

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
March 8, 2012 7:00 pm

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

Guests: Dave Tranquillo, Stan McCarro, Tony and Joann De Angelis.

Joseph Rudderow III called the March 8, 2012 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building.

MINUTES & FINANCES

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by David Franke, to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of the February 9, 2012 regular meeting as presented. 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 David Franke to approve the February 2012 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

Esbenshades Preliminary Land Development Plan

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by David Franke, to accept the Developer’s request for a time extension until June 28, 2012 for the Esbenshades Preliminary Land Development Plan. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Projects

Floodplain Management Ordinance

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by David Franke, authorizing the Solicitor to prepare and advertise the mandated Floodplain Management Ordinance. Mr. Beaver amended the motion to hold a Public Hearing on April 12, 2012 at 7:00 pm with the regularly scheduled meeting to follow. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

2012 Paving Project – Mr. Unger reviewed the budgeted costs and the work involved for each of the items listed on the 2012 Paving Project list. Ms. Hollenbach reviewed with the Board the option of purchasing a drag box for the Township. With this purchase, the Road Crew can use it year round and maintain the Township Roads.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by David Franke, to purchase the Drag Box 5’ to 8’ wide. Mr. Beaver amended the motion to add not to exceed \$14,155.00. The

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Chairman asked if there were any questions on the motion. Mr. DeAngelis asked if the Township is saving money by buying the Drag Box versus getting a company in to do the work. Ms. Hollenbach advised that in the last three years the Township mostly did patching with a cost in 2011 of over \$92,000, in 2010 almost \$62,000 and in 2009 almost \$52,000 with someone else doing the work. Mr. DeAngelis asked what is our relationship with Stoney Creek and Ram Rental and can we buy it from either one of them. Ms. Hollenbach advised that neither company deal with this piece of equipment and could not get a better price for the Township since we are buy directly from the manufacturer. Mr. Rudderow advised that it was best to buy from the manufacturer since they will provide a manufacturer's warranty. The Chairman asked if there are any further questions on the motion. With no further questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by David Franke, to have the Township Engineer put out for bid items numbers 2,3 and part of 11 of the 2012 Road Work List for micro-surfacing and for paving items number 4 and 5, also include item number 6 which will be paid out of Park and Recreations budget. The Chairman asked if there where any questions on the motion. Mr. McCarro asked what is micro surfacing. Mr. Unger said that it is an epoxy mix. Ms. Hollenbach stated that it holds up well. The Chairman asked if there where any further questions on the motion. Hearing no further questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Grove and Main Street Parking Restrictions – Mr. Unger advised the Board that the sight distance study was done and advised that additional curbing will need to be painted which will restrict parking.

A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Claude Beaver, that the Township utilize the clear sight triangle markings that the Engineer provided to paint the curb on Main Street at Grove Road and the a letter be sent to Penn Dot requesting permission to place a no parking sign and to add this area to the traffic ordinance list for 2012. Hearing no question on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Right turn arrow on Dries Road – Ms. Hollenbach will have the road crew repaint the arrows as requested by the Supervisors.

MAIDENCREEK WATER AUTHORITY

Maidencreek Water Authority Report – Mr. Donovan gave the Board the Authority's 2012 Annual Budget, Goals, and Objectives.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR

County Radio Program – Mr. Orlando advised the Board that he received a memo with regard to the County Radio Program that was put into place last year.

A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Claude Beaver, authorizing the Township Solicitor to contact the Police Commission regarding the Radio Program. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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MANAGERS REPORT

Workers Compensation – Mrs. Hollenbach reported that the Township has been dropped by the Worker’s Compensation Carrier and that two agents are working on getting quotes for the insurance.

Tax Collection Committee – Mrs. Hollenbach advised that the next meeting is on March 20, 2012 @ 6pm @ Gov Mifflin Education Ctr.

PARK & RECREATION

Mulch

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by David Franke, to purchase playground mulch for Cornerstone Drive, Blandon Fire Company, and TreeTops Play Lots from General Recreation at a price not to exceed \$2,641. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Ball Field Preparation – Ms. Hollenbach advised the Board of the progress of the preparation of the ball fields and that the field use schedule is complete. In addition, the Soccer Club has agreed to put time and money into the fields and volunteer at Maidencreek Community Days. If all of this takes place, the Township will waive the field fee totaling \$350.00. This is the similar to what was done with Fleetwood Youth Softball.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Resolution #18-2012 Job Description

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by David Franke, to adopt Resolution #18-2012 Job Descriptions. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Tranquillo, Buena Vista Road, Fleetwood advised the Board that Mr. Zwicky bought the house across the street from his home and is concerned that the vacant home is open to wild animals and vandals. He is concerned with what Mr. Zwicky intends to do with the property.

Stan McCarro, West Wesner Road, Blandon was still concerned with the noise he hears from the cooling units on the Giorgio Foods building on Park Road. The Township Engineer did a site visit and determined that there is no violation of the noise ordinance from the units and that the traffic and train are louder than the noise from the units. The Board instructed the Engineer to set up a meeting between all parties and the manager. Mr. McCarro also asked if the Township start mowing, and questioned why they mowed so far down the bank across from his home. It seemed that it was done on purpose and now the lights shine in his windows. Ms. Hollenbach advised that the Road Crew did begin mowing and that they mow a wide area so that the roadside mowing does not have to be done as often. The mowing was done throughout the entire Township.

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Tony DeAngelis, Eagle Drive, Blandon questioned the intention of Mr. Zwicky buying land and stated that it was the Township's responsibility to ask a business owner what their intentions were. The Board advised that it is not the Township's responsibility to question why someone is buying property. Mr. DeAngelis also suggested that a pedestrian crossing sign should be put up near Cristina's and the streetlight at Hoch Road is still out. Ms. Hollenbach will contact Met-Ed.

OLD BUSINESS

Appoint Two Zoning Hearing Board Alternates

A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Claude Beaver, to appoint Barry Bentz as Zoning Hearing Board Alternate. Mr. Franke amended the motion to stipulate the term will end December 31, 2014. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to appoint Marie Coraluzzi as Zoning Hearing Board Alternate with a term ending December 31, 2013. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted as follows: David Franke and Joseph Rudderow III, "Aye", Claude Beaver "Abstained". Motion carried.

Appoint Maidencreek Water Authority Board Member

A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to appoint Gary Saggio to the Maidencreek Township Authority Board with a term to end December 31, 2016. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Five Year Plan and Economic Development Project – Ms. Hollenbach reviewed the first part of the five-year plan with the Board, which included equipment replacement. Ms. Hollenbach suggested that the Board should talk with Mr. Shuman directly regarding what is needed by the Township regarding the trucks and maintenance if they had questions.

The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 9:32 p.m. – 10:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by David Franke to authorize the Solicitor and Manager to send final notice letters to property owners whose pools did not pass final inspection in 2010 and 2011. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Claude Beaver, to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer, Solicitor and Township Manager to pursue enforcement against 320 Main Street, Blandon. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by David Franke, to adjourn the March 8, 2012 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 10:25 p.m.

Recording Township Secretary, March 8, 2012

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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
Paul Herbein, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager
JoAnn Schaeffer, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary
Robert Hobaugh, 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