

**MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JANAURY 7, 2002**

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PRESENT: Roy Timpe - Supervisor, Terry Rarick – Supervisor, Robert Kopfer – Supervisor, Richard Orwig- Solicitor, Mark Kitzmiller - Engineer, Terry Manmiller - Operations Director, and Ruth Manmiller - Recording Secretary.

GUESTS: Cindy Stump, Fay Isamoyer, Caroll Kopfer, Harold Burgert, Tina Poole, Chris Jacobson, Trisha Jacobson, Ronald Kemmerer, Gloria Kemmerer, David Anspach, Joesph Ruddrew III, Colleen DeLong, Michael DeLong, Hether Quillman, Anthony Ho, Krista Timpe, Jeffrey Weitzel, Dean Focht, David Stump, Regina Sanders, Scott Eaken, Richard Thren, Danny Miller – Fire Chief, Claude Beaver, James Schoellkopf, Robert Hanna, and Newspaper Reporter.

Roy Timpe called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

Correction: December 13, 2001 Minutes, Page 6: The correct name - Eastern Berks Family Medical Center. The word Family had been omitted.

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2001 Board of Supervisors meeting as corrected and the December 31, 2001 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

Tina Poole questioned the discussion that took place at the Special Meeting relative to the Martin Subdivision. She thought the reason for the Special Meeting was to adopt the Burning Ordinance and nothing more would be discussed.

The Board informed Tina Poole that the informal discussion was conducted in order to resolve issues between Mr. Martin, his financial institution and the Maiden creek Authority. This discussion helped resolve misunderstandings and no decisions were made. Resolving these issues will allow the project to commence in the near future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeffrey Weitzel, 625 Walnut Tree Drive, Blandon, PA (Lot 228 GM III) and Dean Focht, 393 Eagle Drive, Blandon, PA (Lot 226 GM III) asked the Board to consider selling the Tot Lot (Lot 366 GM III) adjoining their properties. They have maintained the lot for some time and feel it would be to their advantage to purchase the lot.

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Robert Kopfer, requesting a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board to obtain an appraisal and conduct a public auction to sell the Tot Lot. Motion carried. There was a general consensus that the sale of the Tot Lot would be beneficial to everyone; property owners will obtain additional property and generate tax revenue, it will save the township additional work to prepare the lot for recreational use, and Park and Recreation would receive any revenues generated by the sale. The Board suggested that the Homeowners Association be informed of the possible loss of the Tot Lot.

Cindy Stump, 140 Evansville Road, Fleetwood, PA questioned the Solicitor of the correct procedures to appoint a new Supervisor upon accepting Terry Rarick’s resignation.

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Township Solicitor, Richard Orwig informed Cindy Stump and the general public that upon the accepting the Terry Rarick's resignation, the Board has thirty days to choose a replacement. If the Board can't agree upon a replacement, the Vacancy Board Chairman will have fifteen days to make a decision. Should a disagreement still prevent a replacement for Terry Rarick, the courts will make the decision. The time period designated to appoint a replacement to fill the supervisor's position begins upon accepting the resignation at a public meeting.

Tina Poole, 19 Lee Spring Road, Blandon, PA, suggested that the Martin Subdivision should be revisited so everyone is aware of requirements of this approved plan. She is concerned that Mr. Martin will become financially constrained during construction and never complete the project. She wanted assurance that upon completion of the project Mr. Martin will maintain his property in an acceptable manner. She asked if pumping and inspections of Mr. Martin's on-lot septic system are continuing on a regular basis and has any one followed up on the trench Mr. Martin was instructed to install. She asked the Engineer if DEP was instructed to conduct soil testing in the area of Mr. Martin's on-lot septic system.

The Board, Solicitor and Engineer agreed revisiting the approved Martin Retirement Plans was a good idea but assured Tina Poole that Mr. Martin is required to following the requirements of the approved plan. It will be their job to inspect the project as it proceeds to insure that Mr. Martin is complying with the approved plan. Everyone felt it would be in Mr. Martin's best interest to maintain his development to provide desirable living environment. The Engineer stated the SEO is conducting inspections at Mr. Martin's on-lot septic system every two days. When pumping is required he informs the township. The Engineer will research if DEP was notified to test Mr. Martin's soil.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Eaken read the Northern Berks Regional Police Activity Report for December 2001 and provided copies of the Year End Report.

	MAIDENCREEK	ONTELAUNEE	LEESPORT	ADMIN. CALLS
TOTAL ASSIGNMENTS:	221	158	86	32
TRAFFIC CITATIONS:	35	62	21	
FINES COLLECTED:	\$12177.56	\$2,344.33	\$872.34	

Chief Eaken advised the public of the following:

1. The Northern Berks Regional Police headquarters new address is 5710 Leesport Ave., Reading, PA 19605.
2. The police department accepted delivery of a 2001 police vehicle, half of the expenses to purchase and prepare the vehicle for service was paid by a "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Shared Grant" in the amount of \$12,500.00.
3. He was attended a meeting conducted by Senator O'Pake and a Penn Dot representative to resolve issues at the Park Road and Main Street intersection in Blandon. He has agreed to conduct a traffic study to improve the intersection with proper street markings, installing signs to establish traffic patterns. Senator O'Pake agreed to advise Freda Fox to cut her shrubbery.
4. To prevent misunderstandings or rumors the Chief advised everyone to contact him if they had any questions or concerns pertaining to the police department.

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5. The letters of intent to withdraw from the Northern Berks Regional Police is not in the best interest of the Maiden creek residents. He hopes the Supervisors will review the informational packets he has prepared and realize that in order to provide the same service the residents are accustomed to would cost far more than the 44.5% they are required to pay at this time. He stressed the importance of a decision as soon as possible to maintain the level of service and manpower.

6. He informed everyone he had attended a Penn Dot meeting to address the increased traffic problems on Route 61. Penn Dot must address the increased traffic generated due to the completion of the 222 extension. He stated the police department must deal with the impact of the increased traffic congestion on Route 73, Route 222 and Route 61.

Terry Rarick stated he still believes in regionalization and hopes issues can be resolved to keep the department functioning. Regionalization allows for specialized manpower and additional equipment.

The Board suggested notifying State Representative David Argall about the traffic congestion on Route 222, near Route 73.

ROAD REPORT

Terry Rarick read the Operation Manager's Report for December 2001:

Equipment Report

1. The new compressor has been installed
2. The roller trailer was repainted and placed in storage for use in Spring.
3. All winter equipment awaits the snow.

Winter Projects

1. Mud and leaves are being removed from drains.
2. The catch basin at the intersection of Walnut Tee Drive and Eagle Drive has been repaired.
3. Trees are being cut along the old streambed in the future park. The wood will be placed in the open space for residents.
4. Curbside Christmas tree pick-up will be conducted every Tuesday and Thursday until February 21, 2002.

ICE CONDITIONS

One truck was called out on two different occasions to assist the Fire Company at fires for the purpose of salting the icy roadway.

ROUTE 73/PARK ROAD MEETING

Penn Dot representatives thought that the No Turn on Red signs might help the situation at the intersection of Route 73 and Park Road. Chief Eaken will conduct a study on visibility and submit a letter.

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing Terry Manmiller and Mark Kitzmiller to meet to complete forms generated from the Sacony Creek/Maiden creek Storm Water Meeting to define problem flooding areas in the township. Motion carried.

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the Operations Manager to purchase salt as needed to maintain a reasonable supply at \$43.00 per ton. Motion carried.

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Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the Road Master to authorize the Operation Manger to utilize the designated contractor with a snow blower @ \$85.00 an hour and/or David Zawicki owner of a front end loader during a snow emergency. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for December 2001 will be presented at the February 2002 Board of Supervisors meeting.

ORDINACE 186 –Maidencreek Township Flood Plain Management Ordinance

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to adopt the Maidencreek Township Flood Plain Ordinance as presented. Motion carried. Gloria Kemmerer stated that the Planning Commission had not received copies of this ordinance prior to its adoption.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

BEDROCK STONE AND MULCH FACILITY

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to reject the Bedrock Stone and Mulch Facility Land Development Plan and its Memorandum of Understanding if a current plan is not received by January 22, 2002. Motion carried.

SHADOW RIDGE – PHASE III

Upon the Engineer's recommendation the Supervisors did not sign the Planning Module exemption request for Shadow Ridge – Phase III. The Engineer will contact the developer's engineer regarding this issue so the proper paperwork will be filed with DEP and processed through the Township.

TREE TOPS RECREATION AREA

The Engineer is preparing plan/spec. for Phase I of the project. The Board instructed the Engineer to prepare the bids for the Tree Tops Recreation area so action can be taken on the projected.

MAIDENCREEK COMMUNITY PARK

The Engineer is preparing plan/spec. for Phase I of the project. The Board instructed the Engineer to prepare the bids for the Maidencreek Community Park so action can be taken on the projected.

SHADOW RIDGE/ BLANDON MEADOWS DRAINAGE

The improvements are proceeding as planned.

SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENTS LOC/ESCROW RELEASE LETTERS

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the Chairman to sign the Subdivision Improvement Letters of Credit in the amount of \$1,068.66. Motion carried.

SEO REPORTS AND CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS: The Engineer distributed SEO reports and development/construction status reports to the Board.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

TREE TOPS SUBDIVISION

The solicitor forwarded a copy of the Tree Tops III punch list to Glenn Sandritter requesting all items to be completed by January 1, 2002. If all items on the punch list for Tree Tops III are not completed the township will automatically draw down on the remaining balance of the letter of credit held by First Union Bank.

SECRETARY'S QUESTIONS

AGRICULTURE SECURITY

Robert Kopfer will contact the members of the Agriculture Security Board to choose a hearing date for the 8th Modification to the Agriculture Security Area. Robert Kopfer will contact Richard Orwig to advertise the hearing date.

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Robert Kopfer, appointing Claude Beaver to the Agriculture Security Board. Motion carried.

PARK AND RECREATION

The Park and Recreation Board made a recommendation to the Supervisors to remove the infield grass at the Ontelaunee Height ballfield. Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the Park and Recreation Board to obtain quotes to remove the infield grass at the Ontelaunee Height ballfield. The Supervisors will review the quotes prior to work commencing. Motion carried.

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to accept David Snyder's resignation from the Park and Recreation Board and instructed the Township Secretary to send thank you letters to all individuals that did not continue their service with township. Motion carried.

Robert Kopfer made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M. Manmiller
Recording Secretary

CC: Board of Supervisors

Terry Manmiller, Operations Director

Richard Orwig, Solicitor

Thomas Unger-Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Engineer

Ed Kopicki-Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Planning Commission Engineer

Park and Recreation Board

Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates

Paul Herbein, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

Maidencreek Township Authority

Robert Hobaugh, Esq., Maidencreek Township Authority Solicitor

Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector

Daniel Miller, Fire Chief

Northern Berks Regional Police