

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
May 20, 2004, 7:00 P.M.

Attending: Roy Timpe, Gloria Kemmerer, Eugene Orlando, Jr. - Solicitor, Orlando & Strahn, Tom Unger – Engineer, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Diane Hollenbach – Recording Secretary

Guests: Chris Bradley, Scott Miller, Cindy Stump, Fay Isamoyer, Dean Shuman, J. Schoellkopf, Charles Bortz, Robert Breyer, Hether Quillman

Roy Timpe called the May 20, 2004 regularly scheduled meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:06 PM in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment

Dean Shuman, Main Street, Blandon presented numerous pictures to the Board of properties in violation of the Property Maintenance Code Ordinance. Mr. Shuman asked how the Township notifies residents of violations. Mr. Shuman received a letter in September of 2003 informing him that his property needed to be cleaned up. At that time he cleaned up and explained that the truck that is sitting outside is being fixed for his business. Mr. Shuman questioned why he received a citation on the day Terry Manmiller quit working for the Township. Gene Orlando advised Mr. Shuman to discuss the situation with an attorney. Roy Timpe stated that the Supervisors could not "fix a ticket" and asked if Mr. Shuman was making a complaint about the properties in the photos on the table. The Township does not actively look for violations but takes action on complaints. Mr. Shuman said he was not making complaints against other property owners at this time.

Kip Bowers, 11 Grove Road, Blandon asked when the Board was going to do something about the illegal parking on Grove Road. Gloria Kemmerer responded that this issue will be included in the traffic ordinance revisions.

Roy Timpe instructed the secretary to give a copy of the Comprehensive Plan to Paul Martin.

Allentown Cement

Representatives from Lehigh Cement, Robert Breyer and Charles Bortz, discussed the permit modification to burn alternative fuels at the cement mill on Maidencreek Road. Currently, the cement mill burns 500 tons of coal and over 1 million tires. This is very successful. To remain competitive in the world market, alternate fuels are being explored. The smoke stack emissions are monitored and need to meet a certain standard set by the PA DEP. Currently, the cement mill is burning wood from an old Caterpillar Plant. Roy Timpe stated that he was concerned that if the material burned had arsenic or copper in it that the elements would not break down. Charles Bortz explained that baseline measurements of the emissions are taken before the alternative fuels are burned and then measurements are taken while the alternative fuels are being used. Samples are taken from the fuel material and analyzed before it is burned.

Kip Bowers stated that he hears the noise from the cement mill at night and gets the dust and dirt. Mr. Breyer explained that the cement mill does not do anything different at night then in the day and the weather conditions may contribute to how the sound is carried. The cement mill has made improvements on noise reduction.

Cindy Stump questioned if the Township does not have to give plan approval to the changes in fuel that the cement mill is requesting. Roy Timpe stated that the Township can only make comment to the PA DEP. Mrs. Stump asked the following questions. Responses from the cement mill representatives follow each question.

☉Is the alternative fuel trial going on now? Yes, we are burning wood since January or February of 2004.

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- Ⓞ How long will the trial go on? The trial will continue another four to six weeks. The cement mill is allowed to burn 3000 tons of trial material.
- Ⓞ What area is the fuel coming from? Lancaster
- Ⓞ How many trucks carrying the material arrive daily? Two trucks arrive per day carrying the wood. Forty tons of tires are delivered per day as well as slag, mortar, stone, limestone and coal.
- Ⓞ Is there a truck log showing what they are hauling and will you make it available to the public? Why do the trucks say municipal waste on the side? The trucks are trash trucks from New Jersey that go to western Pennsylvania and are filled with coal for the return trip.
- Ⓞ You monitor the emission from the stack. Do you monitor off site? No.
- Ⓞ Have you ever had complaints filed in the past? Mr. Breyer and Mr. Bortz stated that they have only been at the facility 1-1/2 years and 4 months respectively. In that time, new dust collectors have been installed and upgrades made.
- Ⓞ Is the water tested in Lake Ontelaunee? The outlet to Lake Ontelaunee is tested.
- Ⓞ Mrs. Stump stated that there is a high rate of learning disabilities at Andrew Maier Elementary School in the third grade and wondered if this could be contributed to emissions from the cement mill when the children were born. Mrs. Stump stated that she does not want to see the cement mill turned into a trash incinerator.
- Ⓞ How many plants does Heidelberg Cement own. Eighty plants worldwide. The cement mill has an open door policy. Anyone can come to the plant and we would welcome the opportunity to give a tour.

Mr. Breyer stated that the cement mill does not want to become a trash incinerator either. During the trial, stack tests are done, which are above and beyond normal emission testing. Proven technology is being applied. The wind through the plant can result in fugitive emissions. The cement mill has planted grass, trees and concreted roads to help prevent this. We are trying to do everything to avoid dust emissions. The goal is to be able to eat from the floor.

Roy Timpe stated that based on the information provided, the engineer should draft a letter to the PA DEP asking them to make sure that the stack test includes testing for heavy metals that might not be burned in the kiln.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to authorize the purchase of triplex cable and 25 bulbs for the Bandon Fire Company Ball Field not to exceed \$600.00. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Cable Franchise – A letter has been received from Service Electric in response to the Boards questions at the public hearing.

Uniform Construction Code

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to authorize the advertising of a public hearing for the adoption of ordinances pertaining to the Uniform Construction Code. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

First National Bank in Fleetwood – The Board received a copy of a letter that Terry Manmiller sent to the engineers for the First National Bank in Fleetwood. The Board asked that the secretary send a second copy. The letter asks for a storm water report on storm water impact from adding parking and asks the Bank to correct the drainage problem in an existing swale.

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Recycling Contract – The Board asked the secretary to contact Waste Management to provide pricing to renew the Township recycling contract an additional two years as provided in the current bid.

Traffic Ordinance

The Board agreed to forward all the items that they would like to change or add to the traffic ordinance. The secretary will gather the past traffic ordinances and contact the Chief of Police for his input. The data will be forwarded to the Township Engineer, who will determine which things require a traffic study. The Board will then review the list and decide what to include in the traffic ordinance. After the appropriate traffic studies are completed, the Township Solicitor will create an ordinance.

Underground Oil Tank – Tom Unger reported that B & F Petroleum had reviewed the fuel tank and felt that the cost of removing the tank or cutting it open, cleaning and filling it with sand would be the same. Removal of the tank will allow for better soil testing. If the tank is leaking, it could be considered a reportable event. If there is contamination, the costs will be considerably greater. The Board instructed the secretary to contact B & F Petroleum and ask them to provide a price for isolating the tank and pressure testing the line and a price for the aboveground replacement tank as separate items.

Septic System – The Board authorized Keith Shuman to obtain a cost for an alarm system or a cheap float and stick for the Township building septic system.

Trailers in Ruscombmanor Township – Gloria Kemmerer stated that she was concerned about the possibility of malfunctioning sewage systems for trailers that are located near the Maidencreek – Ruscombmanor Township line. Maidencreek has no jurisdiction in this matter.

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to authorize the engineer to write a friendly letter to Ruscombmanor Township requesting that the septic system be tested and ask Ruscombmanor Township to notify Maidencreek Township when the testing will take place. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Ad Hoc Committee – Gloria Kemmerer will contact Dick Thren, Chairman of the Planning Commission, to begin the Ad Hoc Committee meetings. In light of Terry Manmiller's resignation, his position will be redefined.

Purchase of Truck – Keith Shuman suggested that the Township not purchase the truck that was planned. The Township currently has two large trucks, one a 1995 with 5000 miles on it and one a 2000 with 6000 miles on it. If the truck is purchased, the Township will not have enough CDL drivers to operate them this winter. The Board authorized Keith Shuman to cancel the order with EM Kutz for a new truck and to obtain information and cost for replacing unit #4 with a smaller dump truck.

Ontelaunee Permit Request – PA DEP has sent a letter to Maidencreek Township requesting comment on Ontelaunee Township's permit request to withdrawal 1.6 million gallons of water from the Reading Area Water Authority. Tom Unger stated that the permit was for 600,000 gallons for Ontelaunee Township and 1 million gallons for Maidencreek Township emergency use. Mr. Unger stated that Ontelaunee Township is calculating their need based on 555 existing homes and 745 new units. Gloria Kemmerer asked how many developments encompass the 745 units. Mr. Unger stated that this information was not part of the letter. Mr. Unger will discuss the letter with Pat Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager.

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Summer Help – Diane Hollenbach reported that Mike Kelly turned down the Township's summer job offer. Keith Shuman suggested that the Township hire three summer helpers to pick rock, spread dirt, and cut weeds. The Board authorized the secretary to advertise a special meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at 8 PM for the purpose of selecting summer help and a part time employee.

Recycling Grant

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing the Chairman to sign the recycling grant acceptance contract. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

David Saint

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to end David Saint's probationary period effective April 12, 2004 and make him a full time Township light equipment operator with benefits. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Tour of Township Facilities – The Supervisors agreed to meet at the Township building on May 27, 2004 at 7:00 PM and view the Molltown building and the electric building at the Blandon Fire Company Ball Field.

Schuykill Valley EMS – A request was received from Schuykill Valley EMS requesting that they be added to Maidencreek Township's Ford Fleet number in order to receive a discount toward the purchase of a new ambulance. The Board authorized the secretary to contact Schuykill Valley EMS and inform them that Maidencreek Township does not agree to do this. The Board asked the secretary to find out more information on the existing Ford Fleet number.

Recycling Bins

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to authorize the purchase of 504 recycling bins provided two more quotes are obtained and the cost is not to exceed \$4,800.00. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Park and Recreation

Berks Rock and Roll Contract

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to enter into an agreement with Berks Rock and Roll to provide music for the car show in the amount of \$225.00. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Scoreboard

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to approve the purchase of a scoreboard from Collegiate Pacific in the amount of \$340.86. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Basketball Goals

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to approve the purchase of basketball goals from George Ely Associates in the amount of \$2,520.00. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Basketball Court Macadam

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to approve the paving of the Community Park basketball courts by Windsor Service in the amount of \$9,682.20. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

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Benches

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to approve the purchase of 12 benches from Recreation Resource in the amount of \$6372.00. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Executive Session 9:25 to 9:45PM

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, seconded by Roy Timpe, to authorize the Solicitor to appear on Maidencreek Township's behalf at a tax assessment hearing. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Roy Timpe announced that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session on May 18, 2004 to discuss personnel issues. All three Supervisors attended.

A motion was made by Gloria Kemmerer, to adjourn the May 20, 2004 regularly scheduled meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Roy Timpe adjourned the meeting at 9:55 P.M.

Diane Hollenbach, Recording Secretary – June 2, 2004

Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Orlando & Strahn, Solicitor
Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Engineer
Ed Kopicki, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Planning Commission 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
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Greg Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Maidencreek Township Authority Engineer
Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Company Chief
Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police