

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
October 9, 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: Fred Sheeler, Tony Deangelis, Carl Weston, Tom Gorgia, Leonard Yeager

David Franke called the October 9, 2014 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building.

MINUTES & FINANCES

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver, to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the September 11, 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 Claude Beaver, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to approve the September 2014 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Subdivision Review Status Checklist – No action required by the Board at this time.

Subdivision/Zoning

Villages at Maidencreek - all improvements completed and inspected; maintenance period expired; Notice of Termination received from BCCD - Mr. Unger advised that the improvements have been made and inspected and the maintenance period has expired.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III release the escrow letter for the Villages at Maidencreek contingent upon all bills being paid. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Subdivision Improvement Agreement LOC/Escrow Release Letters - The Board discussed with Mr. Unger the Folino subdivision.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver authorizing the Chairman to sign Subdivision Improvements Agreement LOC/Escrow Release letters in the amounts as follows: Villages of Maidencreek \$160.04, Meadowbrook \$324.59, Melrose Place \$33,119.03 and Boyer Place for \$115.73. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Zoning/UCC Activity Report - Glenn Hetrick request for a hearing regarding property maintenance - The Board reviewed with Mr. Unger the letter received by Mr. Hetrick.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver to authorize the Township Manager to advertise Maidencreek Property Maintenance Appeals Board meeting

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on October 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm to hear the appeal of Glenn Hetrick. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Martin Bicycle Store (Chipmonk Drive and Park Road) request to sell farm equipment in grass/gravel area - Mr. Unger is recommending that Martin Bicycle Store come to the Planning Commission with an abbreviated plan so that further questions may be addressed at that time. Mr. Anthony Deangelis of Eagle Drive asked what is the difference between Martin selling used farm equipment and the farmer selling produce on Rt. 222 (near Maidencreek Appliances) in the summer and now selling farm equipment. The Board will send the Zoning officer out to investigate.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR REPORT

Crossing at Maidencreek previously combined by Township in 2013. - No action is required by the Board at this time.

Agreement for the Crossing at Maidencreek - sidewalks along Hill Road, other sidewalks to be installed upon development of rest of property, not streetlights or street trees along Hill Road - No action required by the Board at this time.

Reimbursement Agreement with Blandon Ambulance - Mr. Orlando advised that the agreement has been sent to the Blandon Ambulance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Yerger- 116 Prescott Road - Rt. 222 Roundabout. The Board advised residents to make phone calls to their legislators regarding the roundabouts.

Anthony Deangelis, 420 Eagle Drive - Mr. Orlando expanded on the Crossing at Maidencreek.

Tom Gorgia, 307 Monaco Lane - Thanked the Board for attending the Rt. 222 Roundabout meeting on October 2, 2014 Penn DOT meeting. The Board discussed at length how this will affect commercial development in Maidencreek and Berks County as a whole. The project is 100% funded by the Federal Government, with that said; there are many conditions that have to be met for the funding to be complete. The Board discussed at length the safety issues involved with this project. Mr. Gorgia asked if anyone has read the FHWA. The Township Manager will put a link on the Township website to FHWA.

Ron Citron, Hope Drive - Also, commented on the roundabout issue and how this will cause backups in the roundabouts. Mr. Citron wants to send a letter to have it on the record.

TCC Meeting Recap - Mr. Franke updated the Board on the most recent TCC meeting. Ms. Hollenbach will send a letter to the other municipalities to see if they have a delegate and the alternate delegate in mind for the TCC.

ROAD MASTER REPORT - Mr. Beaver reviewed the report with the Board.

Approval for Koller Road Paving \$8,775 - Mr. Beaver advised that Koller Road is paved. It is still closed until Morgan Rail can install guiderails.

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A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver, to approve the Koller Road paving of \$8,775. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Mower Purchase - Mr. Beaver advised that the Park and Recreation Board approved the purchase of an X Mark Laser Z rear discharge 72" mower at co-star pricing. This mower was test driven over the summer.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by David Franke, authorizing the purchase X Mark Laser Z Rear Discharge 72" mower at price not to exceed \$9,789.50 from Reading Tractor & Equipment. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Truck Purchase - Mr. Beaver advised the Board that truck #4 needs to be replace and that there are monies left in the budget. Mr. Beaver reviewed with the Board the specs on both the medium duty trucks. Both are Co-Star approved and both 2015 Ford trucks. One is from Hondru (yellow) and the other from Manderbach Ford (white). EM Kutz will do the final assembly. Mr. Beaver reviewed the pros and cons of both trucks and the price difference with the Board. Ms. Hollenbach to be looking into financing options. Mr. Deangelis asked if the Road Master went to other dealers with regard to specs. Mr. Beaver explained that he went to Co-Star approved dealers. Do we plow industrial roads and why don't we ask for donations? The Board stated that these are Township owned roads. The businesses pay their share of taxes and the Township receives liquid fuels. Most businesses do make charitable donations to a variety of organizations within the Township.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by David Franke, authorizing the Road Master to proceed with the purchase of a 2015 Ford Super Duty F550 outfitted per the spec of Hondru Fleet Manheim with the Co-Star pricing not to exceed \$79,250. The Chairman asked if there are any questions from the audience. Mr. Deangelis asked what about the truck we are replacing. The Board answered that the truck was sold four years ago and was never replaced. Hearing no further questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Replacing Truck Body on #7 - Mr. Beaver inform the Board that the truck body on #7 will need to be replaced next year.

MANAGERS REPORT - Mrs. Hollenbach advised that the Willow Creek Restoration Grant money was received this week. The Library report was reviewed with the Board. The Budget Workshop is November 6th at 7 p.m.

9-1-1 Dispatching Services Costs - Mrs. Hollenbach reviewed with the Board the letter received regarding the increases in dispatching service cost from the County. The Board discussed at length the disparity in costs between townships, boroughs, and municipalities. The Board asked the Township Solicitor to look at legality the County billing municipalities for 911 costs when no other County in the State does so.

Police Report - Ms. Hollenbach reviewed the police meeting with the Board. Mr. Beaver advised that Chief Eaken anticipates 10.5% increase in the budget for 2015.

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OLD BUSINESS

Award Recycling Contract - Ms. Hollenbach advised the Board the results of the bid review.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to award option 3 of the Recycling Bid to JP Mascaro for 2 years at a cost not to exceed \$189,732. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for handicap parking space 526 Wyatt Drive - The Board reviewed the request. This will have to be included in the Traffic Ordinance and will not be a dedicated space for the homeowner.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by David Franke, authorizing the Township Manager to prepare the Traffic Ordinance for adoption to include the handicap parking spot on Wyatt Drive. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

2014 audit with Kosmerl & Co -

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver, authorizing the Chairman to sign the engagement letter for the 2014 audit with Kosmerl & Co. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Approval of union contract 2015-2017 - Ms. Hollenbach advised the Board that the employees have agreed to the union contract for 2015-2017.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by David Franke, to approve and sign the union contract 2015-2017. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to adjourn the October 9, 2014 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:41pm.

Recording Township Secretary, October 9, 2014

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Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Solicitor
Thomas Unger, Township Engineer
Planning Commission
Park & Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates
Joan London, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager

JoAnn Schaeffer, MTA Secretary
Dan Becker, MTA Solicitor
Greg Unger, MTA Engineer
Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
Dan Miller, Fire Chief
Scott Eaken, N.B.R.P.