

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
November 10, 2011 7:00 pm

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

Guests: Stanley Deeds, David Meekel – Reading Eagle, David Franke, Stan McCarro, Bill Miller

Claude Beaver called the November 10, 2011 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:09 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 waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of the October 13, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List

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

REPORTS

Police Report – No report.

Maidencreek Township Authority – No report.

Engineer's Report

The Crossing at Maidencreek Hill Road Inspection – Mr. Unger reported that the paving was completed. There was an issue at Bill Miller's driveway, which the contractor agreed to fix.

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 \$42,468.03 but to hold the Letter of Credit release for the Crossings at Maidencreek until the work on Hill Road was completed in a satisfactory manner. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report

Treetops Detention Basin – Mr. Orlando advised the Board that this needed to be discussed in executive session.

Enforcement of 320 Main Street occupying property without certificate of occupancy – Mr. Orlando advised the Board of the results of the hearing at the District Justice’s Office. The District Justice ruled in favor of the Township.

Managers Report – Ms. Hollenbach reviewed the Manager’s Report with the Board.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

EIT Ordinance 229 - Mr. Timpe reminded everyone that this ordinance does not change the rate that is paid to the Township, it only changes the collection of the Earned Income Tax.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to adopt Ordinance 229 Changes to the Earned Income Tax. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Amendment to Non-Uniform Pension Plan Resolution 21-2011 – Mr. Orlando advised the Board that the Township received a notification from the Pension Plan Administrator recommending amendments to the Township Employees’ Non-Uniform Pension Plan to keep the Township in compliance with the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Ms. Hollenbach advised that this is a Federal mandate, if not done, the Township will have findings in their next audit.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded Joseph Rudderow III, to adopt Resolution 21-2011 Non-Uniform Pension Plan Amendments. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Agricultural Security Area Addition Resolution #22-2011

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to adopt Resolution 22-2011 adding Helaine Davis and Tom Coeby’s 2.4 acres to the Agricultural Security Area. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stan McCarro of West Wesner Road, complained of a noise from Giorgio Food’s cooling tower. The noise is high pitched and bothers Mr. McCarro when his windows are closed and he is trying to sleep. Mr. Unger agreed to contact Mr. McCarro to set up a meeting at the site.

Bill Miller of Hill Road stated he was not happy with the paving done by Angelo Corrado on Hill Road. Mr. Miller felt that the whole road should have been paved, not just the one lane.

OLD BUSINESS

2012 Budget - Ms. Hollenbach reviewed the changes made to the Draft 2012 Budget as requested by the Board. Ms. Hollenbach advised that this is a very bare bones budget. Building permits have continued to decrease and real estate tax assessments continue to be lowered shrinking revenue. The Township can make it for one more year with no tax increase but will need to raise taxes next year.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to advertise the 2012 Budget for adoption. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Volunteers Appreciation Lunch - The Board discussed various options regarding the annual luncheon held for the Township volunteers. The Maidencreek Township Water Authority does like having the appreciation day during the Holiday and will be donating \$500 to the occasion. The Board Members and the Manager will also be making a personal donation. The Volunteer Appreciation will be celebrated on December 22, 2011

The Board went into executive session at 7:42 pm – 8:13 pm to discuss possible litigation and personnel.

Authorize Signing of Collective Bargaining Agreement

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to authorize the Board to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Township Employees once the final copies have been printed. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to adjourn the November 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 8:14 P.M.

Recording Township Secretary, November 10, 2011

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Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Orlando Law Office, 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 Hobough, 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