

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
February 19, 2004, 7:00 P.M.

Attending: Roy Timpe, Gloria Kemmerer, Eugene Orlando, Jr. - Solicitor, Orlando & Strahn, Terry Manmiller – Operations Director, Diane Hollenbach – Recording Secretary

Guests: Ronald C. Kemmerer, J. Schoellkopf, David Carroll – Reading Eagle and Richard Miller – James Hardie

Roy Timpe called the February 19, 2004 regularly scheduled meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:03 PM in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Announcements – A hearing will be held on April 15, 2004 at 7:00 pm for the DiGiorgio Rezoning request. Also, the Board of Supervisors will hold a special meeting to discuss emergency management plans for the Township on February 26, 2004 at 8:00 pm in the municipal building.

Public Comment - none

Old Business

Resolution 7-2004

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to approve Resolution 7-2004, which recognizes the Blandon Ambulance as the provider of emergency medical service for Maidencreek Township property and residences. All members present voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

Resolution 8-2004

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to approve Resolution 8-2004, which recognizes the Blandon Volunteer Fire Company as the provider of emergency fire service for Maidencreek Township property and residences. All members present voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

Resolution 9-2004

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to approve Resolution 8-2004, which increases the tax collector’s third party certification fee to \$20.00. All members present voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

Heating Oil Update

Terry Manmiller stated that B & F Petroleum has loaned the Township a 500-gallon temporary tank. The tank has been installed and some of the heating oil from the old underground tank has been pumped into it. Approximately 230 gallons remain in the old tank and the leak has stopped. The old tank is not leaking. Mr. Manmiller will test the tank and the line going into the building for leaks and obtain prices for replacing the old tank. Roy Timpe proposed setting up a sinking fund for the life expectancy of such Township equipment as the oil tank so that future Supervisors will know when a piece of equipment is nearing its time for replacement. Gloria Kemmerer questioned if the tank must be underground. Mr. Manmiller stated that there is no room to place an aboveground tank and that the oil may gel in the lines of an above ground tank. Mr. Manmiller estimated that there is about three weeks worth of fuel in the temporary tank.

New Business

James Hardie

Richard Miller of James Hardie explained that the company wishes to build a 40-foot by 40-foot addition around the legs of the newly installed conveyor. The addition will be right outside the back door of the plant and on macadam that is already in existence. There will be a firewall between the existing building

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and the addition and the addition will be used to house equipment. James Hardie personnel had assumed that their engineer had taken care of all the items needed to complete their previous land development plan. Gene Orlando, Township Solicitor, stated that a final as built plan is still outstanding. Mr. Orlando directed Mr. Miller to submit a building permit application and the Township will review it.

CDL Reimbursement

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to reimburse David Saint for the costs associated with obtaining his CDL license. All members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried. Mr. Saint is required to have a CDL in order to drive the large Township trucks.

Agility Agreement

Terry Manmiller explained that the Agility Agreement is for a program where the Township and Penn DOT swap goods and services. He has not used the Agility Agreement since he has been at the Township. The Board authorized Mr. Orlando to review the Agility Agreement.

Cable Franchise Agreement

The cable franchise agreement runs out on July 20, 2004. A letter has been received from Service Electric asking to begin the process of renewing the franchise agreement. The Board of Supervisors authorized Mr. Orlando to review the letter and past cable franchise ordinance.

Pension State Aid

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to authorize the Chairman to sign the paperwork for the Pension State Aid Foreign Fire Program. All members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried. This program helps to pay for part of the Township's yearly pension contribution and also provides a contribution to the Blandon Fire Company and Northern Berks Regional Police pensions.

Ad Hoc Personnel Committee

Gloria Kemmerer reported that she had been in contact with Dick Thren, Planning Commission Chairman, and the Ad Hoc Personnel Committee will not meet until a decision has been made on whether the Township will opt in or out of enforcing and administrating the Statewide Building Code.

Grass Clipping Drop Off Site

Dave Zwicky has agreed to set up a grass-clipping drop off site for Township residents. The site will be located at the old Camsco facility on Maidencreek Road.

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to authorize the Secretary to send a thank you letter to Mr. Zwicky. All members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Mr. Orlando suggested that the Township check with their insurance carrier to make sure that there are no insurance issues for using private property for the grass clipping drop off site and if some type of contract should be created between the Township and Mr. Zwicky.

Executive Session

An executive session was called from 7:40 pm to 8:15 pm to discuss the Township employees' union contract, pension plan and to provide an update on the police contract negotiations.

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to authorize the solicitor to respond to Union Business Manager Keith Youst's letter as discussed in executive session. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

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Other Business

Diane Hollenbach stated that Patrick Donovan of the Maidencreek Township Authority has asked if there is a possibility of allowing the Township office staff to help the Authority office staff when they get too busy. Mr. Donovan has not asked his Board on their feelings on the matter but wanted to see if the Supervisors would entertain the idea first.

Gloria Kemmerer stated that she was against this idea because there is no office manager at the Township and there will be no accountability of Township employees' time. The Authority is not a union shop and if they need extra help, Mrs. Kemmerer felt that they could hire a temp. Mrs. Hollenbach responded that she had checked with the Township union and they do not object to the idea. Mrs. Kemmerer stated that the Union does not run the Township, the Board of Supervisors do. Mrs. Hollenbach asked if the Township office staff could work after business hours for the Authority to help. Mr. Timpe and Mrs. Kemmerer had no objection to this.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, to adjourn the February 19, 2004 regularly scheduled meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Recording Secretary

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