

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
December 21, 2007 at 2:00 PM

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

Guests: Dick Thren, Mary Thren, Pat Hecker, Donald Keim

Roy Timpe called the December 21, 2007 special meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 2:00 PM in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting was to authorize the purchase of two new furnaces for the municipal building.

Emergency Heater Replacement – 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 following quotes were obtained for installation of two oil furnaces:

Bernville Fuel - \$7,495
Comfort Pro - \$7,981
Landmark - \$9,150

The following quotes were obtained for installation of two propane furnaces:

Bernville Fuel – can not obtain unit for 4 to 6 weeks. Did not quote.
Comfort Pro - \$6,846.00
Landmark – Did not quote

Propane and oil were compared. The Township replaced the oil tank and the two garage oil heaters in 2004. The Authority rents a propane tank but it is not big enough and would have to be replaced with a 1000 gallon tank if the Township decided to use propane. Diane Hollenbach called Suburban Propane and Eddinger to get prices on propane tanks. It would cost \$2000 to buy a 1000 gallon propane tank. Joe Rudderow had suggested renting the tank. Because the Township will use more than \$4000 worth of heating fuel per year, quotes must be obtained for fuel and the Township must go with the lowest quote. This makes renting a tank impossible as the low quote could change from year to year and the old supplier would have to remove his tank or sell it to the Township.

Mrs. Hollenbach, with the help of Greg Unger from Systems Design Engineering, compared the cost of propane and oil. Oil has 115,000 BTU's per gallon of energy with a current price per gallon of \$2.98. Propane has 71,000 BTU's per gallon of energy with the current price per gallon of \$2.09. On an equivalent BTU basis, propane costs \$3.39 versus \$2.98 for oil. Even though propane is a more efficient fuel, the efficiency is not enough to make up the increased cost and the cost of purchasing a tank. In addition, the heaters in the garage will remain in service and the Township will still be receiving oil deliveries. Roy Timpe provided the Board with a graph showing the cost per unit of electric, oil, propane and natural gas.

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A motion was made by Bob Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, to authorize the purchase of two furnaces for the municipal building from Bernville Fuel with a cost not to exceed \$7,500. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye".
Motion carried.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Bob Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, to adjourn the December 21, 2007 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Township Secretary, December 26, 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