

## **Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Monday, January 4, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was conducted on Monday, January 4, 2016 commencing after the Re-Organization meeting. Chairman, Mr. Hensel called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Mr. Schuibbeo and Mr. Taylor, Township Solicitor Mr. O'Keefe from Mr. Pompo's office, Township Engineer/Zoning Officer, Mr. MacCombie, and members of the community.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuibbeo, 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.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. With there being no question from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adjourn the meeting for the continuance of Sadsbury Commons Conditional Use Hearing. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to resume the Board of Supervisors Meeting. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Keefe stated the Conditional Use Hearing will continue at the February Board of Supervisors Meeting.

**Township Police Report:** Chief Ranck reported that Officer Joseph Katz completed his ARIDE training which is an Advanced Roadside Impaired Drug Enforcement course. Sadsbury Township Police is now staffed with 2 ARIDE officers. Sgt. Imhoff and Officer Katz can be utilized in other municipalities upon request. For the month of December, there were 4,278 miles patrolled and 172 calls for service handled by the police. The December police incidents are as follows: 911 hang-up 4, hit and run crash 1, vehicle crash with injuries 2, property damage crash 8, alarm fire 4, alarm police 6, emotional Disorder 1, animal complaint 2, assist ambulance 32, assist fire department 1, assist to other police department 7, burglary 1, criminal mischief/vandalism 3, disabled vehicle 5, disturbance 2, domestic disturbance 6, illegal dumping 1, erratic driver 7, escort person or money 1, fingerprinting 1, for police information 10, harassing phone calls 1, miscellaneous police nature 2, phone assignment 28, repossession 2, report only (NIP) 5, shots heard or shooting (no Injuries) 1, suspicious condition 8, suspicious vehicle 3, theft 1, traffic general hazards 6, traffic stop 3, and 7 well-being checks. Chief Ranck reported there were a total of 2,015 calls in 2015.

**Township Public Works Department:** Mr. Taylor gave the Public Works report prepared by David Simmons, Foreman of the Public Works Department. For the month of December, the Public Works Department filled pot holes on the one-way portion of

Old Mill Road, Settlers Path, and Quarry Road. Several street signs were repaired or replaced that were damaged by vehicles and vandals. Several storm drains and pipes have been cleared of debris on various roads and streets. The weight limit posting of the Octorara Road Bridge over the Buck Run Creek has been lowered for the second straight year. The Bridge was inspected on October 15, 2015 by a third party contracted by Penn DOT. Based on the findings of that inspection, the bridge posting must be changed from "25 tons except combinations 37tons" to "21 tons except combinations 31tons". The reason for lowering the load limit is to increase the service life of this ageing bridge. The signs have been ordered but not yet received. Vehicle maintenance checks are performed regularly, especially now checking and inspecting equipment used for winter, especially equipment such as plows, augers, and spreaders. Communication radios were mounted in all four of our plowing and de-icing vehicles by Tri-angle Communications. These radios will definitely help improve communication and raise the level of quality and efficiency when plowing and treating roads. This month two part-time winter maintenance workers have been brought in to train on various road hazards they may encounter while plowing and inform them what roads we are responsible for plowing/de-icing and what roads we are not. On December 5, 2015 a one vehicle accident occurred on Valley Road just north of Strasburg Road. The vehicle struck and damaged a sewer manhole that the Township just had raised. The damage was very minor. The Department requested the Township Engineer to inspect the manhole, which they did. The Department obtained an accident report from the Pennsylvania State Police and obtained several pictures. At the time of this report, the repair has not been completed and an insurance claim is pending. At the Township Building, the Department cleaned all carpeted areas and the generator was serviced by Modern Power Systems along with the pumping station generator. The equipment hours were 8.5 and the vehicle miles traveled were 444.

**Emergency Management Co-ordinator Report:** Mr. Taylor reported he received two up-graded radios from the County and is attending two classed that are not final as of yet.

**Keystone Valley Fire Department :** No one from the fire department was in attendance at the Board of Supervisors meeting, but a report was sent by e-mail. For the month of December, the Keystone Valley Fire Department answered a total of 17 calls for: fire 6, rescue/medical assist 6, false alarm 4, and 1 requested fire police. The response by municipality was as follows: Sadsbury Township 6, West Sadsbury Township 4, Highland Township 0, Parkesburg Borough 4, and 3 out of district. The response by personnel averaged 10 per call with a total of 155 personnel for combined response hours of 110.37. The average response time was 5:30 in district and 5:50 out of district. There were 3 trainings with 41 members attending for 132.50 hours combined training hours for hose line advancement and ladder training. The Keystone Valley Fire Department EMS Division handled a total of 98 calls for: treated/transported BLS 29, treated/transported ALS 41, no services required 5, patient refusal 16, recalled enroute 4, recalled on scene 1, dead at scene 1, and 1 unfounded. The municipal break-down is as follows: Parkesburg Borough 32, Sadsbury Township 38, West

Sadsbury Township 16, Highland Township 7, Atglen Borough 1, Salisbury Township 1, and 3 in Christiana Borough.

**Sadsburyville Fire Company:** Chief Grossman reported that for the month of December, Sadsburyville Fire Company responded to 22 calls for: automatic fire alarm 5, building fires 2, house fires 2, assist EMS 2, motor vehicle accidents 6, appliance fire 1, wires fire 1, gas leak outside 2, and 1 electrical fire inside. The municipal break-down is as follows: Sadsbury Township North 12, Sadsbury Township South 0, Valley Township 1, Parkesburg Borough 2, West Caln Township 4, and 3 in the City of Coatesville. There were 235 miles traveled with an average of 10.6 miles per call. The time in service was 12 hours and 5 minutes with an average of 32.9 minutes per call. Volunteer firefighters responding were 172 with an average of 8 per call. In District (Sadsbury Township North) average response time (Dispatched to on scene) was 7.2 minutes. There were 92 combined firefighter training hours and 76 combined personnel fundraising hours. Firefighters conducted the annual Santa Claus tour of Sadsbury Township on December 19, 2015. Sadsburyville Fire Company would like to thank the residents that donated food and money to their efforts.

**Township Engineer Report:** Mr. MacCombie reported that he has a Certificate of Completion, letter of credit reduction for Ethermore & Associates in the amount of \$25,478.10 for the Board's approval.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve a Certificate of Completion, letter of credit reduction for Ethermore & Associates in the amount of \$25,478.10 per Mr. MacCombie's recommendation. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacCombie reported he has an Engineering Escrow release of funds for Ethermore & Associates in the amount of \$441.87 for the Board's approval.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuibbeo, to approve an Engineering Escrow release of funds for Ethermore & Associates per Mr. MacCombie's recommendation. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacCombie stated he has an Engineering Escrow release of funds for 103 Independence Way, Lot 2 Morris Farm in the amount of \$336.25 for the Board's approval.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an Engineering Escrow release of funds for 103 Independence Way, Lot 2 Morris Farm in the amount of \$336.25 per Mr. MacCombie's recommendation. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacCombie stated the remaining and final payment for the Township manhole project, consisting of meter manhole, influent meter, and adjustment of manholes to

Veterans Construction & Utility Services, Inc. in the amount of \$8,192.38 is ready for the Board's approval.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuibbeo, to approve the final payment to Veterans Construction & Utility Services, Inc. in the amount of \$8,192.38 for the meter manhole, influent meter, & adjustment of manholes. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. MacCombie reported that he has a meeting with Alan Jarvis tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the situation with Mrs. Sellers on North Street. Mrs. Sellers' complaint began years ago when sewer was stalled on North Street. When the paving was done on Stove Pipe Hill Road, the rain would flow into her back door. Wexcon Inc. was awarded the bid to make storm sewer repairs and modifications in 2015. Mrs. Sellers wanted more modifications made as she stated the water was now running into her yard and no water was going into the new storm drains. Mrs. Sellers was told by the prior Board to either come to a meeting or write a letter to the Board of Supervisors. She did neither. As a berm was being put across her driveway, she yelled for them to stop as she thought her car would bottom out. She parked her car over the berm, preventing it from being sealed. Mr. MacCombie stated her issues have changed. She has a dead tree from the sewer, doesn't like the berm, and water running on her property. After the meeting with Mr. Jarvis, Mr. MacCombie will report back to the Board. Mr. MacCombie also reported the NPDES Storm water discharge permit has been applied for and the Township Office has two copies if anyone would like to review them. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. MacCombie if he saw the pictures of the dump truck that lost its load of lime on North Street and did he see how the lime flowed after dumped from the truck. Mr. MacCombie stated that he did see the pictures, and the lack of a berm made the lime run on the property.

**Township Solicitor Report:** Mr. O'Keefe stated he had no report.

**Township Planning Commission Report:** No report

**Township Zoning Report:** Mr. MacCombie reported a sign was approved for Sikorsky. Mr. Walker from Stove Pipe Hill Road is now a legal problem. The vehicles have been removed from 1936 Valley Road and the situation has been rectified. The Stottsville Inn sump pump has been dumping into the sewer line. Certified letters written to them have come back unclaimed and the telephone has been disconnected. The property is for sale. An anonymous letter was received about Friendship Way and Settlers Path. As a courtesy, Mr. MacCombie went to take a look, and found no violations. It may need additional investigation. Mr. MacCombie asked the Board if they wanted follow-up on anonymous letters or would the Board prefer the letters be signed. The Board would like complaint letters to have a signature. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. MacCombie if he know anything from Penn DOT about the 3 way stop at the tunnel in Pomeroy. Mr. MacCombie will look into this and see if he can get any answers from PennDOT. Mr. Taylor also stated that an accident in Pomeroy damaged a manhole.

The Public Works Department will get an estimate and file with the insurance company to fix it. It needs to be fixed immediately, it is not open.

**Chester County Airport Update:** No report

**New Business:**

Mr. Dan Meier from Duffield Associates and Ed Lewis from Aerzen USA presented to the Board of Supervisors Preliminary Land Development plans for the Aerzen Expansion project.

Mr. Hensel stated that every year the Township advertises 30 days before the first meeting of the year, that they intend to appoint certified public accounts to examine the accounts of the Township to replace the elected auditors.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt Resolution 2016-02, appointing Maulo and Company as the Township's auditors for the year 2016. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt Resolution 2016-03, an update of the Township's fee schedule. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt Resolution 2016-04, fixing the Real Estate tax rate at 1.30 mills. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting, "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

The Board has scheduled January 15, 2016 and January 22, 2016 as the two dates for Christmas tree pick-up by the Township Public Works Department.

Ms. Elizabeth Sonsini of Washington Lane addressed the Board with property issues. She and her husband would like to build a smaller house on the back of their property, but she is not sure what she can do on the property. She has spoken with David Biloon from Mr. MacCombie's office, and he is not sure what can be done. Mr. MacCombie stated it is not the Township Engineer's job to tell her what she can do on her property. She would have to have the property surveyed. If the property is deeded separately all she would need is a grading permit. If the property is on the same deed, she may have to go through subdivision or go to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Kenneth Pirches came before the Board asking for relief from a large sewer billing on the home of his mother at 31 Meeting House Lane. Mr. Pirches stated the house has been vacant since his mother passed away in January 2014. Last February during an ice storm, a pipe broke in the house and flooded the basement. When the power came back on, he shut off the water and pumped the basement water out to the yard.

The bill he received from the Township was for 163,000 gallons and a cost of \$2,290.50. The property is on a well and is not serviced by Pennsylvania American. Mr. Hensel stated that whatever the Board does will set a precedent. It would be premature to make a decision tonight without some investigation. The Board will have Mr. MacCombie's office investigate to see what can be done.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Taylor welcomed Mr. Hensel and Mr. Schuibbeo to the Board, and is looking forward to many volunteers to come and work on various committees.

Mr. Schuibbeo stated he is looking forward to working with the Board

Mr. Pirches wanted to know why the sewer meter is put on the well and not on the lateral.

With there being no further business, Mr. Hensel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor 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