

## **Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 1, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Sadsbury Township was conducted on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 commencing at 7:00 P.M. Chairwoman, Stephanie Silvernail, called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Pompo, Township Solicitor, Mr. Dennis O'Neill, substituting for Mr. MacCombie, Township Engineer/Zoning Officer, and members of the community.

Ms. Silvernail announced the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 to discuss personnel issues.

A moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance were observed.

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

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

**Township Police Report:** Chief Ranck reported that during the month of June, the Township Police patrolled 5,334 miles. There were 183 actual calls for service during the month. Criminal arrests for the month of June consisted of 1 aggravated assault arrest involving a stabbing, 1 narcotics arrest involving possession of heroin, 2 theft arrests involving dirt bikes, and 2 wanted persons arrests. A speed detail was conducted during the month of June at the 2900 block of Lincoln Highway in an effort to keep motorists traveling at a safe speed. The Chief also reported that there has been a substantial increase of either suspicious persons or condition calls related to subjects rummaging through trash that is placed along the curbside for trash pick-up. These incidents are occurring throughout the Township and during the overnight hours as reported by several Township residents. Chief Ranck stated that it is imperative that all personal information is either shredded or destroyed prior to placing it in the trash. The Police Department underwent its first of many future audits by the Pennsylvania State Police on Thursday, June 26, 2014. This audit pertains to the new Federal and State Laws regarding the secure use of J-net and its policies and procedures. There were numerous GRM files pertaining to stolen guns, wanted persons, missing persons, stolen vehicles, and stolen tags checked during the course of the audit and were found to be in compliance with all regulations. Chief Ranck stated that Sergeant Imhoff reports that the Sadsbury Township Police Department is now responsible for conducting all Clean/NCIC validations along with managing all officers with their J-Net use which was previously done by the County. The police incidents for the month of June are: 911 hang-up 2, hit and run 1, accident other type 2, property damage crash 7, alarm fire 2, alarm police 17, animal complaint 1, assist ambulance 20, assist to other police departments 8, stabbing with injuries 1, attempt to locate vehicle 1, burglary 1, civil dispute 1, criminal mischief/vandalism 1, disturbance 2, domestic disturbance 4,

drug/narcotic violation 1, ENRADD Detail 1, erratic driver 6, escort person or money 2, for police department information 5, harassment 2, identity theft 1, Keys locked in vehicle or house 1, miscellaneous police nature 8, missing person 2, noise complaint 6, phone assignment 31, repossession 1, report only (NIP incident) 2, shots heard or shooting (no injuries) 1, suspicious condition 13, theft 3, traffic general hazards 4, traffic stop 19, and wanted person 2. Chief Ranck stated that he would like to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to hire Officer Frank Ruscio as a part-time officer for Sadsbury Township. Ms. Silvernail stated that the Board of Supervisors did interview Officer Ruscio for the position of part-time Police Officer.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, to hire Officer Frank Ruscio as a part-time Police Officer for Sadsbury Township with a 1 year period of probation. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

**Township Public Works Report:** For the month of June, 2014 the Public Works Department maintained all Township owned properties and performed maintenance checks on all equipment and trucks. Pot holes were filled on Limestone Road, Sadsbury Road, Greenbelt Drive, Quarry Road, Reel Street, and Stove Pipe Hill Road. Due to a weed violation, the weeds and tall grass were cut by the Public Works Department at 53 Friendship Way on June 5<sup>th</sup>. A storm drain located at the end of Belvedere Avenue was repaired and made more efficient. The last stage of the water leak repair at Bert Reel Park was completed at the water fountain and pumper located at the main pavilion. The new Valk plow for the JCB backhoe/loader has been delivered. A grant was filed with the state through the Automatic Red Light Enforcement Program (ARLE) on behalf of Sadsbury Township and West Sadsbury Township for traffic light improvement to three intersections located at Routes 10 and 30, and the two intersections at Commons Way leading in and out of Wal-Mart Shopping Center. The generators located at the Township Building and the Pumping Station have been serviced. The radiator at the Pumping Station generator was replaced and the wiring on the 9-volt battery terminal needs to be repaired or replaced so the generator can perform its self-exercise on a weekly basis. A complaint was made from a resident at 53 North Street about a drainage issue, which results in a heavy rain situation, of water, mud, and stones flowing down the top of Stove Pipe Hill Road to her property where the drain is located. This drain becomes over-whelmed with water and debris quickly and once this happens, the water begins to flow around the drain into her driveway, kitchen and basement. The resident stated that this never happened in all the years she has lived here until they repaved the road. Mr. Simmons stated he contacted Jamie MacCombie, who instructed Mr. Simmons to add this item to the report, at which time Mr. MacCombie would report to the Board on this issue. The equipment hours for the month were 10.5 and the vehicle miles for the month were 485.

**Emergency Management Coordinator Report:** No Report

**Keystone Valley Fire Company Report:** Mr. Taylor reported that for the month of June 2014, The Keystone Valley Fire Company answered 23 calls for: fire 6,

rescue/medical assist 9, service 5 and false alarm 3. The response by municipality was: Sadsbury Township 2, West Sadsbury Township 6, Highland Township 5, Parkesburg Borough 5, New Garden Township 1, West Fallowfield Township 1, Coatesville City 2, and Atglen Borough 1. The average response by personnel was 10 per call and the average response time was 5 minutes and 21 seconds. There were 6 in-house trainings with 91 members attending for 533.50 hours of training. Public events were piston poppers, Folds for heroes at VFW, Junior camp graduation and apparatus display, Parkesburg Fair set-up, and Boy Scout CPR class. The Keystone Valley Fire Department EMS ran a total of 86 calls for the month of June 2014 for: Treated, transported BLS 18, treated, transported ALS 26, no services required 9, patient refused care 7, recalled 4, stand by 3, no pt. found 1, lift assist 1, call unfounded 1, and transfer to flight crew 1. The call location breakdown is as follows: Parkesburg Borough 27, Sadsbury Township 21, West Sadsbury Township 10, Sadsbury Township, Lancaster County 2, Oxford Borough 1, Salisbury Township, Lancaster County 1, and Christiana Borough 1. Keystone Valley EMS participated in the following events in June: Piston Poppers motorcycle races, Junior fire camp at CCFTC and held a CPR course for the Boy Scouts. Ambulance 8-2 had the radios installed, passed licensure and is in service.

**Sadsbury Fire Company Report:** Mr. Grossman reported for the month of June, 2014, Sadsbury Fire Company responded to 8 calls for: 2 automatic fire alarms, 1 house fire, 4 motor vehicle accidents, and 1 assist EMS. The response territories were as follows: Sadsbury Township North 7, Sadsbury Township South 0, and Coatesville City 1. There were 46 miles traveled with an average response time of 5.7 miles per call. The time in service was 4 hours and 25 minutes with an average of 33.1 minutes per call. The number of fire fighters responding to calls was 63 with an average of 8 volunteers per call. There were 85 combined fire-fighter hours and 200 combined fundraising hours.

**Township Engineer Report:** Mr. O'Neill stated that the ARLE Grant was applied for. The traffic light at Routes 10 and 30 are good candidates for the grant because of timing issues and traffic congestion. A resident on North Street has drainage issues since the new paving of Stove Pipe Hill Road after the installation of the sewer system. The resident claims there was never an issue with flooding into her home before the paving. Mr. O'Neill reported that there is no significant difference between Stove Pipe Hill Road before it was paved and after. The inlet above the property in question tops the road and water, mud, and stones run into this resident's house. Design work can be done to pipe the water flow lower on North Street. Mr. O'Neill asked the Board for approval for MacCombie Engineering to plan and design a drainage system for the water flow on North Street at a cost of \$3,500 to \$4,000 to complete the process.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, to give MacCombie Engineering approval to plan and design a drainage system to alleviate the flooding of a resident's home on North Street at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Neill stated that his office has received a complaint from a resident on Virginia Avenue of a storm pipe backing up on his property. Jeremiah MacCombie is going to use a camera to look at the storm pipe to determine if it is the lateral crossing over the storm pipe or if it is something the plumber did installing the sewer to the property. Mr. O'Neill will follow-up.

Mr. O'Neill stated he has an Engineer Escrow release of funds from Sadsbury Commons-Phase 1B in the amount of \$483.75 for the Board's approval.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, to approve an Engineer release of funds from Sadsbury Commons-Phase 1B in the amount of \$483.75 per Mr. O'Neill's recommendation. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Neill stated he has an Engineer Escrow release of funds from Sadsbury Commons, LP, Sadsbury Commons – Phase 1B – Lancaster General Hospital Medical Office Building in the amount of \$375.00 for the Board's approval.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, to approve an Engineer release of funds from Sadsbury Commons, LP, Sadsbury Commons – Phase 1B – Lancaster General Hospital Medical Office Building in the amount of \$375.00 per Mr. O'Neill's recommendation. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Neill stated he has an Engineer Escrow release of funds from Sadsbury Arcadia Associates, L.P. for Sadsbury Park Phase 2A in the amount of \$735.00 for the Board's approval.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, to approve an Engineer Escrow release of funds from Sadsbury Arcadia Associates, L.P. Sadsbury Park Phase 2A in the amount of \$735.00 per Mr. O'Neill's recommendation. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

**Township Solicitor Report:** Mr. Pompo stated the Township would like to enter into a Federal Aid Reimbursement Agreement for the Sadsbury Village Enhancement Project. The State, acting through PennDOT, desires that the Township do this by resolution. John Lymberis asked if the project is ready to be put out to bid? Mr. O'Neill stated that the plans will be turned into the state by August 1, 2014 and it will be out to bid in the fall with construction to begin in the spring of 2015.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, to adopt Resolution 2014-09, allowing the Board of Supervisors to enter into a Federal-Aid Reimbursement Agreement for the Sadsbury Village Enhancement Project required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pompo reported a lien was filed against Lincoln Crest for unpaid sewer bills. Lincoln Crest filed an Opposition of Defense, claiming there is a fault in the sewer lines at Lincoln Crest. Mr. Pompo stated he spoke with their attorney and he has no knowledge of the conditions of the sewer problems at the trailer park over the years. Mr. Pompo stated the goal is to pursue this case rigorously. Mr. Pompo stated a letter was received from Nicholas Gard, Esquire notifying the Board that Benjamin S. Stolftzfus consents to the conditions set forth in the Decision and Order of his application for Conditional Use Approval. Mr. Pompo reported that Valley View Lot 8 is having a Conditional Use Hearing before the Valley Township Board of Supervisors on August 5, 2014 for an amendment to provide the Hoffman Avenue conditions voted on by the Sadsbury Township Board of Supervisors. Mr. Pompo reported that John Newton approached him to ask what needs to be done to revert the Phase 1 of the Sadsbury Park Project back to industrial. Mr. Pompo informed him there was nothing he could do. It cannot be industrial due to the Phasing of Sadsbury Park Development. Mr. Pompo stated according to the Settlement Agreement with the Wolfson Group, the owners of the Shopping Center in West Sadsbury Township agreed to maintain the traffic light on Route 10.

**Township Planning Commission:** There was no meeting in June.

**Township Zoning Report:** Mr. O'Neill reported that there are 2 Zoning requests. The first is for temporary fire-works sales at the Verizon Store at Route 10 & 30 and the second has been sent to the Zoning Hearing Board for part of the grading review for an in-ground pool at 18 Wick Drive. The junk car complaint on Stove Pipe Hill Road has been referred to Mark Thompson from Lamb, McErlane law firm.

**Chester County Airport Update:** Mr. Roberts reported there was no meeting held in June.

### **Payment of Invoices**

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, to pay the June General Fund invoices in the amount of \$115,524.22. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, to pay the Sanitary Sewer Fund invoices in the amount of \$68,288.14. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Ms. Silvernail stated the Township received a request from the Brandywine Valley Association for a letter of support from the Township for their grant application for a Growing Greener Grant from DEP for a stream restoration project. A letter of support was sent last year for the funding and one is requested for this year.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to send a letter of support to the Brandywine Valley Association for their grant application for the Growing Greener Grant from DEP. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail stated some security cameras on the exterior of the Township Building need to be replaced. The Township received a quote from the Gilbertson Group to replace the cameras at a cost of \$2,240.00. Ms. Silvernail stated it is important that the cameras are in working condition, especially in the back area used by the police.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve a quote from The Gilbertson Group to replace 4 cameras on the exterior of the Township Building at a cost of \$2,240.00 including exterior wall mounts and hardware. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting “aye”, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail stated she would like to start the budget process for next year and would like to schedule a budget meeting for the end of July. Joe Drozd, the Township accountant, will be contacted and a date will be determined and will be advertised.

Ms. Silvernail reported the DVRPC TCDI grant application for the Route 30 study has been submitted to the DVRPC. It will not be known until September if we will receive the grant. The Chester County Planning Commission forwarded a letter of support and indicated that we will receive \$20,000 in grant funds from the County’s Vision Partnership Grant Program if we apply for that grant in the fall. The status of both grants should be known by October 1, 2014 and the actual study would begin in early 2015.

Ms. Silvernail stated that the Township Office will be closed on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and that trash pick-up will be on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Taylor stated he has received letters from the Chester County Fire Marshall concerning complaint letters from an employee at CTDI. The letters are unsigned and state that exit doors are locked or blocked. Mr. Taylor stated he asked Jim Dickey, the Township Building Codes Officer if he would look at the situation. Mr. Dickey stated to Mr. Taylor that OSHA did an inspection at the plant and did not find any violations. Mr. Dickey will monitor the situation.

A resident complained about fire alarms going off at Tractor Supply at night. Chief Ranck assured the resident that Tractor Supply is being fined for alarm violations.

Mr. Greenfield stated he was asked to relate to the Board that Olive Alley is falling in. Mr. O’Neill stated the sewer line was run about 15 feet under the alley and he will look into it.

Mr. Greenfield stated there is a high frequency of closing Washington Lane by Sikorsky Helicopter and wanted to know if there was any update on the timing of the installation of the tunnel. Mr. O'Neill stated that there have been no new meetings.

John Lymberis asked if the Township was going to do striping of the parking lot any time soon. Ms. Silvernail stated that when the budget meetings begin, the Board wants to have the parking lot paved and striped and Bert Reel Parking lot paved.

Michael Sweet of 917 South Old Wilmington Road complained that when it rains, tons of water washes onto his property since the roads have been built at Sadsbury Park Development. Before the roads were built, the water ran into the field, now the water cannot get across the roads. Ms. Silvernail will send the Engineer to evaluate the situation.

Mr. Roberts stated he will bring up the issues of Sikorsky closing Washington Lane at the next airport meeting.

With there being no further business, Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, to adjourn the meeting. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shank  
Secretary