

MINUTES OF NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 16, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting for January was held on Thursday, January 16, 2014 in the Township Building in Ferndale, PA. Vice-Chairman, Carl Bahnck opened the meeting at 7:35 P.M. with a salute to the flag.

Members Present:

Carl Bahnck, Vice-Chair
Frank Ganiszewski
Shannon L. Doman

Others in attendance:

Attorney:
Jordan B. Yeager, Esq.

Treasurer:

Keith DeLuca

Secretary:

Heather DiSario

SCHEDULING:

The schedule for the month was reviewed by Vice-Chairman, Carl Bahnck.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting as presented. The motion carried 3-0-0.

The January 6, 2014 Reorganization meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

PUBLIC HEARING:

a. General Obligation Note for John Deere Backhoe - J. Yeager distributed to the Board the ordinance packet containing a copy of the ordinance, notice of advertisement and documents of the debt contemplated by the proposed ordinance. The ordinance would authorize the issuance of the note as non-electoral debt of the Township with the principal amount of \$85,900 to be used to pay for the purchase price of the 2014 John Deere backhoe. J. Yeager described the terms of the note. The hearing was opened to public comment. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed at 7:46 PM. The proposed ordinance went before the Board for consideration.

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve Ordinance #152 increasing the indebtedness of Nockamixon Township by the issuance of a general obligation note in the amount of \$85,900 for the purchase of the John Deere backhoe. The motion carried 3-0-0.

STAFF REPORTS:

a. Public Works Report, December 2013 - The Public Works Director has expressed concern over garbage cans and vehicles repeatedly being left in the right-of-way and interfering with plowing.

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve the December 2013 Public Works Report as presented. The motion carried 3-0-0.

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b. Treasurer's Report:

Keith DeLuca gave the report. Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh will conduct this year's audit on January 27, 2014.

Bills being presented tonight: from the General Fund, \$25,148.58; State Fund, \$9071.33; Escrow Fund, \$13,366.50 and Open Space \$1958.40.

Transfers requested tonight: \$1958.40 from the Open Space Fund to the General Fund.

There was a brief discussion regarding a resident complaint and a stop work order issuance on a property on Easton Road.

There was a discussion regarding assigning a street number to a new residence on Frogtown Road.

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve the January 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried 3-0-0.

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve the Bill List as presented. The motion carried 3-0-0.

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve the transfer of \$1958.40 from the Open Space Fund to the General Fund. The motion carried 3-0-0.

c. Zoning Report- A motion was made by seconded by S. Doman, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve the January 2014 Zoning Report as presented. The motion carried 3-0-0.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: J. Yeager discussed the Act 13 litigation regarding the DEP and PUC's motion filed to the court to reconsider its decision.

There is a hearing scheduled in February for the Jam at the Grove case.

J. Yeager is setting up a meeting with the Commissioners regarding the Gorham property.

On January 2 the Zoning Hearing Board granted a motion to vacate a prior decision on the Arbor case and it will be going back to the Common Pleas Court.

SUBDIVISIONS:

a. G. Hoffman 5-lot Subdivision TMP# 30-11-164-2; -164-2; -164-5 grants extension to 06/23/2014.

A motion was made by C. Bahnck, seconded by S. Doman, to grant the Hoffman Subdivision extension until 6/23/2014. The motion carried 3-0-0.

b. A.M. Morton - Lonely Cottage Road Subdivision - TMP# 30-13-5 grants extension to 03/31/2014

c. Smith Minor Subdivision - TMP# 30-11-17-3 grants extension to 2/28/2014

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LAND DEVELOPMENT:

a. Wehrung's Phase II L/D TMP# 30-10-35 - grants extension to 6/30/2014

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Cabot Corp - no new information.
- b. Hidden Valley - no new information.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Scheduling- Work Session Dates for 2014- Discussion -

The following dates were decided on for this year's work sessions: 2/27, 3/27 joint with EAC, 4/24 joint with OSC, 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25 and 10/23 from 7:30 to 9:30 PM.

b. Permission to Advertise for 2014 work session dates-

The motion was made by C. Bahnck, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to authorize the Secretary to advertise the 2014 work session dates. The motion carried 3-0-0.

d. Great American Clean Up - Discussion - To be discussed during the EAC joint work session.

e. BCATO Luncheon - Feb 22, 2014 - no attendees.

f. PSATS Convention - April 21-24, 2014 Attendees - tabled until next meeting.

g. Delaware Valley Duathlon - April 29, 2014 9:00AM to 11:00AM - Board approval for use of Route 563-

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to allow the Duathlon to use Route 563 during the times indicated. The motion carried 3-0-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Emergency Management - no report

b. Environmental Advisory Committee - S. Donovan noted 374 hours were donated in 2013.

c. BNT Ground Water Committee - S. Donovan reported they are working on the model ordinance and will possibly be meeting with P. Hydro to draft the ordinance.

d. Open Space Committee - no report.

e. Park & Recreation Board - no report.

f. Nockamixon Historic Commission - no report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by S. Doman, to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather DiSario
Recording Secretary