

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
December 8, 2016

Present: Claude Beaver, David Franke, Joseph Rudderow III, Eugene Orlando, Jr. – Orlando Law Offices, Thomas Unger – Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Diane Hollenbach – Township Manager

Guests: Gene Bossler, Tom Schlegel, Dan Miller, Chris Kline, Jim Schoellkopf, Heidi Fiedler

A public hearing was held from 7:00 p.m. to 7:03 p.m. on Ordinance 242. Joseph Rudderow opened the regularly scheduled meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors at 7:03 p.m. in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building, 1 Quarry Road, Reading, PA 19605 and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES & FINANCES

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by David Franke to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the November 10, 2016 regular meeting. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to approve the November 2016 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Heidi Fiedler of 432 E Wesner Road, Blandon addressed the Board concerning the trees taken down along the stream. She asked that the road crew remove the wood and reseed the dead grass areas. The Board directed that a hold harmless agreement be signed and then the road crew should complete the work.

Gene Bossler of 122 Grove Road, Blandon asked the Board when someone would maintain 115 Grove Road. There are new signs on the property from the Berks Redevelopment Authority. Leaves are blowing onto neighbors properties. Maintenance people hired by the bank were threatened that they would be shot when they tried to maintain the property. The Supervisors asked the Manager to check with the County about maintenance during the blighted property process.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT – The engineer presented his written report.

Verizon Quarry Road Final Plan

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to grant a waiver to Section 190-24(A) of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances to allow the plan to proceed as a preliminary/final plan. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to grant a waiver to Section 190-15E, L, M, N7 of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances to waive showing all roads, streets (E), sewer lines(L), water lines(L), stormwater facilities(N7) and tree masses, rock outcroppings,

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watercourses within 1,000 feet of the property(M). Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to grant a waiver to Section 190-16.F5,6,7,9,10 of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances to waive site analysis requirements including steep slopes, vantage points, existing tree masses and remarkable solitary trees, existing uses of surrounding properties and existing conditions of roads on the site. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to grant a waiver to Section 190-16.I of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances to waive a water resource study. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to grant a waiver to Section 190-17.A9,10,12 of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances to waive all easements and right of way for public services, sanitary and storm sewer information and clear site triangles for all street intersections. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to grant a waiver to Section 190-17.B4 of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances to waive showing profiles of existing sanitary sewers, storm sewers and water lines. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to grant a waiver to Section 190-34 of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances to waive sidewalk requirements. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to grant a waiver to Section 190-38 of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances to waive providing sanitary sewer disposal system since the site will be unmanned. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to grant a waiver to Section 190-40 of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances to waive providing a water supply system since the site is unmanned. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to grant preliminary/final plan approval to the Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 1 Quarry Road Land Development Plan conditional upon completion of the items in the Great Valley Consultants December 6, 2016 review letter, which is incorporated by reference and to not grant occupancy until all improvements are completed. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Zoning Map and Ordinance

Upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Claude

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Beaver to modify the draft zoning map to change the zoning from Genesis Driver to Schaeffer Road from R2 Residential Zoning to CR Commercial Residential zoning for the depth of one lot and to submit the ordinance and zoning map to adjoining municipalities, the Berks County Law Library, the Berks County Planning Commission and the Reading Eagle. The motion was seconded by David Franke and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

W Shore Drive – Tom Unger reported that he had met with Police Chief Scott Eaken and Mike Ryder of the Reading Area Water Authority regarding installation of jersey barriers on W Shore Drive. The Reading Area Water Authority is willing to pay for the installation of the barriers. They would be installed in a way to allow seven to eight cars to park. There will be a locked gate with the key being distributed to fire, ems and police. Chairman Rudderow asked if Fire Chief Miller had any concerns. Chief Miller requested that Leesport Fire Company also receive a key. David Franke asked that the emergency vehicles be measured so the gate is wide enough for the widest vehicle.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR REPORT

Ordinance 242 – Adopt 457 Plan

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to adopt Ordinance 242 which allows Township employees to participate in a 457 pension plan. The motion was seconded by David Franke and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Verizon Cell Tower Conditional Use – Mr. Orlando distributed the written decision for the Verizon Cell Tower Conditional Use for the Board's signature.

Zoning Ordinance and Map Revisions – Mr. Orlando reviewed the requirements for the adoption of revisions to the zoning ordinance and map. The full text and map must be sent to the Berks County Law Library, Berks County Planning Commission, Reading Eagle and surrounding municipalities. A minimum of five postings three weeks prior to the hearing must be put in each zoning district where there are map changes and property owners must be notified by mail thirty days in advance of the hearing. The Board agreed to an April hearing and would pick an exact date in January.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Holiday Schedule 2017 – In preparation for the Reorganization Meeting, it was noticed that the Christmas holiday in 2017 fell on a Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Hollenbach explained that the employees would prefer the holiday time off be Monday and Tuesday but the labor contract is specific and would be Friday and Monday. The Board agreed that the contract must be followed.

Road Crew - Diane Hollenbach asked the Board if they would be willing to sell the John Deere road mowing tractor that no longer works. The Board tabled discussion.

Maidencreek Township Authority – The Maidencreek Township Authority has moved their meetings to the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.

Zoning – Diane Hollenbach reported that there has been no request for an extension to the issue at 330 Cornerstone and the zoning officer would proceed to the citation stage.

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Emergency Services

David Franke updated the Board that Blandon Ambulance and Schuylkill Valley EMS are discussing a merger for cost savings and enhanced service. Supervisor Franke explained that the health care industry is changing and the need for regionalization. The Blandon Ambulance Director, Stephen Bobella, is putting together the merger paper work and has asked for a letter of support from the Township. Chairman Rudderow asked about the cost to the municipality. Mrs. Hollenbach explained that the ambulance will continue to be a private organization that the Township is free to donate to or not. The annual donation was withheld in 2014, no donation was budgeted in 2015 and the donation had not yet been made in 2016. In addition to the letter of support for the merger, the Blandon Ambulance director has requested the 2014 and 2016 donation.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the manager to write a letter of support for the Blandon Ambulance and Schuylkill Valley EMS merger. The motion was seconded by David Franke and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to release the 2014 and 2016 donation to the Blandon Community Ambulance in the amount of \$60,500.00. The motion was seconded by David Franke and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Comp Time for Manager - Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 20-2016 - 2017 Real Estate Tax

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to adopt Resolution 20-2016 adopting the 2017 real estate tax with no increase. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Resolution 21-2016 – 2017 Budget

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to adopt Resolution 21-2016 the 2017 Budget. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Snow Plow Relief Drivers

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to adopt the 2017 snow plow relief driver list consisting of Mike Shirk, David Brown, Tim Mills and Patrick Donovan. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Animal Rescue League Contract

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the chairman to sign the 2017 Animal Rescue League contract and initial the change of “employ” to “contract”. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

EXECUTIVE SESSION - An executive session was called for personnel issues from 8:22 to 9:02 p.m.

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A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Claude Beaver, to adjourn the December 8, 2016 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Township Secretary,

Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Solicitor
Thomas Unger, Township Engineer
Planning Commission
Park & Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates
Joan London, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager
JoAnn Schaeffer, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary
Daniel Becker, Authority Solicitor
Greg Unger, Authority Engineer
Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Company Chief
Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police