

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
December 19, 2007 at 7:30 PM

Present: Roy Timpe, Claude Beaver, Keith Shuman – Public Works Director, Diane Hollenbach – Manager

Guests: Dan Miller, Chris Kline, Joseph Rudderow III

Roy Timpe called the December 19, 2007 workshop meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 PM in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information to Supervisor Elect, Joseph Rudderow III.

Emergency Management – The Supervisors explained briefly how the NIMS worked and the classes that Supervisors were required to take – IS 100, IS 700, IS 300 and IS 400. The position of Emergency Management Coordinator was also reviewed. Roy Timpe recapped the only emergency the Township experienced in 2007.

Litigation – There is no litigation pending.

Ordinances – The Board is currently reviewing ordinance amendments to the Noise Ordinance, the Municipal Solid Waste Ordinance, and the Zoning Ordinance. They are also looking at a Well Head Protection Ordinance. All three Supervisors would like to tour Lehigh Cement in warmer weather.

Joe Rudderow asked that residents be allowed to put bags curbside that are not in containers. The Municipal Solid Waste Ordinance does not allow this. Mr. Timpe stated that the ordinance still needs to be reviewed before advertising a hearing and changes can still be made. The Wellhead Protection Ordinance was discussed and the issues leading up to this point recapped.

Claude Beaver commented that the section of the Zoning Ordinance that he would like to change is where non-conforming structures that burn down need a variance to be replaced. He felt that this causes hardship to residents.

Park & Recreation – The Wyatt Drive Tot Lot Project will be bid in 2008. The Park and Rec Board is looking at installing a bathroom and concession stand in the Community Park. Joe Rudderow asked if there had been any further discussion regarding his suggestion of an onsite well and septic system. With the property having a stream running through it and portions being in floodplain, it would be likely that there would be problems locating a spot for a clean water well. Chairman Timpe did not believe that a septic system would be allowed so close to the creek and floodplain.

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission is currently reviewing plans for a CVS, The Village at Summit Crest 3 and the Hinkle Annexation Plan.

Reorganization – Joe Rudderow asked if Supervisors needed to be bonded, needed liability insurance and asked for an organizational chart of the Township. Mr. Timpe suggested that Mr. Rudderow look into a special rider if he wanted liability insurance. Mr. Timpe had looked at it for himself when first taking office. The Supervisors have not been bonded in the past but the Township Treasurer is bonded.

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The Supervisors reviewed all the aspects of the Reorganization meeting and discussed what departments they would interest them. The professional appointments were discussed and Mr. Rudderow suggested that these positions be quoted on a rotating schedule. Mr. Timpe suggested that Mr. Rudderow could contact professionals on his own as one supervisor to get a feel for their service and prices, as he had done that previously himself. The Board discussed increasing the amount of money that the Manager could spend without approval. The Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 7, 2008 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Dates for January Meeting

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Roy Timpe, to authorize the secretary to advertise the regular monthly meeting for January on January 16, 2008 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". This meeting will follow a joint meeting between the Planning Commission and Supervisors, which will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Board asked the manager to check with the professionals to see if the February meeting could be moved from February 14, 2008 to February 12, 2008.

Mr. Exler Property Tax Request – The Board did not take action to waive the penalty fee for Mr. Exler's 2006 interim property tax bill.

Emergency Heater Replacement – Diane Hollenbach explained that the Township buildings furnaces were 11 years past their expected life and the service technician had recommended installing carbon monoxide monitors in the attic. On Wednesday, the monitor went off. No employee was sick but Dan Miller of the Blandon Fire Company checked all areas of the building and Authority offices and found high levels of CO in the Township office, attic and garage. The oil furnaces must be replaced as soon as possible. Two quotes were presented at the meeting for the replacement of the oil furnaces. Joe Rudderow suggested that the Township look at converting to propane or natural gas. Diane Hollenbach explained that the oil tank is only about 3 years old. Keith Shuman thought that the nearest gas line was along Route 73. The Board asked that quotes be obtained for installation of propane furnaces and a comparison made in the cost of propane and oil.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Roy Timpe, to advertise a special meeting on January 21, 2007 at 2 p.m. to authorize the purchase of two furnaces for the municipal building. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Mr. Timpe asked that the manager contact Mr. Kopfer to inform him of the situation. Mr. Kopfer could not attend this evening meeting due to attending his Agricultural Preservation Board meeting.

Executive Session – An executive session was called from 9:30 to 11 p.m. to discuss personnel and past litigation.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Claude Beaver to adjourn the December 19, 2007 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of

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Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Township Secretary, December 21, 2007

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
Paul Herbein, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager
JoAnn Schaeffer, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary
Robert Hobough, Jr. Esq., Stevens & Lee, Authority Solicitor
Greg Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Authority Engineer
Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Company Chief
Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police