

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
October 13, 2011 7:00 pm

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

Guests: David A. Tranquillo, Jennifer Hetrick – Reading Eagle, Marsha Gantner, Richard Wick, Phil Reppert, Vivian Smith – Blandon Ambulance Service, Bob Shuman, David Franke, Barry Bentz, Tina Stuart and Kim Rossetti

Claude Beaver called the October 13, 2011 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building.

MINUTES & FINANCES

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to waive the reading of the minutes and approve minutes of the September 21, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Hearing no questions on the motion all members voted as follows “Aye”. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report and Bill List

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Stuart, South View Road, Fleetwood – Ms. Stuart showed the Supervisor photos of weeds that are growing on her fence. Her property butts up to Township property. Ms. Hollenbach will advise Road Crew of the issue.

Marsha Gantner, Wyatt Drive, Blandon - Ms. Gantner has been communicating with Mr. Folino and Dr. Eaken, regarding the bus stop, which is located on Park Road. Since the roads of Melrose Place are not dedicated to the Township at this time, the Supervisors suggested that maybe the residents of Melrose Place should send a letter to Mr. Folino asking him to put a bus shelter on his commercial property until the roads are dedicated.

Ms. Gantner also asked the Supervisors to look into the lighting for the Wyatt Drive Playground. Ms. Gantner advised the Supervisors of the vulgarity that is written at Wyatt Drive Playground and the Blandon Fire Company Playground along with parents and kids finding condoms and drug bags at the playgrounds. Ms. Hollenbach advised that the Road Crew goes out once a week to clean up the parks. Ms. Hollenbach also advised that the residents should call the police if they see any activity like that when it is happening and at the very least call the Township if it is discovered after the fact.

David Tranquillo, Buena Vista Road – Mr. Tranquillo brought a letter from Mr. Joe Buono about Pleasant Hill Road.

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A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to include the letter in the minutes. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to request that Penn DOT undertake a traffic study of Pleasant Hill Road to determine if additional traffic control devices are needed to improve the flow of traffic at the intersection of Rt. 222 & Pleasant Hill Road. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

REPORTS

Police Report

The Northern Berks Regional Police responded to 337 assignments in Maidencreek Township in the month of September. This resulted in 62 citations. The traffic fines for Maidencreek for the month of September were \$1,876.55 and non-traffic fines were \$1,323.15 totaling \$3,199.70. The total number of patrol hours was \$742.67 for the month.

Maidencreek Township Authority – Ms. Hollenbach reviewed the September Maidencreek Township Authority Report.

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

Subdivisions/Zoning

The Crossing – Hill Road Inspection – Mr. Unger advised that the roadwork on Hill Road did not have to be bid out by the Township since Mr. Corrado was able to receive the funding he was looking for. Ms. Hollenbach advised the Board that UGI did call today regarding installing gas lines in Phase II.

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 \$89.10. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Activity Report – **The Commercial UCC accessibility 5-year audit** review was conducted. Mr. Unger reviewed the letter that was received from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR

Draft Earned Income Tax Ordinance Revision – Mr. Orlando advised the Board that the language in the current ordinance needed to be changed to meet State requirements in Act 32.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise a Public Hearing on November 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

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Treetops Detention Basin – Mr. Orlando advised the Board that he did not get a response to his letter to Mr. Sandritter.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to authorize the Solicitor to proceed with any litigation necessary if no response is received from the existing Trustee regarding the letter sent. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

MTA Employees Assistance to Township - Mr. Orlando updated the Board on the conversation he had with MTA’s Solicitor regarding Authority employees assisting with office work in the Township Office.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to authorize the Township Manager to issue a letter to the Authority describing the scope of work of any borrowed employees and indicating that to the extent liability were to be incurred as a result of an Authority employee working for the Township, that the Township would indemnify the Authority from any such liability. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Agreement/Enforcement – 320 Main Street occupying property without certificate of occupancy – Mr. Orlando advised that the District Court has scheduled a hearing for October 27, 2011.

MANAGERS REPORT

Change in Polling Place – Beginning with the November election, Precinct 3 will be at the Keystone Assisted Living Facility on Park Road instead of Andrew Maier Elementary School.

Park and Recreation Board Recommendation on Community Park Restrooms – Ms. Hollenbach reviewed the recommendation made by Park & Recreation for the Community Park Restroom Project. The Board asked for the base bid plus Alternate 2 vandal proof drinking fountain, Alternate 3 two of three skylights, Alternate 6 duplex pump station.

A motion was made Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, that we adopt the Park and Recreation Board options for the Community Park Restroom bid and authorize our Chairman to sign the contract with Balton Construction in the amount of \$196,839 with a deduction for one skylight. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Schedule Public Hearing for Ag Security Area Modification -

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise a Public Hearing for the modification of the Agricultural Security Area District on November 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm with the regularly schedule meeting to follow. Hearing no questions on the motion all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

RATS Transportation Projects – Ms. Hollenbach asked the Board if they had any suggestions regarding the RATS Transportation project - The Board made the following suggestions: Turn lane on Park Road at Hill Road and Golden Dr., they are not in favor of traffic circles on Route 222, improve the intersection of Maidencreek Road & Rt 73, determine if traffic signals are needed at Route 222 and Pleasant Hill Road, and to put sidewalks in where the curb cuts where put in on Route 73.

NEW BUSINESS

Radios Cost – Emergency Management

Fire Chief Dan Miller and the Blandon Ambulance Staff advised the Board of their projected budget for the Radio Program. Both organizations were willing to go in with the Township in the purchase of the radios. Ms. Hollenbach reviewed with the Board the Township cost to purchasing the radios needed for the narrow band frequency. Fire Chief Miller advised the Board that they would have portable narrow band radios that the Township may be able to use. Ms. Hollenbach will check to see if the Township can use these radios.

Fire Chief Miller and Ms. Smith of the Blandon Ambulance Service asked the Board for the same amount of donation to their organizations as they received last year. Fire Chief Miller reviewed with the Board the approximate dollars received from funds raisers that is done by the fire company though out the year. Ms. Smith advised the Board that they are running at about 800 calls a year and this has been increasing every year.

Mr. Rudderow III wanted to thank the Fire Department and the Blandon Ambulance Service for their service to the Community.

Executive Session

The Board went into executive session at 8:12 pm – 8:56 pm to discuss possible litigation and personnel issues.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe to adjourn the October 13, 2011 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Recording Township Secretary, October 13, 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