

MINUTES OF NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 18, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting for February was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 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 C. Sadow, Jr., Chair
Carl Bahnck, Vice-Chair
Nancy Alessi
Frank Ganiszewski
Shannon Doman arrived 7:50

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 F. Ganiszewski, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: B. Sadow commended the road department for their hard work during last month's blizzard and noted the new salt bin relieved any concern of running out of salt.

PUBLIC HEARING:

a. Additions to the Agricultural Security Area - J. Yeager opened the hearing at 8:08 p.m. to consider the additions of tax map parcels #30-004-33; 30-001-007-2; 30-001-007-003; 30-001-008-2, located on Durham-Nox Road and Gallows Hill Road, owners David and Roxanne Cacavo, totaling 122.69, 11.27, 3.44 and 63.6 acres, respectively. The application was accepted by the Township in December. Notice was given by mail, posting at the Township Building and site, and was advertised. The Township and County Planning Commissions and Township Agricultural Advisory Committee have recommended approval. The County PC recommended approval by letter of 2/3/2016. All the notice provisions and recording requirements under the Agricultural Security Law have been met. There were no objections. The hearing was closed at 8:15 p.m.

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to accept the application as submitted. The motion carried 5-0-0.

STAFF REPORTS:

a. Public Works Report- December 2015 & January 2016

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve the December 2015 and January 2016 Public Works Report as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

b. Treasurer's Report:

Keith DeLuca gave the report.

In response to the blizzard in January, Pennsylvania declared a state of emergency making Nockamixon eligible for state funds for reimbursement for

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overtime, equipment and materials used. Forms have been submitted for reimbursement in the amount of \$11,473.69.

The possibility of having Palisades High School students participate in Clean-Up Day in order to fulfill their hours of public service requirement for graduation was discussed.

The owner of Keystate Publications passed away in January. As of March 16 the company will no longer be in business. Many code publications have been reaching out to the Township; the office will be in contact with Keystate shortly.

Davis Business Machines and Docutrend have submitted proposals to replace the office's commercial copier/scanner machine. The proposal is for the updated version of the machine currently in use with the exception of it being capable of color printing. Last year the service contract was \$2,417.00. The lowest lease price proposed was from Davis at \$127.00 a month, including service. Davis Machines will buy the current machine back from the Township which brings the lease price down some.

A motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve leasing a new office copier at \$127.00 a month. The motion carried 4-0-0.

In addition to the County no longer having used TV drop-offs, as of January 1, 2016 Best Buy has stopped recycling TVs in Pennsylvania. The Treasurer will contact electronics recyclers to see what they can offer for Clean-Up Day.

K. DeLuca gave an update on the Dirt and Gravel Road and Low-Volume grants. Morgan Schuster, a representative from the County, needs to walk with the Roadmaster and Township Engineer to determine what roads are considered low-volume. A traffic count will be performed next month.

Bills being presented for tonight: from the General Fund, \$21,569.47; State Fund, \$2,083.37; Escrow Fund, \$1,008.15.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve the February 2016 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

c. Zoning Report-

The Township Zoning Officer has made a note that realtors have been questioning the zoning at 2503 Mountain View Drive, the former orchid farm. There is a discrepancy on the zoning of the parcel. Mr. Yeager explained that if proper notice was not given at the time of rezoning, it is as if the zoning did not occur. The main parcel was rezoned from Village Commercial to residential, but not the sub-parcel within. The zoning map needs to be updated. J. Yeager will meet with the Township Engineer about updating the map.

A motion was made by C. Bahnck, seconded by S. Doman, to approve the February 2016 Zoning Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS: OSC request for executive session -

The Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss real estate. The Board returned from executive session at 9:20 p.m.

A motion was made by S. Doman, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve OSC Project #20 for up to 50 percent of the value of the easement and to authorize submittal of the application to the County. The motion carried 4-0-0.

There was a brief discussion regarding the EMA radios and the tower. F. Ganiszewski will get in touch with Bob Nice regarding the matter.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: J. Yeager noted his office will be back in the Supreme Court in Philadelphia on March 9 for the final round of Act 13 case.

SUBDIVISIONS: none

LAND DEVELOPMENT: Turkey Hill - authorize advertisement for Conditional Use Hearing:

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by S. Doman, to authorize advertisement for a Conditional Use Hearing for the Turkey Hill Land Development. The motion carried 5-0-0.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

a. Cabot Corp - It was decided that this item can be removed from future agendas as the clean-up has been completed.

b. Hidden Valley - no new information.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2016 Delaware Valley Duathlon - April 10, 2016 9-11am - The Board acknowledges the race.

b. Palisades Community Foundation 5K Race - Saturday June 5, 2016

The motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve the race. The motion carried 5-0-0.

c. PSATS Conference - April 17-20: attendance - B. Sadow will attend on one of the days.

d. Clean-Up Day - April 23 - There was a discussion regarding organizing clean-up day. F. Ganiszewski will be in touch with the school's coordinator regarding students volunteering on Clean-Up Day. The volunteer call list will be emailed to the EAC. The road crew will be around the following Monday to pick up the collected bags. K. DeLuca will contact Republic Services and other haulers if necessary, as well as the electronics shredder company. N. Alessi noted the submission deadline for any Clean-Up Day information for the newsletter is next Tuesday. An inventory of existing bags and gloves will be taken and re-ordered if necessary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Emergency Management - F. Ganiszewski noted the EMA has two new members: Saul Ramos and Todd Gardner.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve the two new members. The motion carried 4-0-0.

a. Environmental Advisory Committee - More people have signed up for the National Wildlife Federation property designation.

b. BNT Ground Water Committee - previously discussed.

c. Open Space Committee - previously discussed.

d. Park & Recreation Board - no report.

e. Nockamixon Historic Commission - no report.

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ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by N. Alessi, to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:50 p.m. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather DiSario
Recording Secretary