

MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2000 7:00PM

PRESENT: Karl Bolognese, Terry Rarick, Roy Timpe, Richard Orwig – Solicitor, Thomas Unger – Engineer, Ruth Manmiller – Recording Secretary, Terry Manmiller - Operations Manager

GUESTS: Ronald Kemmerer, Gloria Kemmerer, Trisha Jackson, Chris Jacobson, David Kennedy, Patrick Harkin, Richard Thren, Claude Beaver, Arlene Smith, May Roth – Newspaper Reporter.

Karl Bolognese called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked everyone to rise for the pledge to the flag.

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe to approve the minutes from the December 9, 1999 Board of Supervisors meeting. All Board members voted, “Aye.”

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe to approve the minutes from the December 9, 1999 Board of Supervisors meeting. All Board members voted, “Aye.” Terry Rarick stated the minutes were approved, however later in the meeting one of the resolutions that was passed will be amended.

POLICE REPORT: The December Northern Berks Regional Police activities were read by Ruth Manmiller as follows:

	MAIDENCREEK	ONTELAUNEE	LEESPORT
TOTAL CALLS: 574			
ASSIGNMENTS	269	195	110
UNITS OF PATROL	637	465.75	383.75
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	\$1882.97	\$1916.94	\$1070.90
NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS	\$914.67	\$ 64.32	\$ 181.06

A year end report was provided which reflected activities and service for 1999 with a comparison of figures from 1998 which proved an increase in all areas for each municipality.

ROAD REPORT: Terry Rarick read the Operations Manager’s report as presented:

EQUIPMENT REPORT

1. Unit # 3 preventive maintenance was completed by Shuman’s Auto. Replacement of drive belt, grease and oil change completed
2. Unit # 1 Rear replacement will be scheduled to be completed after the new truck arrives
3. Hand equipment and mowers will be serviced during the winter

ROAD CREW COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING:

1. Concession Stand: Shingles, service counter and windows have been installed. The electric will be transferred to the new building in the near future.
2. Christmas Trees have been chipped
3. Stop signs have been replaced in Golden Manor
4. Several pot holes were filled with cold patch
5. Trimming brush and tree limbs along roadways is in progress
6. Catch basins and cross pipes are being cleaned

GOLDEN MANOR

1. Storm water/water pipe problem has been corrected and completed in Golden Manor by Schoulch Excavating
2. Ambrose Concrete will complete the sidewalks as weather permits

BLANDON FIRE CO. BALLFIELD

Two more light poles are deteriorated. The Operation Manager is researching alternative ways to have them replaced more economically.

GROWING GREENER GRANT

The Operations Manager has been permission to pursue the application requirements to obtain grant funding towards Parks and Recreation and has asked permission to attend a workshop in Harrisburg on 1/24/2000.

LINE PAINTING

Berks Traffic has touched up the white and yellow lines on several of the roadways.

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BUENA VISTA ROAD

There are storm water problems caused by the water run off from Valasic Farms property. The Operations Manager would like to hire and excavator to dig out the bank and install 6” rap to control the water run off before it undermines the roadway.

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Tempa authorizing the Operations Manager to hire an excavator to remove a portion of the bank along Buena Vista Road to install 6” rap to control water run off. All Board members voted, “Aye.” Estimated cost for a backhoe with operator is \$75.00 an hour. Estimated time to complete work – 8 hours.

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded Karl Bolognese authorized the Operations Manager to replace the light poles at the Blandon Ball Field by purchasing the poles at the lowest price possible and GPU donating their time and equipment to install. All Board members voted, “Aye.”

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Tempa authorizing the Operations Manager and Township Secretary to attend the Grant Workshop in Harrisburg on 1/24/2000. Mileage will be reimbursed. All Board members voted “Aye.”

TREASURER’S REPORT: Ruth Manmiller read the Secretary/Treasurer’s report and requested permission for the following pay outs:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING	\$47,841.93
PAYROLL	\$22,062.35
ST LIQUID FUELS SINKING	\$ 5.00
GOLDEN MANOR III IMPROVMENTS	\$ 726.54
ONTELAUNEE HEIGHTS III & IV SIDWALKS	\$37,385.18
LOT 45 EXCELSIOR	\$46,703.60

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Tempa to approve the treasurer’s report and approval of payments from listed accounts. All Board members voted, “Aye.”

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIANCE:

Prior to the Chairman opening the meeting for public comments, he wanted to express the Board’s appreciation for all the organizations who prepared for any anticipated problems with Y2K on 12/31/99 – 1/01/2000. The Operations Manager held a meeting for each organization to explain their plan of action so everyone would be aware of their responsibilities. Present at the meeting: Board of Supervisors, Operation Manager, Danny Miller – Blandon Fire Co., Curt Rhine, Linette Schmehl – Blandon Ambulance, Chief Weiser – Northern Berks Regional Police, Pat Donavon, Ken Schnader – Maidencreek Authority.

Gloria Kemmerer, 323 East Wesner Road questioned if there will be minutes from the Parks and Recreation Board meetings. After attending the first Parks and Recreation Board meeting of 2000, she felt minutes should be taken and kept on file.

The Board thought the Engineer kept minutes, they were not aware of any minutes form previous Park and Recreation meetings.

Dave Kennedy – Precision Sports requested permission to conduct three road races (running and or biking) on roadway on the other side of Lake Ontelaunee in the spring. He will present a map, race dates and schedules to the Board. His plan is not to close any roads, he will try a different approach to the race than he has had in the past.

The Board instructed him to submit the proper insurance papers and complete the township application. He was advised to notify the Northern Berks Regional Police Chief and Operations manager of the exact dates and times.

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Arlene Smith, Pleasant Hill Road questioned if the increase in the township tax for Parks and Recreation had been approved. She questioned if the Parks and Recreation areas could not be maintained by an association rather than the township. If it was run by an association, the people who use these areas would be the ones that would pay for it. She does not like the idea of paying for someone else to play.

Terry Rarick and Karl Bolognese felt this would be a good idea for the future, however at this time it is the township's responsibility to provide recreation for the community.

Roy Tempì felt having an association would help defray the costs to run things, but then the township would not be involved, the land would probably be leased. He did agree this would be an idea for the future.

Karl Bolognese stated in the future when a Community Building would become a reality an association would be needed to run the activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:35 PM – 7:40 PM

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Tempì to accept the resignation of Linda Glass as auditor. All Board members voted, "Aye."

NEW BUSINESS:

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Tempì to appoint Debra Phluger as auditor to fill the vacant term of Linda Glass till 12/31/2001. All Board members voted, "Aye."

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Tempì authorizing the Secretary to send a letter of appreciation to Leo Gallagher for his dedicated years of service to the community. All board members voted, "Aye."

Roy Tempì made a motion, seconded by Terry Rarick to reimburse Roy Tempì \$70.00 for the PSATS course he is taking. The Recording Secretary to poll the Board: Mr. Timpe "Abstain" Mr. Rarick "Aye" Mr. Bolognese "Aye"

Roy Tempì made a motion, seconded by Terry Rarick to advertise for two weeks, the part time receptionist position for the township office. The Board directed the Secretary to provide each Supervisor with a copy of submitted resumes in order for them to make a timely decision. All Board members voted, "Aye."

Roy Tempì made a motion to open the Budget for 2000 to amend the tax increase. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Roy Tempì questioned why the Secretary had requested permission to pay the township employee's a bonus at the end of the year. If all other payouts are approved by the Board why wasn't this one?

The Solicitor explained the payment of the bonus would be approved tonight when the Treasures's requests for payments are approved.

Roy Tempì made a motion, seconded by Terry Rarick to continue the \$100.00 bonus at the end of each year. All Board members voted, "Aye." The Secretary was instructed to ask the Board every December.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

R & C MECHANICAL: This plan had been approved 4/9/99. Due to the length of time it took for the developer to provide the township with a Letter of Credit and Improvement Agreements the recording time period has expired. The Developer has submitted the proper Improvements Agreement and Letter of Credit and wishes to proceed with the project. Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Tempì to approve the R & C Mechanical Land Development Plan. All Board members voted, "Aye."

SHIPLEY STORES: Their Letter of Credit expires 2/12/2000, however it has an automatic renewal clause included in the agreement and there is no need for action from the Board.

BLANDON MEADOW V: Mr. Ludgate, engineer for this project has submitted a request to re-zone a section of Park Road due to the C1 zone extending into the residential section of this development. C1 would not allow for residential dwellings to be constructed in this area. Planning Commission and the Solicitor have recommended the Board of supervisors should proceed with the requested zoning change. Roy Tempì made a motion, seconded by Terry Rarick to proceed with the re-zoning of Park Road in the requested area and authorized the Solicitor to proceed with the application and notification to Berks County Planning Commission and the property owner would submit a \$2000.00 filing fee. All Board members voted, "Aye."

Ronald Kemmerer asked the Board if this was spot zoning.

Richard Orwig said it was not spot zoning, it was remedial zoning. Blandon Meadows V plan had been approved prior to the last zoning change. At the time of the zoning change, the setback line for C1 was not considered in relationship to the development.

WEST WESNER ROAD RE-ALIGNMENT: The Engineer informed the Board when he receives confirmation from the utility companies for relocation of all their utilities, the specifications can be completed and advertised for bids.

MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK: The Engineer will provide the Board with a flow plan for the relocation of the stream and the planned progress for the Community Park. Engineers from Systems Design Engineering will be working with the Parks and Recreation Board members to finalize the park layout plan.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Copies distributed to the Board members

DEVELOPMENT/CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT: Copies distributed to the Board members

SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENTS ESCROW ACCOUNTS: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Tempì authorizing the Chairman to sign the Subdivision Improvement Agreement Letters for payment in the amount of \$2,695.59. All Board members voted, "Aye."

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor is waiting for the return of deeds of dedication for the roads in Golden Manor.

RESOLUTION 7-2000: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Tempì to amend Resolution 1-2000 In order to restructure the Operations Manager wages. All Board members voted, "Aye."

RESOLUTION 8-2000: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Karl Bolognese to approve Resolution 8-2000 which urges the corporation at Campbell's Fresh to continue to be good neighbors and citizens and recognize the workers committee under the PLRB.

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Terry Rarick explained this resolution is stressing to the new owners of Campbell's Fresh, which is Money Mushroom, Ltd. To continue the same practices of this industries. Question on the motion: Patrick Harkin questioned if this resolution was a conflict of interest for Terry Rarick due to involvement with unions and Terry Rarick should not vote on this resolution. Terry Rarick stated he has no financial or any type on interest with this company, he is associated with the Steelworkers Union. The Recording Secretary was asked to poll the Board: Mr. Timpe "Nay" Mr. Rarick "Aye" Mr. Bolognese "Aye"

Richard Orwig stated this resolution is not for either side – it's an attempt to keep business in the township.

Roy Tempì felt it was a good idea for the Board to adopt resolutions to stress their opinion to lawmakers in Harrisburg, not private industry.

Gloria Kemmerer stated she felt the same way, that this has nothing to do with township government and should not be before the Board of Supervisors

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Tempì to approve the Humane Society of Berks County agreement for 2000 at a cost of \$200.00. All requests for service should original through the Northern Berks Regional Police Department. All Board members voted, "Aye."

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Tempì authorizing any Supervisor who wishes to attend the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Annual Convention and Trade Show 4/9/00-4/12/00 may do so and will be reimbursed by state rules. All Board members voted, "Aye."

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:40 PM –9:08 PM

Roy Tempì made a motion, seconded by Terry Rarick to pay Dean Shuman, \$1,722.16 for vacation in 1998, contingent upon him signing a release from Maidencreek Township. All Board member voted, "Aye."

Ronald Kemmerer questioned what the Board had planned to do with the maintenance of East Wesner Road during the waiting period for the relocation of the creek bed.

Terry Rarick stated there would be minimal repairs to the roadway since the plan is to abandon a section of the road. If it gets to bad the road will be closed sooner than planned.

Karl Bolognese adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M. Manmiller
Recording Secretary

CC: Board of Supervisors
Terry Manmiller, Operations Director
Richard Orwig, Solicitor
Thomas Unger - Systems Design Engineering, Inc.
Planning Commission
Park and Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board
Paul Herbein, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Auditors

Maidencreek Township Authority
Maidencreek Township Authority Solicitor
Tax Collector

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