

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
September 11, 2014 7:00 pm

Present: Claude Beaver, David Franke, Joseph Rudderow III, Tom Unger – Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Eugene Orlando, Jr. – Orlando Law Offices., Diane Hollenbach – Township Manager, Johanna Mattera – Recording Secretary.

Guests: George Trudeau, Heath & Fay Isamoyer, Daniel Macaoly - Cougles Recycling, Jill Miller, Melissa V. Shiner, David Small.

David Franke called the September 11, 2014 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building.

The Board had a moment of silence prior to the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

David Franke called the September 11, 2014 Public Hearing meeting to order and turned it over to Solicitor Orlando at 7:02 pm.

Mr. Orlando advised the Board that this is a time that has been advertised for a Public Hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance incurring nonelectoral debt by the Bandon Community Ambulance Association to provide funds for and toward refunding a portion of debt previously incurred for the purchase of two 2014 Braun XL Chevy G4500 Ambulances. Mr. Orlando advised the Board of the following Board Exhibits:

1. Proof of Publication of Notice of this Public Hearing, under the Local Government Debt Act, which was advertised in the Reading Eagle on Monday September 8, 2014.

Mr. Orlando reviewed with the Board the Debt Act, the current debt in the amount of \$46,368.86 for the purchase radios, the request from the Bandon Community Ambulance Association for the debt, and the letter dated August 14, 2014 from the Maidencreek Township to Bandon Community Ambulance Association. Mr. Orlando advised the Board that if Township were to adopt the ordinance it should be contingent upon the letter dated August 14, 2014 and a written reimbursement agreement between the Township and Bandon Community Ambulance Association to be created. Mr. Orlando also advised that the ordinance is a direct general obligation note because of the relationship between the Township and the Ambulance Association (which is not an authority).

Mr. Orlando asked if there is any additional comment from the Public or the Board on the ordinance. There was no Public or Board comment made.

Mr. Orlando advised that the Board has advertised that immediately following this Public Hearing the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be convened, at which time the Board intends to adopt this same Ordinance.

The Chairman closed this Public Hearing at 7:11 pm and opened the regular scheduled meeting.

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ORDINANCE

Ordinance 234 - An ordinance incurring nonelectoral debt by the Blandon Community Ambulance Association to provide funds for and toward refunding a portion of debt previously incurred for the purchase of two 2014 Braun XL Chevy G4500 Ambulances.

The Board understands the reasoning for its part of the debt obligation but is looking for additional reassurance from the Blandon Community Ambulance Association. Mr. Orlando advised that this ordinance is the beginning of the process, and that the Township will have an opportunity to review before the final note obligation is granted. Mrs. Lynnett Schmehl of the Blandon Community Ambulance Association advised the Board that Blandon Community Ambulance Association is willing to do anything needed for the Township's assistance.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver that the Township and the Blandon Community Ambulance Association enter into an agreement on reimbursement dollar for dollar for the obligation that the Township is taking on, for the two new ambulances. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Mr. Orlando advised that at the time of vote for the actual enactment of the ordinance it must be done by roll call vote because of the type of ordinance.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver to adopt Ordinance 234 - An ordinance incurring nonelectoral debt by the Blandon Community Ambulance Association to provide funds for and toward refunding a portion of debt previously incurred for the purchase of two 2014 Braun XL Chevy G4500 Ambulances. The Board asked for questions on the motion. George Trudeau asked why are we purchasing 2 new ambulances, why do we have to spend this money, the purchase will make four ambulances, this community is not big to support four ambulances. Mr. Franke advised that were not going to have four ambulances , because two ambulances are being traded-in. The gentleman said he believes we have five. The Blandon Community Ambulance Association said we have four right now, one is being sold, the old one is still in service and the two new ones are licensed. So there will be three ambulances in service. Mr. Trudeau said, "I think that instead of spending money on the ambulances that they should have a paramedic on the ambulances, instead of bring someone in from Fleetwood, every time there is an ambulance call, they have to call Fleetwood in, because Fleetwood has a paramedic on call. Why don't they spend the money to get a paramedic here, what seems to be the problem. This is not a big community, and we are spending money all this money \$360,000 for two ambulances and we don't even have a paramedic here, that's ridiculous." Mrs. Schmehl explained that we are having a hard enough time getting to staff our ambulances with volunteers, just with EMTs. We've always ran with paramedic 690 that was out of Fleetwood, when I first even started there and then it progressed, that 690 went under and then Fleetwood took over that, basically to cover our Township as paramedics. EMTs can do basic life saving (BLS) measures, which that is what Blandon Community Ambulance Association is, it is only a BLS service. In order to get a paramedic on board our trucks, we would have to go through a whole configuration of ALS (advanced life support) which in turn would cost well over \$100,000 alone, just to get the equipment to have a paramedic on our trucks and to go ALS per the State guidelines. We are trying to avoid that at all cost right now because we basically still have 65% BLS calls versus 35% ALS calls, so when you do it long term like that, you're

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going to have to pay a paramedic full time, first of all to run with us and second of all we would have to go through the State to be licensed as an ALS unit which in turn is going to cost another \$100,000 to get all the equipment to be on the ambulance to run it as an ALS service, and that is the only reason, we have not gone that route yet. Is because that it would cost a lot more. To answer your question why we got two new ambulances, the oldest one is 2000, it was called a mini-med, there was not a whole lot of room in the back and it had gone through some serious mechanical issues over the years and it was going to nickel and dime us to death. 2003 which was #521, every time we turned around that one is in the shop because the oil was constantly dripping out of it, the head gasket were going, this was going, that was going. These units are run very, very hard. I mean, I never understood myself until I got involved in, what all goes into running an ambulance service. But it does cost a lot of money, which we do bill for, but with all the economic times we weren't always getting 100% reimbursement, much less 50% reimbursement on some of our billings because a lot of people did not have insurance, etc. So that is, one of the reasons why #522 was barely ever out on the road it was our 2000 model was kind of taking a poop. We were actually using it as a rehab unit for fire scenes for a while, and that kind of went to the way side too. And then we started just started using our regular ambulances because we are having a hard time manning our ambulances, there are basically twelve people that keep our unit in service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Mr. Rudderow asked how many miles are on the older units. Mrs. Schmehl, one unit has approximately 90,000 miles and the seconded one #522 which is our oldest unit, approximately 60,000 miles, which is our oldest unit but it had major issues 4 years after we purchased it. We had to get the whole axel in the back had to be replaced, which lifted it up 6 inches off the ground, which made it difficult to get a litter in and out of. Mr. Rudderow asked, is your plan to continue to run three ambulances trying to save the best of the two. The Blandon Community Ambulance Association said they plan to rotate the three ambulances every week. Now that we have 3 ambulances and their all stocked to meet State guidelines, with constant changes with items that have to be on board by the State, the equipment starts running out, the cost to replace is not \$100 but thousands of dollars. We just found out that the ADs we have will be obsolete after next year and we are going to have to replace them eventually and your talking at least \$1,400 a piece, so it all , than you have to get the pads for it, which is a couple \$100s . It really does get into the money, but this way will be rotating each one every week. And then hopefully, we can make them last for hopefully 15 years down the road even. The gentleman asked what does it cost us to have a paramedic from Fleetwood to service us. Mrs. Schmehl we have a mutual contract agreement that we only have to pay them \$225 a call, our basic billing standard is \$600 for a BLS unit, and that is actually lower than what the State guidelines. Mr. Franke, wanted to clarify something, in case anyone is not familiar with, that is not out of your tax dollars but it is out of your insurance claim when it is submitted at the time of the transport, it's not that tax dollars are constantly funding feeding an ambulance, this here is just a note that we are going to back them up on these purchases, we are not through our taxing structure basically supporting the you in as a whole. The gentleman, but if the ambulance service goes under the Township will be responsible for the loan. The solicitor stated that is true. The gentleman, said so than we will have to pay that bill. Mr. Franke said that as a second class township we have a responsibility to provide fire and EMS services to our community. The gentleman asked do we pay the fire department. Mr. Franke answered we do. The gentleman do they all make money? Mr. Franke, I'm not saying the fire department makes money. The gentleman said the ambulance service does. Mr. Franke said they are a loud to bill, it doesn't mean they are making a whole lot of money. Mr. Franke said I

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run ambulance in the past, I've run as a fire fighter in the past and I am currently a police officer, so I know the concept of emergency services pretty well. And the other thing I know is this, when you look at mileage you can say a vehicle has 15,000 miles on it, but when you're talking ambulances, fire trucks and police cars they also have 3 times that mileage in hours running on the motor because they sit ideal, you can't a fire truck off if you're pumping with it cause you need the water to go through the pump and if it is driven by the motor through pto or whatever it needs to stay there, same as with an ambulance, you need to leave the ambulance running to keep the air conditioning and heat going inside and things like that, so when you say 66,000 miles, that could actually be a 180,000 miles on the motor. The gentleman said he understands that. Mr. Franke, this is a debt that we are not really incurring, we are just that in the event there is a problem, but the ambulance does bill for their calls. And paramedic services, I believe that is a service for in the future, it is not something out of the way that this ambulance is looking at. But to purchase right now the service of a paramedic when you have outlying areas. It is sort like saying, if we go out and have to buy all the equipment for the road crew, for example, that we might ever use, when we can use a service from outside to assist us, that's what we are trying to do to save everybody money. The gentleman, my biggest complaint is that we don't have a paramedic. Mr. Franke, but they have one available to you. The gentlemen, but they are paying \$225. The Blandon Ambulance said that is only if we use them, the paramedic may get dispatched with them, but if they are not needed, we cancel right away, so we don't get charged. We volunteer our time here, we volunteer a lot of our time to keep this company in service. Mrs. Schmehl we are one of three in Berks County that are still strictly volunteer, it is us, Oley and Bethel, everyone else has gone paid over the years and now you're talking big bucks. The gentleman asked there is nobody that makes money on the ambulance crew? Mrs. Schmehl said that there is a paid per call steepen of \$40, this was started years ago to get people to come in. We still can't people to come in because they can be there for 12 hours shift and only get one call. So now you just put 12 hours of your time, and you got \$40. You try recruiting young people today for only \$40 for a 12 hour shift. The Chairman asked if there are any other question. A female from the audience asked I don't understand why we wouldn't be financially responsible before purchasing 2 new ambulances, to look and see why we didn't have that money, the possibility of doing fund raising before purchasing and now being in debit, why didn't we look ahead and prepare instead of purchasing items, maybe not needed so much. The Board advised that they did look at the Blandon Community Ambulance Services finances.

Hearing no further questions on the motion. Roll call vote taken by the Township Secretary as follows; Joseph Rudderow III, "Aye", David Franke, "Aye", and Claude Beaver, "Aye". Let the record show unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III for the Chairman to sign the borrowing base and debit statement. Hearing no questions on the motion all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board reminded the Blandon Community Ambulance Services they must have the reimbursement agreement signed ASAP and have a unanimous vote by the Board and failure to do so that the Township will withdrawal.

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MINUTES & FINANCES

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the August 14, 2014 Regular Meeting. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver, to approve the August 2014 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

RECYCLING BID OPENING

Opening of Recycling Bid - Ms Hollenbach advise the Board that six bids were received and that the Township is currently using option 3.

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Option 1 Collection & Transportation			Option 2 Processing & Marketing				Option 3 Collection, Transportation & Marketing			
2015		2016	2015		2016		2015		2016	
			Commingled	Paper	Commingled	Paper				
JP Mascaro	\$ 102,375.00	\$ 105,192.00	\$15.10/ton single stream		\$15.10/ton single stream		\$ 93,696.00	\$ 96,036.00		
Lebanon Farms	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,800.00	\$ 129,024.00		
Eagle Disposal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$35.88/ A unit *	\$35.88/ A unit*		
Charles Biosenski	\$ 111,940.00	\$ 111,940.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109,440.00	\$ 109,440.00		
Quality Disposal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$32.40 /ton **	\$33.60/ton **		
AJ Biosenski Inc	\$ 124,800.00	\$ 127,000.00	15/ton	\$20/ton	15/ton	\$20/ton	\$ 124,800.00	\$39.67/ unit	\$126,944	
Cougles Recycling	\$ -	\$ -	\$32.00/ton Rebate*	Mixed Paper \$10/ton Rebate	\$32.00/ton Rebate*	Mixed Paper \$10/ton Rebate				
			* Rebate estimate				Unit =			3,200.00
			Source \$10,280							
			Single Stream \$7,750							
										* \$114,816.00
										* \$114,816.00
										** \$103,680.00
										**\$107,520.00

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to accept the bids and authorize the Township Manager and Solicitor to review the bid packs to make sure that everything was submitted as requested and make a recommendation in October as to who the lowest bidder is. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Subdivision Review Status Checklist

Esbenshade expires 9/28/14, Time Extension grant to December 28, 2014

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver, to accept the Esbenshade time extension to December 28, 2014. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Subdivision/Zoning

Village at Maidencreek Release of Financial Security - Mr. Unger advised that there is some stabilization that still needs to be done.

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Boyer Place Release of Financial Security - Mr. Unger reviewed with the Board the additional improvement work to be completed by Boyer Place. The developer is proposing to pave a two foot shoulder to complete the project. The plan calls for overlaying the road if Schaeffer Road was cut, which it was not.

Projects

Park and Recreation Board is requesting that the Township Engineer attend their next meeting to discuss Ontelaunee Height open space geology as well as lighting for Community Park parking area.

Subdivision Improvement Agreement LOC/Escrow Release Letters-

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, authorizing the Chairman to sign Subdivision Improvements Agreement LOC/Escrow Release letters in the amount of \$127.76. Hearing no questions on the motion all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR REPORT

Resolve issue of Crossing at Maidencreek lots being sold at September 17 Upset Sale. Lots were previously combined by Township in 2013 - No action is required by the Board at this time.

Agreement outline items agreed upon July 11, 2013 Supervisor's meeting for the Crossings at Maidencreek - sidewalks along Hill Road, other sidewalks to be installed upon development of rest of property, no streetlights or street trees along Hill Road - No action required by the Board at this time.

PULIC COMMENT

Melissa V Shiner - Still have issues with rats on property from Tom's gas station and the dumpster is still open. Ms. Shiner thanked the ambulance for their service.

Tom Gorgia - Anything further information regarding Rt. 222 Round about issue.

Ms. Hollenbach advised Mr. Gorgia that Penn DOT is having a meeting at Fleetwood High School on October 1, 2014. It will be the same setup as the last time. The Board will be there as residents and not as representatives of the Township. The Township has not changed their position with regards to round-about along Rt. 222. Mr. Gorgia asked if a more recent traffic count has been done. The Township is unaware of any. The Township will be sending out mass phone call to all residents regarding the meeting. The Board is asking the citizens of the Maidencreek to send letters to government officials (State and Federal) and Penn DOT to voice their concerns.

Dave Small - Mr. Small came to the Board to discuss building permit costs. The Board advised Mr. Small to meet with the Township Engineer.

Berks County TCC Meeting Recap - Mr. Franke updated the Board on the proposed merger of the TCC and Berks EIT.

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ROAD MASTER REPORT

Dries Road - Mr. Beaver advised the Board that there was a soft spot near Comfort Pro that needed to be repaired. Ms. Hollenbach advised that she tried to get three quotes on the project, but everyone was busy. EJB quoted the job, since they were already working on Dries Road. The work was completed today. Arro Engineering inspected the work because they were onsite.

A motion was made Joseph Rudderow, seconded by Claude Beaver, approving the additional work to repair Dries Road by EJB Paving in the amount of \$15,838.00. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver, approving the Change Order 1 - contract time extension for Dries Road. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Koller Road Project - Mr. Beaver reviewed the work that was done on Koller Road. The Board thanked employees Greg Wolfe for a job well done on the concrete work. The Maidencreek Township Authority donated pumps for the project, which was greatly appreciated. Mr. Beaver would like to reimburse the Authority for the service on the large pump.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Dave Franke, to send a thank you letter to the Maidencreek Township Authority for the use of the equipment. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. The Board excused the Township Engineer and Solicitor at 9:10 pm.

MANAGERS REPORT - Ms. Hollenbach reviewed the report with the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Peddler Permit Ordinance Modification - Ms. Hollenbach reviewed various Peddler Permit Ordinances with the Board and recommended to add a variation of Sections 6-8 of Lower Alsace Township's ordinance. The Board would like times to be 9:30 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, 9:30 am - 6:00 pm Monday - Friday, No Sundays or Holidays. The Board asked Ms. Hollenbach to look into ordinances with regard to flyers.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded Joseph Rudderow III, authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare an amendment to the Peddler Ordinance. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

MS4 Resolution - The Board reviewed with the audience the Resolution and the impact the MS4 will have on residents, commercial and local governments. This is a Federal and State mandate. The Board advised Ms. Hollenbach to mail Resolution 16-2014 to the EPA, DEP and neighboring Municipalities and County Association.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver to adopt the Resolution of the Township of Maidencreek, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corp of Engineers to withdraw a proposed change to the Clean Water Act that expands the type of water covered under the Act. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Trick or Treat Night - October 31st from 5pm - 9pm

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver to set Trick or Treat Night on October 31, 2014 from 5pm - 9 pm. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Adopt 2015 MMO

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver, to adopt Resolution 17-2014 2015 MMO. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Budget Meeting Proposing - November 6th - Ms. Hollenbach suggested November 6th at 7 p.m. to have a budget meeting. The Board also discussed the funding of 911 calls, there is no formula in place and that every other County except Berks pays all 911 costs.

Community Pool - Ms. Hollebach advised the Board that a resident came to the Park and Recreation meeting asking about a community pool. Ms. Hollenbach has reached out to Fleetwood Borough to discuss the possibility of having a joint Park and Recreation meeting to do things together such as planning when events are so there are no over lapping events and save money through joint advertising. They in turn invited her and Park and Recreation Chairman to the next a Fleetwood Borough Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to adjourn the September 11, 2014 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

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Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Roland & Schlegel, Solicitor
Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Engineer
Planning Commission
Park & Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates
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