

MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

September 25, 2003

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Roy Timpe – Supervisor, Gloria Kemmerer – Supervisor, Thomas Unger – Township Engineer, Terry Manmiller- Operations Director, and Ruth Manmiller – Recording Secretary.

GUESTS: Harold Burgert, Ronald Kemmerer, Diane Hollenbach, James Schoellkopf, Joseph Rudderow III, Phillip Baker, Paul Baker, Greg Unger-Systems Design Engineering, Inc. for MTA, Patrick Donovan – MTA, Diana Bonino, Jack Benino.

Roy Timpe called the continued September 11, 2003 Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Argall will hold a circuit rider meeting at the Maiden creek Township Municipal Building on November 7, 2003 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM; the public is welcome to attend

The regularly scheduled Board of Supervisor's meeting on October 16, 2003 has been canceled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diana Benino, 400 Troy Drive, Blandon, PA, provided pictures of damages her rear yard landscaping sustained during the recent rain storm. She stated that a storm sewer drain near her property did not properly handle the storm water that caused flooding in her yard. Since this is the fourth time her landscaping has been destroyed, she hoped the Supervisors would do something to prevent the same thing happening again and consider reimbursement for her losses.

The Board, the Township Engineer, and the Operations Director discussed an option that might relieve some of the problem however; Diana Benino was encouraged to landscape her property differently to reduce damages should this type of rain storm occur in the future. There is a section of pipe that could be opened to alleviate some of the storm water retention but, due to the pending litigation between the Township and Michael Morgan (Golden Manor III), the Board wanted to consult the Solicitor. Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing the opening of a section of pipe in Golden Manor III upon review by the Solicitor. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY – WATER SOURCE ANALYSIS

Greg Unger of Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Engineer for the Maiden creek Township Authority reported that a water analysis was conducted. Their research proved that an additional water source is required. The Authority currently provides a safe yield of public water; however there are concerns for future need/demands, and to be prepared to safely provide public water during a power failure/emergency. In compliance with DEP and the Authority's analysis of the public water system, a new wellhead has been located. The Authority would like to move forward as soon as possible to secure the land and proceed with preparing the site for operation. The new well site is located on Ray Burgert's property and would comply with zoning regulations. The Authority is concerned that obtaining an easement on Lot 37 in Meadowbrook, subdivision plan review by the Planning Commission and the Board, might delay the Authority to begin site preparation in November 2003. The Authority requested a waiver of subdivision plan review however, the Board insisted on subdivision plan review. Systems Design Engineering will prepare the subdivision plan for review to allow the process to move forward. Greg Unger included in his presentation that private wells in the area should not be affected by the utilization of a new well for the community however; if private wells are affected the Authority would have to provide new wells.

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The Board of Supervisors instructed the Township Secretary to advertise a Budget Workshop meeting for October 30, 2003 and include in the advertisement that unfinished business from the October 9, 2003 Board of Supervisors meeting will be conducted prior to the start of the workshop. Conducting the Board of Supervisors October 9, 2003 unfinished business prior to the budget meeting will allow the Board to take the necessary action for the Authority subdivision plan approval.

WALKING TRAILS – COMMUNITY PARK

The Township Engineer completed his review of the bids that were received during the September 11, 2003 and recommended that the Walking Trails for the Community Part be awarded to EJB Paving & Materials, Co. for \$24,972.00.

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, to award the Community Park Walking Trial Bids to EJB Paving & Materials, Co. for \$24,972.00. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

BALL FIELD–LITTLE LEAGUE, HIGH SCHOOL BALL FIELD-COMMUNITY PARK

The Township Engineer completed his review of the bids that were received during the September 11, 2003 and recommended that the Little League Ball Field and High School Ball Field for the Community Park should be awarded to J. Margerison Landscaping, Inc. for \$39,200.00.

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, to award the Little League Ball Field and High School Ball Field installation in the Community Park J. Margerison Landscaping, Inc. for \$39,200.00. All Board members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

TREE TOPS – REMAINING IMPROVEMENTS

The Township Engineer recommended that no action be taken on the one bid that was received for the incomplete improvements in the Tree Tops subdivision. He would like to review the bid further and suggested that since the bid process was completed, that individual quotes could be obtained to complete outstanding improvements.

2004 TOWNSHIP MMO

The Township Secretary received additional information from Standard Insurance, which lowered the Township Minimum Municipal Obligation. Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, to sign a new Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Maiden creek Township Non-Uniform Pension Contract for Resolution 20-2003 in the amount of \$ 31,772.00. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, designating Friday October 31, 2003 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. as Maiden creek Township Trick or Treat Night and authorized the Secretary to advertise date and times in the Newsletter, Kutztown Patriot and East Penn Merchandiser. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

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STORM WATER ISSUES

DRIES ROAD

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing the storm water repairs on Dries Road that will include the installation of used guide rails. The expense of the guide rail will be split between Maidencreek Township and Ontelaunee Township. The cost was estimated at approximately \$500.00. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried. Expenses for this project will be deducted from an existing emergency fund.

HOCH ROAD CULVERT

The Operations Director reported that the Hoch Road culvert experienced extensive deterioration during the latest rainstorm and is in need of repairs and/or replacement. He had LSR install R6 stone on all four sides of the culvert due to the 5-foot erosion bank that developed during the rainstorm. He asked for approval to install guide rail on all four sides of the culvert to control the development of a hazardous condition. The guide rail would cost approximately \$2,200.00. The Engineer stated that there is an existing permit to replace the Hoch Road culvert however; the Board should consider the expense to replace the culvert in the 2004 budget. The Board tabled action on the installation of the guide rail at the Hoch Road culvert. The guide rail installation will be reconsidered if the expense to replace the Hoch Road culvert exceeds budgetary constraints for 2004. Expenses for this project will be deducted from an existing emergency fund.

WYATT DRIVE & EAST WESNER ROAD

It was brought to the Operations Directors attention that children driving over the storm water grate with their bikes at the intersection of Wyatt Drive and East Wesner Road get their tires caught in the grate. Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing the Operations Director to replace the storm water grate at the Wyatt Drive/East Wesner Road intersection with a bicycle safe grate costing \$500.00. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried. Expenses for this project will be deducted from the State Liquid Fuel funds.

CALCIUM ROAD

The Operations Director reported that the topography of the land allows storm water to flow across Calcium Road and has deteriorated the shoulders of the roadway. He would like to grade the shoulders of Calcium Road, fill with milling, and then pave. This shoulder work will allow the water to flow into Lake Ontelaunee and save Calcium Road. Estimated cost of this project is \$910.00. Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing the Operations Director to proceed with the Calcium Road shoulder work as described at an approximate cost of \$910.00. State Liquid Fuel funds will be utilized for the Calcium Road shoulder work. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

CORNERSTONE DRIVE CULVERT

The Operations Director reported that the entire Cornerstone Drive culvert is full of stream debris. Clearing the Cornerstone Drive culvert over the years has become very expensive for the Township. Consideration to replace the troublesome Cornerstone Drive culvert would require a permit and a cost estimate for 2004 budget purposes. Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing the Operations Director to proceed with clearing stream debris from the Cornerstone Drive culvert not to exceeding \$4,000.00. Expenses for this project will be deducted from an existing emergency fund. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

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COMMUNITY PARK STREAM

The Operations Director reported that the recent rainstorm and flooding caused the stream to leave its banks. Prior to restoring the streambed and the surround area to pre storm conditions, stones and debris must be removed with large equipment. DEP has inspected the area and provide suggestions for the stream restoration. The stream restoration project will be costly. Estimates will be gathered for the stream restoration project, while the Board considers declaring an emergency for the destruction in the Community Park.

GASB 34 WORKSHOP

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing Diane Hollenbach and Julie Guistewite to attend a workshop on October 3, 2003 from 7:30 AM -9:00 AM at the Rockland Professional Center for New Accounting Requirements under GASB 34. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

TIRE AND AUTOMOTIVE BATTERY RECYCLING DAY

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing another Tire and Automotive Battery Recycling Day to be held at the municipal building on Saturday, October 25, 2003 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Tires will go to Allentown Cement and Automotive Batteries will go to East Penn Manufacturing. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

MEADOWBROOK

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing Forino Builders for Meadowbrook to modify the installation of streetlights to comply with specifications that will appear in the revised lighting ordinance. The Township Engineer will work with the developer and instruct them to submit a revised lighting plan. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried. The developer's waiver request pertaining to individual driveways in the Meadowbrook subdivision was tabled, since it is an approved plan requesting wavers is not the course of action to be taken to change items.

CULVERT AND PIPE CLEANING – STATE ROADS

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing the Township Secretary to notify Penn Dot in writing recommending that the culvert under Routes 73 and 222 and the pipe under Park Road at Guldin Road be cleaned. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

NO PARKING SIGNS

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing the installation of "No Parking" signs at 214 Spirit Court, Blandon for 9/27/03 only, because the resident is moving out and parking for the community yard sale may cause parking problems for the movers. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

MET MANAGEMENT – BASEMENT APARTMENTS - 800 GOLDEN DRIVE, BLANDON

A tenant of a basement apartment at 800 Golden Drive has experienced flooding conditions several times. The Board tabled any action on this subject.

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PARK AND RECREATION

TIGER RECREATION NIGHT

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing Maiden creek Township continued support of \$1,000.00 for Tiger Recreation night contingent upon the Park and Recreation Board's approval at their October meeting. This cost was included in the 2003 Park and Recreation budget. All Board members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Board tabled discussions on the Planning Commission's review of the Township organizational structure.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A power point presentation of the Maiden creek Township Comprehensive Plan was given by Bruce Heilman from Systems Design Engineering, Inc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:40 PM – 9:45 PM

No Action

The September 25, 2003 Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth M. Manmiller
Recording Secretary

CC: Board of Supervisors
Diane Hollenbach, Maiden creek Township Board of Supervisors, Secretary
Terry Manmiller, Operations Director
Eugene Orlando, Orlando and Strahn Law Firm, Solicitor
Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Engineer
Ed Kopicki, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Planning Commission Engineer
Planning Commission
Park and Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates
Paul Herbein, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
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Joann Schaeffer, Maiden creek Township Authority Secretary
Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Co. Chief
Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police