

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting  
March 10, 2011 7:03 pm

Present: Claude Beaver, Roy Timpe, Joseph E. Rudderow III, Eugene Orlando, Jr.– Orlando Law Office, Tom Unger– Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Diane Hollenbach – Manager, Johanna Mattera – Recording Secretary.

Guests: George Trudeau, Mary Jean Lineaweaver, Frank J. Klopp, Jennifer Hetrick - Reading Eagle, Brad Smith, Kim Rossetti, Bob Ramsey, Brian Felker, Patrick Donovan, Bob Shinn

Claude Beaver called the March 10, 2011 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:03 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building.

MINUTES & FINANCES

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2011. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report and Bill List**

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to approve the February 2011 Treasurer’s Report and Bill List. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

REPORTS

**Police Report**

The Northern Berks Regional Police responded to 230 assignments in Maidencreek Township in the month of February. This resulted in 44 citations. The traffic fines for Maidencreek for the month of February were \$1,246.33 and non-traffic fines were \$919.97, totaling \$2,166.30. The total number of patrol hours was 632.93 for the month.

**Maidencreek Township Authority**

Mr. Donovan gave a quick review of the 2011 MTA Monthly Report. MTA did Report on the Addition of Fluoride to MTA water.

**Municipal Engineer**

Subdivision Review Status Checklist

Esbenshade Greenhouse Time Extension to Plan Review Period -

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to grant the developer’s request for a time extension for Esbenshade Greenhouse Land Development Plan until June 28, 2011. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

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Projects

Community Park Bathrooms - Mr. Unger reviewed with the Board the revised plan for restrooms in the Community Park, which puts the restrooms under the existing pavilion. This plan takes into consideration that the Road Crew will be doing a majority of the work and uses existing structures, which will reduce the cost.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to approve the Revised Community Park Bathroom Plan with the Road Crew doing a majority of the work and to bid out the plumbing and electrical work.

Mr. Rudderow amended the above motion to investigate costs not to exceed \$9,998, seconded by Roy Timpe. The Chairman asked if there were any questions on the motion. A member of the audience asked if they were going to ask Lowes and other business for donations. A member from the Park & Recreation Board said, "Yes." Hearing no further questions on the motion all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

2011 Road Work & Evansville Road – Mr. Unger discussed with the Board possible future use of Rt. 222, Evansville Road and Schaeffer Road.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, authorizing the Engineer to perform a Traffic Study of Evansville Road, Schaeffer Road, Rt. 222, and Pleasant Hill Road not to exceed \$3,000.00. The Chairman asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. Several members of the audience asked why the Board is having a future use study performed. The Board explained that Penn DOT is considering several options for Rt. 222 in Blandon and the Township would like to have a plan for future road access to the industrial area in Evansville and the commercial zoned properties along Route 222. Another audience member asked if the Township was actually thinking about putting roundabouts in Blandon. The Board said that Penn DOT is talking about it. Hearing no further questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

2011 Annual Street Project – Mr. Unger discussed with the Board the 2011 Annual Street Project. The roads for project are Buena Vista Road, Water Street and Pleasant Hill Road to Maiden Creek Road. Mr. Rudderow prefers that the work on Pleasant Hill Road to Maiden Creek Road be considered only if there were adequate funds.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, authorizing the Engineer to prepare bids for the 2011 Road Work. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Subdivision Improvement Agreement LOC

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joe Rudderow III, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Subdivision Improvements Agreements LOC/Escrow release letters in the amount of \$845.95. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

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**Municipal Solicitor**

Pension RFP Process – Resolution 12-2011

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to adopt Resolution 12-2011 Pension RFP Process. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Earned Income Tax Ordinance Revision – Tabled.

Enforcement – 320 Main Street occupying property without certificate of occupancy – To be discussed in executive session.

**Manager’s Report**

RATS Meeting

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, authorizing the Township Manager and Engineer to attend the March 17, 2011 meeting at the Berks County Planning Commission Offices in which Penn DOT Traffic Consultant will present its options for Rt. 222. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Purchase of Mulch from General Recreation

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, approving the purchase of 60 yards of mulch from General Recreation at a cost not to exceed \$1,061.00. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Purchase of Four Soccer Goals

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, approving the purchase of four soccer goals for Cornerstone Drive Tot Lot and Ontelaunee Heights Recreation Area at a cost not to exceed \$2,300.00. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Purchase of Station 2 and Station 4 of the Energi Total Body Fitness System

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, approving the purchase of Station 2 and Station 4 of the Energi Total Body Fitness System for the Maidencreek Community Park at a cost not to exceed \$ 5,259.00. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Work on the Willow Creek - Ms. Hollenbach advised the Board that the work on the Willow Creek would be the week of June 20 – July 1. PA Fish and Boat will supervise the installation of about ½ of the fish structures.

Sign Maintenance Program – Ms. Hollenbach advised that Keith Shuman is working on getting the Sign Maintenance Program in written format.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to purchase signs as listed at a cost not to exceed \$1,870.00. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

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Summer Help – Ms. Hollenbach advised the Board that the Township would need three part-time summer helpers, which is on an as need basis.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Claude Beaver, authorizing the Township Manager to hire 3 part-time summer helpers; Ryan Dunkle, Jon Gracely and Chad Dymeck with hours not to exceed 24 hours each. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

LED Traffic Lights

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to purchase LED Traffic lights for three signals at a cost not to exceed \$8,754.20. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Items of Note

Street Sweeping is scheduled for April 4-7<sup>th</sup>

Meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Ontelaunee Township at 10:30 hosted by Reading Area Water Authority to discuss the work that is going to be done.

All mowers, the chipper, trailers, weed whackers, blowers and truck have been repaired.

St. Luke’s Hospice is doing a 62-mile charity bicycle ride on Saturday, April 2, 2011. They have 11 riders signed up and will be passing through Maidencreek via Lake Shore Drive to Calcium Road to Maidencreek Road.

Purchase of Three Drums of Oil

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing the Township Manager to purchase three Drums of Oil at a cost not to exceed \$1,350.00. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Purchase of Crack Seal

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III authorizing the Township Manager to purchase Crack Seal at a cost of \$1,209.00. Mr. Rudderow amended the motion to for the cost not to exceed \$1,300.00. Roy Timpe seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Trudeav & Mary Jean Lineaweaver – Asked the Board if there is anything that the Township could do about the tires, oil, car repair/sales business at 320 Main Street, Blandon. The property is zoned for residential use not commercial. Mr. Trudeav passed out photographs to the Board. The Board agreed to discuss the issue in executive session as potential litigation.

NEW BUSINESS

**Code of Ethics – Resolution 13-2011**

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, adopting Resolution 13-2011 Code of Ethics. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried. The Board asked the Township Manager to revise the Code so that all Maidencreek Township Boards could use it.

**Floodplain Maps Changes and Outreach** – Ms. Hollenbach advised that she has started sending letters to everyone who is involved with the Floodplain Maps changes.

**Memorializing Resolution – 14-2011**

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, approving Resolution 14-2011 which stated;

*Whereas Nationwide statistics indicate Accidental Death is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death overall, death by fire is the 7<sup>th</sup> in the category of Accidental Death; Where as people are the best judges of how to spend their money on their families safety whether that be a sprinkler, safer car, or what ever they judge to be prudent. The Maidencreek Board of Supervisors applauds the PA State House in repealing the One and Two Family Residential Sprinkler Requirement and the Maidencreek Board of Supervisors encourages State Senator David L Argall to further the State Houses efforts and we encourage the Governor to sign the bill repealing the Residential Sprinkler Requirement should it be passed by the State House and Senate.*

Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

An executive session was held from 9:16 pm – 9:44 pm to discuss personnel issues and potential litigation.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow, to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer and Solicitor to enforce the ordinances in relation to unlicensed and uninspected vehicles as well as other outside storage violations that may exist at 320 Main Street, Blandon. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to adjourn the March 10, 2011 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

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Recording Township Secretary, March 10, 2011

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Cc: Board of Supervisors  
Eugene Orlando, Roland & Schlegel, Solicitor  
Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Engineer  
Planning Commission  
Park & Recreation Board  
Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates  
Paul Herbein, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor  
Maidencreek Township Authority  
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager  
JoAnn Schaeffer, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary  
Robert Hobaugh, Jr. Esq., Stevens & Lee, 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