

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
November 9, 2017

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

Victoria Solberg, Francis Scott, Jim Schoellkopf, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klopp

Joseph Rudderow III called the November 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 Claude Beaver to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the October 12, 2017 regular meeting. David Franke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to approve the October 2017 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Victoria Solberg, 317 Sofia Blvd, Blandon asked if the Township received a revised swale plan for Melrose Place. Tom Unger of Systems Design Engineering, Inc. stated that he understood one will be submitted and Folino will start grading work in Melrose Place later this year.

Frank Klopp, 325 Main Street, Blandon asked what the status was of the property at 320 Main Street, Blandon. Diane Hollenbach advised that the District Justice found Mr. Shuman not guilty of property maintenance violations, not guilty of running a business and guilty of having three unlicensed, unregistered vehicles. The Township will issue new citations when new complaints are received. Mr. Klopp also told the Board he had pictures of illegal activity on the property. Chairman Rudderow advised Mr. Klopp to contact Northern Berks Regional Police or the District Attorney. Mr. Klopp also stated that something needs to be done about speeding. It is particularly bad at 2 a.m. on Park Road and Route 73. Chairman Rudderow stated that he will mention this at the police commission meeting and suggested that Mr. Klopp contact the police department directly. Chief Horner has a protocol that he follows where an incident must be reported by the victim or a complainant.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Subdivision Status – Mr. Unger reported that the drainage work and base repair to the roads of Melrose Place will begin next week (November 13). The final wearing course will be applied in the spring.

2017 Street Project – Mr. Unger recommended the Supervisors approve for payment, application #3 in the amount of \$35,536.98 to H & K. This is the final payment and the road project came in

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\$19,000 less than bid. The Penn DOT close out meeting has been held.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to approve for payment application #3 to H & K for \$35,536.98. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

MS4 Permit Change – Mr. Unger reported that the PA Department of Environmental Protection sent an email stating they had made an error, and the Township needs to apply for an Individual NPDES Permit instead of a General Permit. The new application has been completed and a check must be submitted for an additional \$2,000.

A motion was made by Davide Franke to authorize payment of \$2,000 for an Individual NPDES Permit and submittal of the new application. Claude Beaver seconded the motion adding that the Board does this under protest. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Chestnut Street Crosswalk – Mr. Unger distributed a plan for the Chestnut Street crosswalk. A condition in the Penn DOT specifications is that the road must be posted no parking for one hundred feet in each direction. The Board instructed the manager to write a letter asking the congregation of the church if they want the Township to proceed since no parking will impact the neighbors on Chestnut Street.

Letter of Credit Release Letters

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the chairman to sign the Letter of Credit release letters in the amount of \$1,269.59. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Route 73 and Route 222 Traffic Signal Plan – Mr. Unger previously reported that the plan for the traffic signal at Route 222 and Route 73 had left turn lanes, trip wires and left turn signals. Stephen Shimko, consultant for Penn DOT, clarified in an email that while Route 222 had the lane and the trip wire, it would not have a left turn arrow. The Board instructed the manager to prepare a letter to the Reading Area Transportation Study asking them to support turn arrows in all directions as a matter of safety. The Board will sign the letter so that Chairman Rudderow can deliver it at the RATS meeting on November 16th.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Penn DOT Round About Maintenance Agreement – The Board received the new Round About Maintenance Agreement with the solicitor’s revisions based on the last draft agreement. The Board will review for December.

Mr. Orlando stated that an executive session is needed to discuss litigation.

MANAGERS REPORT

Diane Hollenbach reported that the MS4 audit went well. A draft resolution was received from PSATS regarding prohibiting casinos. Townships have until December 31, 2017 to adopt the resolution.

Meetings – The Maidencreek Township Authority agreed to have a joint meeting on December

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14th to update the Supervisors on the Route 222 project. The Board agreed to hold the joint meeting at the beginning of the regular meeting at 7. Mrs. Hollenbach informed the Board that reorganization must be held on Monday, January 2, 2018. The Board agreed to hold Reorganization on Monday, January 2nd at 9 a.m. and the regular meeting on Thursday, January 11th at 7 p.m.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the manager to advertise the December 14th joint meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors and the January 2, 2018 Reorganization meeting beginning at 9 a.m. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Loader Repair

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the purchase of a reverse lever for the 1996 loader at a cost not to exceed \$855. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Variations – The Township received two variance applications which will be heard by the Zoning Hearing Board on November 28, 2017. The Supervisors did not oppose the variance for 363 East Wesner Road which asks for relief from the side yard setback for deck stairs (15 feet to 10 feet).

Next the Board reviewed the variance request for Schlouch, Inc. 132 Excelsior Drive, Blandon. The Supervisors did not oppose the granting of the variance and agreed with the Planning Commission's comments. The Planning Commission had asked if the structure will meet the forty-five (45) foot height restriction of the Industrial zoning district; how the storm water will be managed from the roof; and required the existing screening be maintained.

BUSINESS

Recycling Contract Extension

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to extend the recycling contract with JP Mascaro for one final year. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Schaeffer Road Bridge Update – Diane Hollenbach reported that the Schaeffer Road Bridge project was awarded to Rylind Construction for a bid amount of \$1,144,337.92. The project is expected to run mid-June to mid-September. Detour routes have been established. The Board asked that the detour routes be sent to emergency service and the school district.

MTA Lease Extension Request

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to extend the lease with the Maidencreek Township Authority as provided in the existing lease for five years with a 5.08% rent increase and authorize the solicitor to prepare an addendum to the lease. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

2018 Budget

Diane Hollenbach reviewed the 2018 budget. There is no tax increase proposed. Projects that are included that may be done at the Board's discretion are upgrades to the Township fueling system. Parking lot improvements, a dog park, installation of cameras in the Community Park and purchase of a new pick up. The 2018 road project will include the last section of Evansville Road, Tumbleweed Drive, Holiday Lane and Wales Way. Claude Beaver

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asked that purchasing fuel off site be looked at and to find out how many arrests are made in Leesport Borough and Fleetwood Borough through pictures from their cameras.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the advertising of the 2018 draft Budget. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Burning Ordinance Draft – Tabled

Parking Ordinance Discussion – Tabled

Planning Commission Resignation

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to accept the resignation of Joel High and send a letter thanking him for his service. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Executive Session 8:03 to 8:15 p.m. for litigation

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the Chairman to sign the representation letter and waiver of conflict of interest for Siana Bellwoar Attorneys for Northern Berks Regional Police Commission matters and authorize the solicitor to write a letter asking that the Township Solicitor be kept abreast. David Franke 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 November 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 8:23 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 Brian Horner, Northern Berks Regional Police