

MINUTES OF NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 17, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting for September was held on Thursday, October 17, 2013 in the Township Building in Ferndale, PA. Chairman, William C. Sadow, Jr. opened the meeting at 7:45 P.M. with a salute to the flag.

Members Present:

William C. Sadow, Chair
Carl Bahnck, Vice-Chair
Albert Santopietro
Nancy Alessi
Shannon L. Doman

Others in attendance:

Attorney:
Jordan B. Yeager, Esq.
Treasurer:
Keith DeLuca
Secretary:
Heather DiSario

A. Santopietro arrived at 7:35 p.m.

SCHEDULING:

The schedule for the month was reviewed by Chairman, William C. Sadow, Jr.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Neil Jesiolowski commented about a recent article in the Intelligencer about Echo Chemical.

Todd Stone thanked the Board for their support for the art show and presented to the Board a copy of a book of work from the participating artists. He noted the Gallows Run Watershed Association meeting will be holding a meeting on November 6 7:30 p.m. at Palisades.

STAFF REPORTS:

Lonely Cottage Drive Bridge Repair - A. Santopietro noted that Lonely Cottage Road Bridge is scheduled for repair. The Township Engineer should meet with an engineer for design. There was a discussion on the priority of the bridge repair compared with the other township bridges.

A motion was made by A. Santopietro, seconded by N. Alessi, to authorize spending up to \$5000 for engineering costs and for the Township Engineer to meet with Ludwig, and have them design the repairs for Lonely Cottage Bridge. The motion carried 5-0-0.

a. **Public Works Report, September 2013** - A motion was made by A. Santopietro, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve the September 2013 Public Works Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

b. Treasurer's Report:

Keith DeLuca gave the report. The 2012 Recycle Grant has been submitted and the Township received its 2011 Recycle Grant in the amount of \$4,461.00.

The Treasurer and Roadmaster met with three vendors for pricing for a new backhoe. The prices were similar, but John Deere offered a better trade in

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value. A 3 year lease would be approximately \$2000 a month. The price is set to increase by the end of October by 5 to 10 percent.

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by A. Santopietro, to authorize the purchase of a new backhoe. The motion carried 5-0-0.

The Roadmaster has requested to attend a PSATS sponsored Roadmaster Workshop. The fee is \$35.

The electric service panel has been ordered from C and R.

The 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Township Pension Plan was completed and mailed.

All State and Federal third quarter financial reports have been completed.

Included in this month's bill list is \$13,475.88, 2013 State Pension Grant proceeds to the PA Municipal Retirement System and \$44,109.71 for the Volunteer Fire Relief Association.

Bills being presented tonight: from the General Fund, \$44,969.66; State Fund, \$89,039.67; Recreation Fund, \$45.00 and the 2013 Volunteer Fire Relief Association Distribution, \$44,969.71.

Transfers are requested are: \$45.00 from the Recreation Fund to the General Fund.

K. DeLuca noted that the Penny Power will allow for advertising for Township announcements once a month for information such as the Act 537 update and its requirements.

J. Yeager recommended requiring septic haulers send in verification of homeowner's required septic system pump outs. J. Yeager recommended having the Township Engineer present a draft ordinance for discussion at an upcoming work session.

Holiday Party Discussion - K. DeLuca reviewed location options. It will be discussed at next week's work session.

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by C. Bahnck, to authorize G. Housworth to attend the PSATS sponsored Roadmaster Workshop. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by A. Santopietro, to approve the October 2013 Bill List as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by A. Santopietro, to authorize the transfer of \$45.00 from the Recreation Fund to the General Fund. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by A. Santopietro, to approve the October 2013 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

K. Deluca noted that Jim Kopchak is the Township's new Zoning Officer.

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A motion was made by seconded by B. Sadow, seconded by A. Santopietro, to approve the October 2013 Zoning Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS: BNT Ground Water Committee - Well Survey Grant Proposal

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by N. Alessi, to authorize the BNTGWC to pursue the Well Survey Grant. The motion carried 5-0-0.

N. Alessi reported she had heard that in June, Verizon Wireless lost their lease on the cellular tower in Ferndale. She noted that Verizon was the only carrier that stayed on during last year's hurricane. She suggested if that information on the lease is correct, writing a letter of concern over the matter. K. DeLuca will contact Verizon. It was suggested to also contact State Representative Marguerite Quinn.

F. Ganiszewski distributed Emergency Preparedness guides.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: J. Yeager gave the report.

Quarry Permit Extraction Renewal - A motion was made by C. Bahnck, seconded by A. Santopietro, to approve the Quarry Permit Extraction Renewal as referred to in the 09/18/2013 Township Engineer's review letter. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Installation of Traffic Control Measures at Kintner Hill and Lake Warren roads - Draft Ordinance - J. Yeager noted that the Ordinance should be back for the Board's approval at the next meeting.

A motion was made by A. Santopietro, seconded by N. Alessi, to authorize advertisement contingent on further discussion with the Township Engineer about communication with PennDOT. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Housekeeping Ordinance - J. Yeager explained that the Open Space EIT was put to a ballot question in 2004. It passed and was made a resolution. The recommendation is that it be memorialized in the Township's Code of Ordinances.

The motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by S. Doman, to authorize advertisement of the Ordinance to include the existing Open Space EIT in the Township's Code of Ordinances. The motion carried 4-0-1, with A. Santopietro voting no.

Gorham Update - Revisions to the Gorham easement are at the County and should be back for Board's consideration during the November meeting.

Arbor Update - Waiting for a letter stating that their application has been withdrawn. There was a discussion regarding the future of natural resource drilling in the Township.

SUBDIVISIONS:

- a. G. Hoffman 5-lot Subdivision TMP# 30-11-164-2; -164-2; -164-5 grants extension to 01/23/2014
- 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 12/31/2013

LAND DEVELOPMENT:

- a. Wehrung's Phase II L/D TMP# 30-10-35 - grants extension to 12/30/2013

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OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS: Permission to send notification letter via email for Committee Positions whose terms are expiring and advertise for open positions. Final date for receipt of letter of interest: Friday, December 6, 2013.

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by S. Doman, to authorize the Township Secretary to send notification letters for Committee Positions whose terms are expiring and advertise for open positions. The motion carried 5-0-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Emergency Management - no report
- b. Environmental Advisory Committee - no report
- c. BNT Ground Water Committee - previously discussed.
- d. Open Space Committee -
- e. Park & Recreation Board- no report.
- f. Nockamixon Historic Commission- The Commission plans to start soliciting residents who would like to talk about the history of the Township and have monthly meetings.

The board entered into executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss litigation and Open Space matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by B. Sadow, to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather DiSario
Recording Secretary