

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
March 9, 2017

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

Absent: Claude Beaver

Guests: Cody Rhoads, Jim Schoellkopf Jr., Gene and Marylou Bossler, Heidi Fiedler

Joseph Rudderow III called the March 9, 2017 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge 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 February 9, 2017 regular meeting. Joseph Rudderow III 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 2017 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gene Bossler, 122 Grove Road, Blandon let the Board know that a property management company was working on 115 Grove Road but they had piled everything they demolished in front of the house. Diane Hollenbach stated she will contact the gentleman that pulled the permit.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Tom Unger of Systems Design Engineering reported that there were no plans in review and the next meeting would be the public hearing for the adoption of the zoning ordinance and map on March 27th at 9 am.

West Walnut Tree Drive Storm Water Project – Mr. Unger reminded the Board that this project was to repair a damaged and clogged pipe and that it was previously bid and no bids were received. All easements have been obtained for the project. Joseph Rudderow III asked if the rest of the pipe is fine and Mr. Unger said it was. The pipe was televised from both ends. Mr. Rudderow asked that the pipe be visually checked when the trench is opened to confirm it is sound.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Engineer bid the W Walnut Tree Drive Storm Water Pipe repair. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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2017 Road Project – Mr. Unger distributed a list of roads and an estimated cost for the road repairs. The Board considered the following roads: Evansville Road from Maidencreek Road to the first ninety degree turn, Orchard Road from Snyder Road to Bewley Lane, Adele Avenue, W Wesner Road near Steiner Place to Chestnut Street, Blandon Avenue from Park Road to 112 Blandon Avenue, Spirit Court from Cornerstone to Cornerstone Dr., and Ina Avenue. Since the Maidencreek Township Authority will be cutting Adele for the utility project associated with the Route 222 Round About, Mrs. Hollenbach suggested striking Adele Avenue for now and repairing Ina Avenue in the area near Main Street. Mr. Unger suggested that the repair and widening of Orchard use the cold in place recycling method and recommended increasing the wearing course depth to 2 inches. Mrs. Hollenbach added that the road foreman felt that the worst part of Spirit Court was the section from 101 Spirit Court to Main Street.

Mr. Rudderow asked what the road budget was this year. Mrs. Hollenbach stated that the budget was about \$400,000 but this included the W Walnut Tree Drive Project. Because no one bid on it last time, the manager and engineer were not sure where the bids would fall. The Board asked the Engineer to come back in April with the revisions discussed and the bids for W Walnut Tree would be opened.

Community Park Parking Lot – Mr. Unger showed the Board photos before and after the installation of an additional parking lot in the Community Park. Joseph Rudderow III asked that the manager tell the road crew the Board appreciates their efforts.

Lighting Study – Mr. Unger reported that Ed Kopicki of SDE took pictures of Ontelaunee Heights with a drone at night to see the level of light from the street lights. This development has only intersections and curves lit. Mr. Rudderow stated that streetlights are legacy costs to the Township and the Board needs to see if there is anything that can be done to mitigate the cost. Mr. Rudderow suggested a plan with Ontelaunee Heights as a model. The engineer and manager will continue to work on the project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map Revision – Eugene Orlando, Jr. reported that the notices were posted and mailed for the upcoming hearing. The ordinance itself was mailed to the Reading Eagle, Berks County Law Library and adjoining municipalities. The hearing was advertised in the Reading Eagle. Mr. Orlando may have a conflict with the date but will send Mr. Garrell if unable to attend. The Zoning revision has been under review for a long time at the Planning Commission level. Mr. Rudderow asked the Planning Commission Chairman, Jim Schoellkopf to thank the Planning Commission for their hard work.

MANAGERS REPORT

The Manager supplied a written report of the activities of the Township staff. The road crew would like to make repair to the Willow Creek in the Community Park. Mrs. Hollenbach reviewed the past history of the stream relocation of 2003 and stated that the large rocks on the stream bank had all washed off. Some were in the stream and could be put back but additional large rock would need to be purchased. The proposal is to break the project in thirds and start in the worst section which is in the S turn. In this area, the stream often leaves its banks. The cost of the stone is \$3,000 and the rental of a skid load and attachment is \$1,725.00.

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A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the purchase of materials and equipment rental for the Community Park Stream Bank repair not to exceed \$4,800. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Authority – Mrs. Hollenbach reported that the Authority meets next week. They have received approval from Penn DOT for the 75% reimbursement of costs associated with the relocation of water and sewer lines for the Route 222 Round About Project.

Park and Recreation – The Park and Recreation Board reviewed the letter from the Fleetwood Borough Pool Manager requesting a \$10,000 donation. There was no interest in providing this donation. The Board of Supervisors agreed with the Park and Recreation Boards recommendation. Three Eagle Scout candidates attended the meeting with project proposals and Girls Softball also brought a proposal to replace and relocate the backstop at their own cost in order to make the on-deck batting area safer. Mrs. Hollenbach will be sending a letter to the Blandon Fire Co. Relief asking for them to review and approve the work prior to giving Softball approval to replace the backstop.

Playground Mulch

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the purchase 80 yards of playground mulch on state contract not to exceed \$1,900. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Zoning and Codes – Mrs. Hollenbach reported that Dean Shuman 320 Main Street, Blandon is at the end of his thirty-day period given in the Notice of Violation. Mr. Shuman has been working on his property but is not finished. The Board agreed with a thirty-day extension.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 15-2017 Honoring Courtney Birckbichler

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Resolution 15-2017 Honoring Courtney Birckbichler for attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Street Sweeping

A motion was made by David Franke to approve the quote from Industrial Grounds Maintenance for annual street sweeping on April 25 to April 28 at a cost not to exceed \$4,400. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Township Building – Mrs. Hollenbach brought items in need of repair and items of liability to the Boards' attention in regards to the Township Building. The Engineer's estimate to renovate the existing office space was \$745,950 and to build new, doubling the space and separating the office from the garage was \$1,485,000. Mr. Unger commented that the building heating system is taking in the air in the garage and dispersing it throughout the office and meeting room. In response to the truck fumes and welding fumes entering the office from the garage and making the employees sick, the welding station has been moved into the furthest garage bay and the

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Board advised looking at exhaust hoses for when the weather was not warm enough to open the garage doors. Mr. Unger asked for authorization to hire a contractor to get a more accurate estimate than square foot costs. Mr. Rudderow stated he is a more visual person and needs a sketch plan and wanted the entire Board at the meeting for the discussion.

Personnel Request – The Board appreciated input received from Mr. Wise but advised the manager to inform Mr. Wise that his request is part of Collective Bargaining. The Collective Bargaining Agreement will be negotiated this year.

A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to adjourn the March 9, 2017 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 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
Meagan Dompkowski, 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