

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
February 11, 2016

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

Guests: Jim Schoellkopf, Cody Rhoads, Karen Chandler, Chris Kline, Dan Miller, George Sowers, Brian Horner, Nick Stoltzfus, Kevin Ember, Brian M. Schwab, DMD, Audrey D. Smetlzer-Schwab, Richard Wick, Gene Bossler, Mary Lou Bossler, Mario Bossler,

Joseph Rudderow III called the February 11, 2016 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building. Mr. Rudderow announced that an executive session was held on January 21, 2016 for personnel.

A motion was made by David Franke to hire Brian Wise as Heavy Equipment Operator with a CDL A license effective February 8, 2016. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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 January 14, 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 David Franke to approve the February 2016 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Chairman to sign the AG385 Pension forms. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gene Bossler, Grove Road asked the Board for an update on 115 Grove Road. Mr. Bossler stated he had called the District Justice. Diane Hollenbach stated that the property owners had been cited three times, pled guilty each time and paid the fine. The Board tabled the matter until later in the meeting.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to send the Code Enforcement out to 115 Grove Road, Blandon to inspect the property and issue a citation if warranted. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Schwab Land Development Plan – Kevin Ember of McCarthy Engineering and Nick Stoltzfus of DESCCO Construction presented the final Schwab Land Development Plan for conditional plan approval. The site is Lot C3 of the Melrose Commercial Subdivision. Previously, the Sarah Care Adult Daycare was planned for the site and reached conditional final plan approval. The use for the property is as a dental office. Changes made to the plan were minor and included reduction in impervious cover, reduction of the building size, removal of the second access point and revision to the grading. Mr. Unger stated that the grading and calculations were acceptable. Mr. Unger presented Systems Design Engineering's February 11, 2016 review letter. Outstanding items were Berks County Conservation District approval, signed and notarized certificate of ownership on the plan as well as the plan being signed and sealed by the professional preparing it, execution of improvements agreement, posting of financial security in a form acceptable to the township and a note on the plan indicating a Knox Box be installed. Mrs. Hollenbach reported that the Maidencreek Township Authority had not finished a review of the plan and approval should be conditional upon the Authority review and approval.

A motion was made by David Franke to grant the Schwab Land Development Plan final plan approval conditional upon completion of the items outlined in the Systems Design Engineering, Inc. February 11, 2016 review letter, which is incorporated by reference, and Maidencreek Township Authority review and approval. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

2016 – 2017 Paving Projects

Mr. Unger reviewed the proposed road projects for 2016 and 2017.

- Drain at Rt. 73 and W Wesner Road
- Grading shoulders of roads behind Lake Ontelaunee
- Road base repair for Kemmerer, Ridge and Berk
- Lee Spring Road (core samples obtained by road crew)
- Evansville Road (core samples obtained by road crew)
- W Wesner Road (2017)
- White Birch Lane (2017)
- Adele and Ina stormwater
- Adele and Ina paving (2017)
- W Walnut Tree Drive – TV Lines, review options and complete work

Mr. Rudderow asked how long the repair would last on the roads currently being used as a detour for the West Shore Drive Bridge. Mr. Unger stated that he must look at the roads and mark out the areas to patch but usually the patch holds up well and other pothole form in the road around the repair.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Orlando reported that he was contacted by Fred Riegel. There may be renewed interest in the Corrado Subdivision. The public hearing for the cable franchise renewal was postponed. Mr. Orlando asked that the hearing be rescheduled to March 10 at 7 p.m.

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A motion was made by David Franke authorizing the solicitor to advertise the Comcast Cable Franchise public hearing for Thursday March 10, 2016 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Township municipal building. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Mr. Rudderow asked what the Township options were in regards to the structure at 115 Grove Road. Mr. Orlando asked for an executive session to discuss this litigation.

MANAGERS REPORT

The manager reviewed the road crew's activities and provided a written report for the Board, which included requests for expenditures. Three township trucks broke down in the January 22nd storm. Two trucks have been repaired in house and are back in service. Because of the truck situation, the road crew used the loader to plow roads and put forty hours on it. The road crew also experienced trouble with a truck radio and requested a radio be installed in the loader and backhoe to allow operators to communicate with Township trucks.

A motion was made by David Franke, to authorize the repair of Truck #6's transmission at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to approve maintenance on the loader and mini ex as per the quote provided by Powerco at a cost not to exceed \$2,717.65. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to approve the purchase of a warehouse ladder with the cost not to exceed \$848. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to purchase three radios from Triangle Communication with the cost not to exceed \$1541.13. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Park & Recreation

Mrs. Hollenbach reported that the Park and Recreation Board had met the previous evening and recommended that the Supervisors authorize the purchase of a sign on the cost of vandalism to the township. The sign is part of an Eagle Scout Project that will remove graffiti in the Community Park.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the purchase of a sign for Logan Carbaugh's Eagle Scout Project from Sign Pros PA Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$1,380.00. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hollenbach reported that the Park and Recreation Board is once again holding Community Days and having an outdoor movie instead of fireworks. They will be showing Minions and need authorization for the screen and technicians from Big Air Cinema.

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A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the manager to sign the Big Air Cinema contract for the May 28, 2016 outdoor movie at a cost of \$546.00. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

The last item Park and Recreation needed authorization for was the disposition of the tball equipment. The Board would like to put it out for sealed bid.

A motion was made by David Franke to advertise the tball equipment for sale by sealed bid. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hollenbach stated the Zoning and Permit Report was in the packet and there was nothing additional to report on Emergency Services than what was in the Fire Company and Ambulance Reports submitted. Joseph Rudderow stated that the Police Contract was resolved and the Commission is waiting for the attorneys to clean up the language. Brian Horner stated that the officers are happy the contract is settled and thanked the Supervisors.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Rudderow stated that the road crew did a fabulous job in clearing the street during Winter Storm Jonas.

Mr. Franke stated that he had been approached by a resident about the noise from the train whistle. More information will be coming in the months ahead.

NEW BUSINESS

Mailbox Replacement – The Board’s policy on mailbox replacement is to pay up to \$40 for mailboxes hit by a plow, not hit by snow. A determination was requested regarding a mailbox at 230 Longleaf Drive that was dented by the plow but not badly enough to make it unusable.

A motion was made by David Franke to pay \$15 for the replacement of a mailbox at 230 Longleaf Drive if the mailbox is given to the township in return. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Disaster Emergency Declaration

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for Winter Storm Jonas. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Sewage Enforcement Report

A motion was made by Claude Beaver authorizing the manager to sign and submit the Annual Sewage Enforcement Report. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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Street Sweeping

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to contract with Industrial Grounds Maintenance for the 2016 street sweeping at a cost not to exceed \$4,200.00. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

An executive session was called for personnel and litigation from 7:53 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

115 Grove Road

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the township manager to look into the Blighted Property Program. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the solicitor to review options for judicial relief in regards to 115 Grove Road. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Light Equipment Operator

A motion was made by David Franke to hire Tyler Nolt as full time Light Equipment Operator. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Claude Beaver, to adjourn the February 11, 2016 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 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