

MINUTES OF NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 20, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting for November was held on Thursday, November 20, 2014 in the Township Building in Ferndale, PA. Chairman, William C. Sadow, Jr. opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. with a salute to the flag.

Members Present:

William Sadow, Jr., Chair
Carl Bahnck, Vice-Chair
Nancy Alessi
Frank Ganiszewski
Shannon Doman

Others in attendance:

Attorney:

Jordan B. Yeager, Esq.

Treasurer:

Keith DeLuca

Secretary:

Heather DiSario

SCHEDULING:

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

MINUTES OF MEETING:

A motion was made by C. Bahnck, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ben Naska suggested updating the Township Building restrooms.

Mr. Naska gave an update on the Park & Recreation Committee and Boy Scout's joint project on the Veteran's Park exercise stations construction. The Masons have donated \$100.00 to the project, Wehrung's donated \$250.00 for materials, and Quikrete donated \$311.00 to the project. The project is proposing to use galvanized steel for the project. B. Sadow offered the use of his equipment to bend the steel if necessary. Sign installation is planned for early December installation.

Tom MacFarlan, EMA Coordinator highlighted the EMA's current year accomplishments. He noted that the Nockamixon EMA continues to be recognized by Bucks County Emergency Management as one of the most active and best prepared emergency management groups in upper Bucks County. The volunteers and staff have logged over 400 hours serving the community this year by conducting exercises, training and support activities. Mr. MacFarlan noted that on October 8 a tabletop drill was held at St. Luke's Church in Ferndale with 35 people in attendance. On October 22 another training exercise was held at Palisades High School in the computer lab. The EMA thanked the Board for the new laptop. The County's system should be working by April or May of next year so the EMA can use the radios purchased a year ago.

PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption - 2015 Budget:

J. Yeager opened the hearing at 7:50 p.m. K. DeLuca explained that the budget is balanced for the year and there will be no tax increases. The hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve the adoption of the 2015 Nockamixon Township Budget. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA: none

STAFF REPORTS:

a. Public Works Report, October 2014 -

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve the October 2014 Public Works Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

b. Treasurer's Report:

Keith DeLuca gave the report. Increase a line item 437.375 from \$5000.00 to \$15000.00 and decrease from \$55,000 to \$45,000.00 for road and bridge maintenance.

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by N. Alessi, to authorize \$4000.00 to be spent to repair the #4 dump truck. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by S. Doman, to authorize \$5000.00 to be spent to repair the wheel loader. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by S. Doman, to change Line Item 438.372-Bridge Repair, from \$55,000.00 to \$45,000.00. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to increase Line Item 437.375 from \$5000.00 to \$15,000.00. The motion carried 5-0-0.

K. DeLuca noted that after completing one bridge construction, purchasing iron for another bridge and made three payments on the backhoe, using just operating expenses and without transferring any money from the Township's High-Yield Money Market as previously anticipated.

K. DeLuca reminded Committees to clean up/replace chairs in the meeting room after use.

The Township Holiday Party will be held at the Springtown Inn on Thursday December 11, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Included on this month's bill list: \$18,860.00 for Lonely Cottage Drive Bridge repair materials.

Bills being presented tonight: from the General Fund, \$47,127.01; State Fund, \$2,083.37; Escrow Fund, \$1401.83.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve the November 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve the November Bills List as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

c. Zoning Report-

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve the November 2014 Zoning Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

EAC - Sancie Tenney asked that the request for Township volunteers could be put on the Township website. She noted that a meeting will be held on December 3 testing

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the gulching pond area at Cabot. J. Yeager suggested checking with the Township Engineer if an EAC member could attend the meeting

Open Space Committee - Request for Executive Session

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: J. Yeager noted that the draft of the amended zoning ordinance with regards to uses connected to oil and gas extraction was sent to the BCPC, Township PC and the EAC for review. After taking their comments into consideration the document should be available for the Board next month for consideration for advertisement.

The Board entered into executive session to discuss litigation and real estate at 8:25 p.m.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:14 p.m.

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by N. Alessi, to authorize the Township to authorize the appraisal of a conservation easement on Project #19. The motion carried 5-0-0.

SUBDIVISIONS: none

LAND DEVELOPMENT: none

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Emergency Management - previously discussed.
- b. Environmental Advisory Committee - previously discussed.
- c. BNT Ground Water Committee - no report.
- d. Open Space Committee - previously discussed.
- e. Park & Recreation Board - previously discussed.
- f. Nockamixon Historic Commission - no report

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