

Minutes
September 13, 2018

Chairman Kreitzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Lord's Prayer.

Supervisors present were Richard Kreitzer, Dean Patches and Reginald Daubert. Also, in attendance were Attorney, Colleen Gallo; Engineer, Jeff Golding; and sixteen (16) residents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melissa Auman – 414 N. Lancaster Street, presented an outline of their concerns for the property resulting from the flooding. There was a request to limit the water runoff from the Lighthouse basin and have them regarded. They are requesting an update in 30 days as to the status of the improvements. The Supervisors directed the original subdivision plans be made available and confirm ownership of the stormwater facilities so letters can be sent to the responsible parties.

Suzanne Vila – 10 Wildflower Circle – Berks Homes has agreed to send their contractor to work on the swale in their yard but it has been requested that the Township be present for the modifications. Mr. Golding stated that he feels Mr. McEwen knows what needs to be done. The infiltration bed had been installed prior to the construction of the home. The swale should not be on top of the bed. Photos of the backyard were provided.

Rhonda Ford – 10 Crosswinds Avenue – inquired if there were any plans to spray for mosquitos. It was reported that the County's West Nile Coordinator is regularly testing the area. A call will be made to see if there will be spraying. It was also reported that 8 Crosswinds Avenue is still abandoned. They have concerns about temperature control in the home and termites. The code officer will be directed to contact the responsible party.

Gary Rettew – 11 Light Street – has an issue with stormwater runoff from across the street. The water flows across the yard and fills in with silt. Although this is not a new situation, he is requesting if the dirt could be hauled away when the road crew gets caught up.

Sharon Ziegler – 421 N. Lancaster Street – is concerned about water coming off the road. They haven't had a dry backyard all summer. There has been that much water flowing off the road it has exposed the water line. The Road Foreman was directed to check the edge of the yard.

Ron Fortna and Russ Atkins – Hain Avenue – are requesting two pull offs be constructed along Hain Avenue since the second Misty Glen chicken house is not being scheduled to begin construction until next summer. They large trucks are making it difficult for the residents to travel the lane. The Township's Engineer will try and get a timeframe locked in for the paving so the road crew can have the widening completed. The right of way for the pull offs will need to be obtained. It was also a request for the removal of one of the felled trees which is impeding the roadway.

Rick Sidle – 12 Timbermill Lane – had a non-water related concern. He inquired why there is a commercial property on Cemetery Road? He was informed that the zoning officer is addressing the situation.

Elias Adams – 2196 Quarry Road – the pond across Quarry Road is discharging to his side of the street. The pipe had rusted out at the bottom and another, smaller pipe had been shoved into the rusted pipe as a repair. The smaller pipe is only 12” and collects water from 300 across. Supervisor Kreitzer will be taking the Road Foreman to inspect the area because a hole is also developing in the road. This pipe is on the list to replace.

Code/Zoning Report

Light-Heigel has been working on high grass complaints.

MINUTES

Supervisor Daubert moved to approve the August 9th meeting minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Patches moved to accept the financial report. Seconded by Supervisor Daubert. All voted in favor; motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE

Supervisor Daubert moved to pay the bills totaling \$215,114.81 from the General, Liquid Fuels, Monroe Valley Sewer, Fire Hydrant and M-R Sewer Funds. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Dean Patches

The planning commission had given conditional approval to the John Light Poultry Land Development Plan; discussed plan revisions with Mr. Yourshaw; and discussed the need for different wording for the high grass section of the nuisance ordinance.

RECREATION BOARD – Rick Kreitzer

A quorum was not present. Fall Fest will be held on October 20th. The bounces houses, carnival game and barrel train have been confirmed. The magician had a conflict and will be unable to attend. Trunks are still needed for the Trunk or Treat.

TOWNSHIP REPORT

The road crew has been repairing trucks, trimming trees, Swatara Road was paved and storm damage is being addressed. D. E. Gemmill had quoted a price \$1,000 less than Alpha Space Control but not D. E. Gemmill is not responding to calls for scheduling. The Board directed Mr. Artz to proceed with Alpha Space Control if Gemmill does not respond.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the repair or purchase of the used stainless steel bed for \$9,000 based on the amount of the insurance reimbursement. Seconded by Supervisor Daubert. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Airport Road north of SR 22 there is an exposed 16" water line which is under a culvert pipe that has rusted away. A call has been made to the Water Authority.

STORMWATER REPORT – Jeff Golding

Mr. Golding reported that this is the 13th wettest years on record. We are 20" over average and there have only been four weekends it hasn't rained since Memorial Day. The intensity of the storms has been ridiculous. The culverts are not designed for the 100 year+ storms we are receiving. The Township doesn't have the ability or responsibility to make the repairs on private property. The basins in the developments will be reviewed to confirm ownership.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lebanon Daily News – Notice of Publication for meeting with Bethel Township's Board of Supervisors.

Submission of the MMO for 2019

FEMA is reestablishing the Flood Mapping.

NLCA – July Meeting Minutes

Lebanon Daily News – Notice of Publication for ordinance revisions regarding fences.

Cabinet in Your Community – invitation to meet with members of the Governor's Cabinet on October 3rd at Lebanon Valley College

DCNR – Permission for the Swatara Township Road Crew to work in the Swatara State Park.

OLD BUSINESS

4 Elderberry Lane

The ten day notice has been sent to the property owners awaiting a response.

Recreation Board Vacancy - Tabled

Township Line Drive

A meeting between the two Boards was held on September 4th. Mr. Enck has prepared language for Swatara to consider accepting ownership of Township Line Drive. Supervisor Patches went to look at the road and he does not feel that it is a good business decision because the road is 15 years old and it is in worse shape than the roads in Swatara. The more he thinks about it he is not inclined to take back that road. Attorney Gallo will review the original agreement.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to table the matter until the matter can be reviewed by Ms. Gallo. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Bering Request for Bond Release

Lebanon County Planning will be handling the release since they are holding the bond.

John Light Poultry Land Development Plan

Supervisor Patches moved to grant conditional approval of the John Light Poultry Land Development Plan pending the submission of the bonding. Seconded by Supervisor Daubert. All voted in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Frogs Hollow Tavern Permit Request

Mr. Gibson will be proceeding with plans originally approved in 2008. Since there was no construction he will need a zoning permit and install stormwater facilities. Mr. Golding has spoken to Mr. Gibson's engineer about the stormwater facilities.

Grace Avenue Speed Reduction Request

A request will be made to the State Police for more enforcement on Grace Avenue.

Stalnecker Bond Release

Supervisor Patches moved to release the bonding for 44 Spring Creek Lane. Seconded by Supervisor Daubert. All voted in favor; motion carried.

DiAngelis Bond Reduction

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the reduction of the bond to \$6,800.30 as recommended by the Township's Engineer. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Snyder Bond Reduction

Supervisor Daubert moved to authorize the reduction of the Misty Glen bond to \$167,490.00 as recommended by the Township's Engineer. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

2018-2019 Winter Maintenance Agreement

Supervisor Daubert moved to sign the 2018-2019 Winter Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Met-Ed Payment Request

Met-Ed did not bill for the Woodcrest Heights development for the eight years since the lights were installed. Met-Ed is now requesting payment for the last four years. Ms. Gallo will be reviewing the request.

UCC Appeals Board Solicitor

Supervisor Patches moved to appoint Matthew Crème with Nikolaus & Hohenadel as UCC Appeals Board Solicitor. Seconded by Supervisor Daubert. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Tax Collection Committee Request for Consideration of Support

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to keep Tax Collection Local and approve the sample Resolution. Seconded by Supervisor Daubert. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Emergency Disaster Declaration

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize an Emergency Disaster Declaration with an amount to be determined when estimates are received. Seconded by Supervisor Daubert. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Oil Run Bridge Repair

PennDot's underwater evaluation team inspected the bridge today. It has been assigned a priority number 0. The Township's Engineer will be using the reports to get estimates.

Attorney's Report – Colleen Gallo

The checks will be ready for pick up by Mr. Worsham on Monday. Colleen Gallo reported that the solicitor for 430 Darlington Avenue is requesting a payment plan.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize Mr. Fees at 430 Darlington Avenue to make monthly payments of \$100 with a signed agreement. Seconded by Supervisor Daubert. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Joe Gregory commented that it has been a year since Met-Ed had been notified that the ground wires had been stolen along Mountville Drive and they have not been replaced.

Engineer's Report – Jeff Golding

Paving is complete in Pine Ridge Village. The stop bars still need to be painted. There have been questions from the community about the street trees. Some have died and some have been removed. It was decided that the question will be posed to the Homeowners Association. The Township will not require them to be replaced unless the Homeowners Association directs the Township otherwise.

Adjournment

With no further comments or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding