

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
August 13, 2015

Present: David Franke, Joseph Rudderow III, Claude Beaver, Charles Jones – Great Valley Consultants, Eugene Orlando, Jr. – Orlando Law Offices, Diane Hollenbach – Township Manager

Guests: Cody Rhoads, Steve Graybill, Karl Bolognese

Joseph Rudderow III called the August 13, 2015 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 Claude Beaver to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the July 9, 2015 regular meeting. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List

A motion was made by David Franke to approve the July 2015 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

West Shore Drive – Penn DOT officials cancelled on Monday and were not present at the meeting. Discussion was tabled until Penn DOT representatives could be present to answer questions. Mrs. Hollenbach will try to set up another meeting.

Public Comment

Steven Graybill, pastor of Praise Christian Fellowship, asked the Board for a waiver to the land development requirement for a parking lot expansion. The expanded area will be thirty-six (36) feet by one hundred thirty (130) feet. Joseph Rudderow asked if the Planning Commission had reviewed the plan. They had not since the plan came in after their meeting. Mr. Jones, Township Engineer, stated that the disturbance area size would require a Soil and Erosion Plan approval from the Berks County Conservation District. The runoff is directed toward a tree line and poses no imminent threat to neighboring properties. There are simple things that can be done to slow the water. David Franke stated that he must recuse himself from the discussion and vote because he is a member of the church.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to waive the land development plan requirement for the paving extension on the Praise Christian Fellowship property. Joseph Rudderow seconded the motion. Mr. Orlando, Township Solicitor suggested conditions to the motion. Claude Beaver amended his motion to include the condition that the plan receive Berks County Conservation District approval and that the design to slow the storm water run-off is acceptable to the Township Engineer. Joseph Rudderow seconded the amendment and hearing no questions on the motion, Mr. Rudderow and Mr. Beaver voted, "Aye." Mr. Franke abstained. Motion carried.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Verizon Cell Tower Site – Mr. Jones reported that he had met with Verizon representatives regarding building a cell tower at the end of the municipal building. Verizon would like to come right off the Township driveway because they do not believe Crown Castle will give them permission to use the Crown Castle driveway. The Supervisors asked that Mr. Jones convey that an effort should be made to contact Crown Castle to share the driveway. The Board deferred to Mr. Jones opinion regarding the drop zone of the tower and the engineering of the structure.

Verizon Land Development Plan (Buena Vista Road) – tabled for Berks County Planning Commission review.

South View Road Storm Water Pipe – Mr. Beaver reported that a complaint was made regarding water on South View Road after a small rainstorm. The pipe was televised and two sections are collapsed. There are several minor failures. It was not possible to determine the integrity of the pipe between the failures. Mr. Beaver estimated the cost to open the road, clean out the debris at the two failures, televise the remainder of the line and make the two repairs would be \$6,111.00.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the emergency repair of two storm water pipe failures on South View Road with a cost not to exceed \$10,000 with the road crew opening the road, evaluating the pipe, and repairing what can be repaired to make it passable. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Pleasant Hill Road Plan – Mr. Jones is working with Mr. Orlando on the easement meets and bounds for the repair work to Pleasant Hill Road.

Route 222 Improvements – Mr. Rudderow reported that he discussed the costs to relocate the water and sewer lines at the Reading Area Transportation Study meeting. If a limited access highway had been constructed, the lines would not have been moved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal – Comcast has the proposed draft. Mr. Orlando's office will follow up with Comcast.

Melrose Place Improvement Agreement Extension – Mr. Orlando spoke with the developer's attorney, Jill Nagy. The Developer is generally agreeable to the draft extension to the Improvements Agreement.

Georgetown Village Homeowners Association – The Township was notified that the Homeowners Association for Georgetown Village might be disbanding. Mr. Orlando made contact with the Association's attorney who knew nothing about it.

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A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the solicitor to order a search for the final signed and recorded Georgetown Village Homeowners Association documents. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Zoning and SALDO Revisions – Mr. Jones reported that Great Valley reviewed the Zoning Ordinance draft in regards to Mr. Zwicky’s proposed changes. There is sufficient area in the SIA and Industrial districts and no changes to the uses in the Industrial zoning district is needed.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the engineer to revise the draft zoning map as recommended by the Planning Commission in regards to 220 Buena Vista Road from SIA to Industrial. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Equipment – Mr. Beaver reported that the backhoe is in need of two rear tires at a cost of \$1196. This includes a service call to put the tires on the backhoe. Mr. Beaver also requested to purchase diesel oil and to sell for scrap some outdoor lights that no longer function. Several drains were also repaired during the month.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the purchase of two tires from Kantners at a cost not to exceed \$1,196. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the purchase of 55 gallons of diesel oil with the cost not to exceed \$532.95. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Roadmaster to dispose of nonfunctioning lights as he sees fit. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

MANAGERS REPORT

Perry Township Rezoning – The Township was notified of the rezoning of parcel of land in Perry Township along Route 61. The parcel is not near the Maidencreek Township border. The Board of Supervisors had no comment.

Traffic Ordinance – A draft traffic ordinance has been prepared for adoption in November. Currently the only item on it is the no parking restriction for Main Street, which is a stipulation of Penn DOT after reviewing a resident’s Highway Occupancy Permit application for a driveway onto Main Street.

Antibullying Fleetwood Area High School – Mrs. Hollenbach informed the Board of the invitation to attend the antibullying event at the Fleetwood High School on August 31st at 7:30 a.m. Local leaders will be asked to sign the resolution, “No Place for Hate.”

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Maidencreek Township Authority – Mrs. Hollenbach updated the Board on the progress of the Authority’s current projects: development of Well #6, relocation of water and sewer lines for the Rte. 222 project and adding surge protection to Authority facilities.

Emergency Services – Claude Beaver reported that police negotiations are continuing. A new vehicle was purchased and a new officer started August 10th. David Franke reported that the Ambulance Association has a new president, David Anspach and they are moving toward putting a community board in place.

Park and Recreation – Joseph Rudderow complimented the Park and Recreation Board on their efforts this year and the programs that enhanced the community.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow to send a letter to the Park and Recreation Board thanking them for their efforts and the positive impact they have had in the community. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Esbenshade’s Greenhouse Final Plan

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to reapprove the Esbenshade’s Greenhouse Final Land Development Plan. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

309 Faith Drive – the property maintenance issues have not been addressed by the homeowner. A notice of violation was hand delivered by constable to Mrs. Fuerst.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, on the advice of the solicitor, to authorize the Township Engineer to send a notice of violation to the mortgage holder of 309 Faith Drive, Blandon. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

115 Grove Road - The owners of 115 Grove have been cited in the past and taken before the District Justice. No work to repair the condemned property is evident and no permits have been issued.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the Township Solicitor, Code Enforcement Officer and Township Manager to pursue all remedies available regarding 115 Grove Road, Blandon in order to protect the health and safety of Maidencreek Township citizens including but not limited to citations. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 19-2015

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to adopt Resolution 19-2015 Honoring Raymond Shuman, Zoning Hearing Board Member. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF
RAYMOND SHUMAN
TO THE TOWNSHIP OF MAIDENCREEK

WHEREAS, Raymond Shuman served the Township of Maidencreek as a Maidencreek Township Zoning Hearing Board Member; and

WHEREAS, Raymond demonstrated exemplary skills in listening to others, exercising sound judgement and giving thoughtful consideration to the issues; and

WHEREAS, Raymond was a valuable volunteer and founder of the Blandon Community Ambulance serving on the Board of Directors through his last days; and

WHEREAS, Raymond's dedication, loyalty, and conscientious devotion to the Township and Ambulance Association will be greatly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Maidencreek that the Board of Supervisors hereby honors and praises **RAYMOND SHUMAN** for his outstanding service to the people of Maidencreek Township and his dedication to the betterment of the community.

GIS Proposal – The Board reviewed the GIS proposal from Systems Design Engineering. The Authority currently uses GIS and Karl Bolognese, Authority chairman, commented that it had been a great asset with the Route 222 relocation project. Mr. Rudderow suggested the proposal be put in the draft budget.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the cost of GIS be put in the 2016 budget and see if adjustments are needed. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Time Clock – Mr. Rudderow suggested after reading the PSATS magazine that a time clock would be a valuable tool for Township accounting and auditing purposes.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow to authorize the Township Manager to purchase a manual time clock and cards with the cost not to exceed \$500. The chairman asked for questions on the motion. Mr. Franke asked if the labor union would have an issue with this. Mr. Beaver suggested that the Personnel Rules and Regulations would need to be updated. David Franke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER – The Board was reminded of the picnic held for Township volunteers August 30th from 4 to 7 p.m.

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Having no further business, a motion was made by David Franke to adjourn the August 13, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Township Secretary August 18, 2015

Cc: Board of Supervisors
 Eugene Orlando, Orlando Law Office, Solicitor
 Charles Jones, Great Valley Consulting, Engineer
 Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., SEO
 Planning Commission
 Park & Recreation Board
 Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates
 Joan London, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

 Maidencreek Township Authority
 Patrick Donovan, MTA General Manager
 JoAnn Schaeffer, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary
 Dan Becker., Kozloff Stoudt, Authority Solicitor
 Greg Unger, SDE., Authority Engineer
 Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
 Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Company Chief
 Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police