park Committee report. Ms. Horan announced that the park committee has began meeting for the 2010 year. Discussions held were considering to hold no community day for 2010 due to lack of volunteers; therefore, the park committee will search other ways to raise money for the park. The Park Committee is in need of volunteers. Elmer Pluck stated that with (2) ball teams playing at the park this year they will need more volunteers to work the refreshment stand.

Payment of Bills:

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to pay the February invoices in the amount of \$69,546.21. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walton, to approve the February payroll in the amount of \$33,679.09. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to approve the payment of the February sanitary sewer invoices in the amount of \$27,215.50. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Tabled Business:

The Board discussed proposals received from Signal Service in the amount of \$850.00 and Charles Higgins in the amount of \$380.00. Both proposals are for the 2010 year to maintain the traffic signals at Old Wilmington Road/Lincoln Hwy and AIM Boulevard/Lincoln Hwy.

New Business:

The Board discussed the performance of Dave Simmons Road Crew Department and giving him a merit raise. Ms. Silvernail stated that no employee received raises this year due to budget. Mr. Simmons has been doing an excellent job and is very motivated. The Board agreed to give Mr. Simmons a 3% raise effective February 1, 2010.

Mr. Taylor commented that Dave Simmons is well worth the merit raise for what he is doing for the Township.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to give Dave Simmons a 3% merit raise effective February 1, 2010. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Jones, a Quarry Ridge resident stated that the snow has been piled up over the hydrants and how are they to be located in the event of an emergency. Can the Township flag them? Mr. Taylor replied that Pennsylvania American will not allow flags be placed on hydrants as it is a liability issue.

The Board discussed hiring Scott Weaver as a temporary, on call as needed road department worker. Ms. Silvernail stated that when the Township declared a weather emergency Mr. Weaver stepped up and helped with snowplowing.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walton, to hire Scott Weaver as a temporary, on call as needed road department worker with an hourly rate of \$19.00 an hour. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Southern Chester County Babe Ruth Leagues request to use the Bert Reel Park ballfield for the 2010 season. The Board stated that this league has had the park ballfield for years and will work with the other team that will also use the field.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to grant Southern Chester County Babe Ruth League the use of the ballfield at the Bert Reel Park. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

The Board scheduled the spring bulk trash pick up to be Friday May 7, 2010.

Public Comments:

Courtney Sarbum asked if the residents in Sadsbury Village are responsible for digging out the fire hydrants. Mr. Taylor answered that help is good. Elmer Pluck suggested that scotch lite tape be placed around the hydrants, it's a reflective material.

Dave Reynolds stated that a permit was issued for his house at 903 Old Wilmington Road to have a hot water heater installed. The application stated that the work was done by the homeowner but he states Shawn the plumber placed the hot water heater. Mr. Reynolds stated that this is falsifying documents and he wants to file a complaint. Mr. Pompo stated that these issues would be personal and up to law enforcement and suggested for Mr. Reynolds take it up with the police department.

Dave Reynolds stated that the dumpster at the fire company needs the top and locks placed back on the dumpster; it is currently all open, and requested a bigger dumpster.

John Lymberis commented that he noticed a lot of speeding occurring along Lincoln Highway and thinks that maybe if the police flip flop schedules they could possibly eliminate some of the speeding traffic and tractor trailers.

Robert Silvernail thanked all the guys who did the snow plowing in the two record snow falls that occurred.

Earl Taylor asked permission to dig hydrants out with the Township's small John Deere tractor. The Board has no problems with that.

Connie Alfrez asked why the increase in sanitary sewer rates? Ms. Silvernail answered that the Township is not gaining enough revenue so the rates had to be adjusted, however the Township will look at the rates again mid year. Ms. Alfrez asked if the public was given a chance to ask questions and comment before the Board passed this rate change? The answer is "yes". Ms. Alfrez asked if the senior citizens can get a discount on trash collection fees? Ms. Silvernail answered that the Township is currently under a (5) year contract with the waste company, so rates are frozen where they are; but the Board will look at it again when the contract comes due. Ms. Alfrez complained that she is being billed 3,000 gallons a quarter and insists that the meter is broken as she lives on her own and does not use that much water. The Board suggested that Ms. Alfrez get a plumber to check her meter and if it is malfunctioning then the Township will swap the meter for her.

Susan Franco stated that she wants to schedule the road side clean up for Old Wilmington Road to be the second Saturday in May.

Bill Jones stated that he called a contractor to plow out Quarry Ridge. Mr. Pompo stated that the Township appreciates the help but if the contractor damages any curbing it could be a huge problem for Quarry Ridge.

With there being no further business, Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Myers
Secretary/Treasurer