

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
June 11, 2015

Present: Claude Beaver, David Franke, Joseph Rudderow III, Eugene Orlando, Jr. – Orlando Law Offices, Charles Jones – Great Valley Consultants, Diane Hollenbach – Township Manager

Guests: Chris Kline, Daniel Miller, Sr., Mary Dymeck, Jim Schoellkopf, Jr., Sue Manchell, Cody Rhoads, George Sowers, Karl Bolognese,

Joseph Rudderow III called the June 11, 2015 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building.

MINUTES & FINANCES

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the May 14, 2015 regular meeting. David Franke 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 May 2015 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

GUESTS

Sue Manchel, a consultant for Verizon Wireless, proposed building an additional cell tower at the 1 Quarry Road site. The tower would be 120 feet tall and in a 50 foot by 50 foot compound with a fence, access road and space for three other carriers. The current tower is over 51% capacity. The Board authorized the Township Engineer and Zoning Officer to work with Ms. Manchel in reviewing the proposal.

David Zwicky discussed rezoning his property on Buena Vista Road to Industrial in order to help his business grow. The Board agreed with rezoning the property to Industrial. The Solicitor recommended that the Engineer review the draft zoning ordinance in relation to uses in Special Intensified Agricultural and Industrial as well as district boundaries.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Resolution 17-2015

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to adopt Resolution 17-2015 Escalator Clause for Bituminous Material. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

2015 Road Work – Two bids were received for the 2015 roadwork. The low bidder was Burkholder Paving for \$502,339.20. The Board decided to award a portion of the bid – items a, b, c, d, e and h for \$243,423.70. The roads included were Guldin Road, West Wesner Road, Schaeffer Road, and the southernmost section of West Shore Drive.

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A motion was made by David Frank to accept the 2015 Road Bids. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made David Franke to issue the Notice to Award items a, b, c, d, e, and h of the 2015 road bids to NESL doing business as Burkholder Paving for \$243,423.70 conditional upon the review of the Solicitor. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Meadowbrook Phase 3 and 4 Escrow Release Request – Charlie Jones reported that the developer had repaired 12 catch basins in the Meadowbrook Subdivision. While not perfect, the catch basins are satisfactory and stable for now.

A motion was made by David Franke to release the Meadowbrook Phase 3 and 4 escrow pending payment of all fees to professionals for inspections. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

West Shore Drive Bridge – The Board authorized the Manager to send Penn DOT the list of questions regarding the West Shore Drive Bridge and invite Penn DOT to the August 13th meeting for discussion. Mr. Rudderow hoped to have traffic counts from the Police Department for that meeting.

Pleasant Hill Road – Mr. Beaver stated that the road is crumbling and washing at some places. He and the Township Engineer looked at the issue and decided the best course of action is to sliver fill the area. Mr. Zwicky will donate material and equipment to do the project. Diane Hollenbach asked the Engineer to provide a drawing so that easements could be obtained. There was some discussion regarding potential crop damage.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Gene Orlando reported that Christopher Garrell is reviewing the Comcast Franchise Draft Agreement.

Melrose Place - The Melrose Place Developer's Improvement Agreement expires in July. The Board discussed the condition of the road base and bonding the road.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Engineer and Solicitor to review alternatives available to handle development infrastructure. Claude Beaver seconded the motions and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to extend the Melrose Place Improvement Agreement for one additional year, authorized the Engineer to review the cost estimate and test the condition of the road base utilizing core borings under the direction of the Township Engineer for quantity and location performed by a company mutually agreed upon by the Township and Developer. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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ROADMASTER REPORT

Claude Beaver reported that flat tires were repaired on the mowers. The Road Crew would be repairing two drains on Galean and closing Hill Road for drainage work. Joseph Rudderow asked if there was anything that could be done to strengthen the Township specifications for drains and sidewalks. Charlie Jones suggested adding specifications for trench restoration in roadways.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Township Engineer to review the Township specifications on drains, sidewalks and trench restoration and make recommendations for changes. David Franke amended the motion to include road standards. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and amendment and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Dymeck of Longleaf Drive, Blandon asked if something could be done about the red shrub at the CVS. It obstructs motorists' view when pulling out of the driveway. Claude Beaver will look at the situation. Mrs. Dymeck also asked why no right turns are allowed at the new traffic light at Park Road and Route 222. It is difficult using the ramp when traveling Rte. 222 northbound and trying to get into the left turn lane for Dries Road. Joseph Rudderow stated he would ask the question at the Reading Area Transportation Study meeting.

MANAGERS REPORT

Diane Hollenbach reported that UGI will be boring under Park Road in mid-July to August and will have some equipment in the Community Park.

Capital Blue Cross Renewal

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the renewal of the Capital Blue Cross Medical and Prescription Drug Insurance for the employees. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Fourth of July Holiday – The Board authorized July 6, 2015 as the employees Fourth of July holiday.

July Meeting – The July Board of Supervisors meeting will be held as advertised. Mr. Beaver will be unable to attend but there was no other date that everyone could make.

Esbenshade Greenhouse Final Plan – The Board signed the plan. The Township Engineer will record it.

Volleyball 5K – The Board discussed the proposal by Surge Volleyball to hold a 5K race. The plan called for closure of a portion of East Wesner Road for about 15 minutes. The Board denied the request.

Route 222 Roundabout Utility Relocation – The Route 222 Roundabout project and road widening will require the Maidencreek Township Authority to relocate its water and sewer lines

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along Route 222. The total cost of the relocation has been estimated at \$4,740,000. There will be some cost picked up by Penn DOT but the Authority believes they will have to finance approximately \$3,467,500. These are preliminary numbers and another meeting with Penn DOT will be scheduled. The Supervisors agreed that the elected State and County officials should be made aware of the cost being passed along to the Authority.

Park and Recreation – A locking dumpster has been placed in the Community Park for use of those renting the concession stand.

OLD BUSINESS

TreeTops Tree Removal Quotes

A motion was made by David Franke to approve the quote from David Barth Tree Service for \$3,500 to remove trees in the TreeTops Tot Lot. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow to authorize the Road Master to dispose of the wood from the TreeTops tree removal project as he sees fit. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Authority Appointment

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to appoint Francis Hartman to the Maidencreek Township Authority to fulfill the unexpired term of Earl Rothermel. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Route 222 Speed Enforcement – Joseph Rudderow commented that the new speed limit has been posted on Route 222. When traffic is light, such as early Sunday mornings, northbound traffic appears to be speeding. The Board discussed obtaining a speed trailer.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to ask the Chief of Police to look at doing speed enforcement on Route 222. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Executive Session was held from 9:23 to 9:55

A motion was made by David Franke to allow David Saint to transfer, at his request, to the position of part time equipment operator as described in the job description beginning on June 29, 2015. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to approve a \$1 per hour increase for Andrew Letsche on his one-year anniversary date as provided in the Maidencreek Township Collective Bargaining Agreement upon completion of the one year of service. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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Having no further business, a motion was made by Claude Beaver to adjourn the June 11, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Township Secretary June 25, 2015

Cc: Board of Supervisors
 Eugene Orlando, Orlando Law Office, Solicitor
 Charles Jones, Great Valley Consulting, Engineer
 Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., SEO
 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
 Dan Becker., Kozloff Stoudt, Authority Solicitor
 Greg Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Authority Engineer
 Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
 Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Company Chief
 Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police