

MINUTES OF NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 21, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting for February was held on Thursday, February 21, 2013 in the Township Building in Ferndale, PA. Chairman, Wm. Sadow, Jr. opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. with a salute to the flag.

Other Members Present: Others in attendance:

Carl Bahnck, Vice Chair

Attorney:

Albert Santopietro

Jordan B. Yeager, Esq.

Nancy Alessi

Secretary:

Shannon Doman

Arlene E. Eichlin

Treasurer:

Keith R. DeLuca

SCHEDULING:

-The schedule for the month was reviewed by Chairman, Wm. Sadow, Jr. - Todd Stone commented that the BNT GWMC has changed their meeting to the fourth Thursday of the month. February 28, 2013 is their next meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

-A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Carl Bahnck, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting as presented.

The motion carried 4-0-0.

-A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Carl Bahnck, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2013 Board of Supervisors Work Session as presented.

The motion carried 4-0-0.

Albert Santopietro arrived at 7:35 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Open for 20 minutes - limited to three minutes per person.

-Kim & David Metz addressed the complaint sent to the Township concerning the single family dwelling that has been converted to a four unit apartment complex and the vehicles and trash that remains outside the building. They requested status of the complaint. They are concerned with the safety and health of the apartment residents.

-Mike Stasak commented about the same residence. He has spoken with the owner concerning furniture that has been on site for about eight months. He noted that the owner has made renovations to the building and has seen no permits. The Board requested that Carl Bahnck speak with the Zoning Officer.

PUBLIC HEARING:

a. Ag Security Hearing - Scheetz - TMP# 30-011-032 - The Solicitor, Jordan Yeager, opened the Ag Security hearing at 7:40 P.M. An application was received for the expansion of the Ag Security District. It was filed in October by Kenneth and Marion Scheetz for TMP# 30-011-032. Exhibits were distributed to the Board of Supervisors per the Ag Security Law including, but not limited to: a copy of application, certification of posting, letters of approval received from the Planning Commissions of Bucks County and Nockamixon Township, along with documents establishing that the applicant meets the requirements of the Ag Security Law. The Solicitor opened the hearing to the public. There were no comments. The hearing was closed at 7:45 P.M. He commented that the application is before the Board for consideration and, if they are so inclined, they can entertain a motion to grant the application presented. A written decision would be issued in 10 days. **A motion was made by Wm. Sadow, Jr., seconded by Nancy Alessi, to grant the application as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.** There was a consensus of the Board to authorize the attorney to issue the decision and send out the required notices.

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STAFF REPORTS:

a. Public Works Report - January 2013 - A motion was made by Albert Santopietro, seconded by Nancy Alessi, to approve the January 2013 Public Works Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0. Under discussion by the Board: Public Works equipment, 2013 Tar & Chip contract and bridge repairs.

-Salt Contract Participation Agreement 8/2013-7/2014 Resolution #02-21-2013. A motion was made by Wm. Sadow, Jr., seconded by A. Santopietro to approve the Salt Contract Participation Agreement for 8/2013 thru 7/2014 for the purchase of Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) as Resolution #02-21-2013. The motion carried 5-0-0.

b. Treasurer's Report:

Keith DeLuca gave the report.

-He attended two FEMA/PEMA meetings in the last month. We had a FEMA project specialist assigned to the Township and will meet with him once the applications have been submitted. He expects to have the applications completed within the next two weeks.

-On February 5th he met with representatives from the CDBG, Bucks County Agency on the Aging and the EUB Senior Center to get clarification on what was required to finalize the 2012 CDBG grant application. The meeting was very productive and he believes there will not be as much conflict with what the County and HUD require on future applications.

-Last month the Public Works Director suggested that the door to the garage needed replacing. He contacted four local contractors for quotes. There were two responses. The quotes were as follows: Chris Manwaring, \$1,865.87; Burke's Construction, \$2000.00. **A motion was made by Albert Santopietro, seconded by Carl Bahnck, to approve the quote from Chris Manwaring for \$1,865.87 to replace the outside door to the garage. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

-This office met with Verizon Wireless last month to discuss suggestions to maintain the office's internet connection in the event of an emergency when phone and cable lines were disconnected. The recommendation was to obtain a wireless 3G/4G router with Wi-Fi capabilities and a wireless modem. The Township has purchased a router and entered into an agreement with Verizon for a wireless modem.

-Supervisor Bahnck and Keith met with the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors on February 14th to discuss co-payment for current and future repairs to the Lonely Cottage Bridge which is located in both townships. The feeling was that we were not well received and the Bridgeton Supervisors do not agree with the use of Nockamixon Township employee's wage scale as a basis of labor cost. We made our position known and agreed to continue this matter at a later time.

-Bills being presented tonight; from the General Fund, \$51,168.80; Open Space Fund, \$2,278.00; State Fund, \$2,083.33 and from the Escrow Fund, \$2,392.49.

Transfers being requested: Open Space to General Fund, \$2,278.00.

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

-A motion was made by Wm. Sadow, Jr., seconded by Nancy Alessi, to approve the February 2013 Bill List as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

-A motion was made by Wm. Sadow, Jr., seconded by Albert Santopietro to transfer \$2,278.00 from the Open Space Fund to the General Fund. The motion carried 5-0-0.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS: (as needed)

-BNT GWMC, Todd Stone - a second forum is scheduled to discuss evidenced based groundwater. Todd scheduled for the fourth Thursday, April 25, 2013, and was advised that the Board holds its monthly Work Session at that time. He will discuss a change of date with the BNT GWMC and advise the Board.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor, Jordan B. Yeager commented that he spoke with Counsel for the A.M. Morton Subdivision - they have experienced several delays but will be presenting a plan to the Township Planning Commission shortly.

-Township received a petition from SECTV seeking relief from the FCC from carrying the television station WACP (Atlantic City). This is a required FCC process. The Board took no action.

-Executive Session: at 8:15 P.M., Chairman, Wm. Sadow, Jr. commented that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:53 P.M. after discussing personnel and litigation.

SUBDIVISION:

a. Wehrung's Phase II L/D - TMP# 30-10-35 - Grants extension to April 30, 2013. -A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Carl Bahnck, to grant an extension to the Wehrung's Phase II L/D, TMP# 30-10-35 to April 30, 2013. The motion carried 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Letters of Interest, Planning Commission-Maureen Purcell, Brenda Schaufele - (1) one term to expire 12/31/2015. - A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Carl Bahnck, to appoint Maureen Purcell to the Planning Commission to finish the term due to expire on 12/31/2015. The motion carried 3-1-1 with Albert Santopietro voting no, and Wm. Sadow, Jr. abstaining.

b. Hidden Valley - Update - Arlene Eichlin commented that Steven Baluh spoke with Joe Bush. PADEP has not contacted the County. There is no new information.

c. Cabot Revere Site - Update - No additional information received from Cabot.

d. Quarry - Update - Hanson has completed damage repairs to trees and berm.

e. Appointment - Liaison to Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic (River Task Force) Discussion. There was a consensus by the Board to have the Solicitor review the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic Act regarding the role of the liaison.

f. Needs assessment for Public Works and Office Personnel - Discussion - Tabled to a future meeting.

The Solicitor left the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Designation of FEMA Agent - Resolution #2-21-2013A - A motion was made by Wm. Sadow, Jr., seconded by Nancy Alessi to designate Keith DeLuca as the Resolution Agent - Resolution #2-21-2013A. The motion carried 5-0-0.

b. Great American Clean-Up - April - thru May 31, 2013 - Generally held last weekend in April. Permission to contact residents and businesses. A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Albert Santopietro, to grant permission to Arlene Eichlin to contact businesses and residents for Clean-Up Day to be held Saturday, April 27, 2013. The motion carried 5-0-0.

c. Dept. of Auditor General - AG-385 - Approval. A motion was made by Carl Bahnck, seconded by Nancy Alessi, to approve the AG-385 for submittal. The motion carried 5-0-0.

d. Planning Commission 2012 Annual Report of Activity - Approval. A motion was made by Wm. Sadow, Jr., seconded by Nancy Alessi, to approve the Planning Commission 2012 Annual Report of Activity as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

e. Delaware Valley Duathlon - Saturday, April 6, 2013 - Acknowledge presence. The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the presence of the Delaware Valley Duathlon on Saturday, April 6, 2013.

f. Buckingham United Travel Soccer Tournament March 16 & 17, 2013 - Request for Fire Police. A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Shannon Doman, to contact surrounding Townships authorizing use of Fire Police for the Soccer

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Tournament of March 16 & 17, 2013. The motion carried 5-0-0. Arlene Eichlin commented that the surrounding municipalities would be contacted by letter.

g. **Advertise Secretary's Position** - a letter of retirement has been received from the Secretary, Arlene Eichlin. A motion was made by Wm. Sadow, Jr., seconded by Nancy Alessi, to advertise the Secretary's position. The motion carried 5-0-0.

h. **Township Recycling Bins** - Wm. Sadow, Jr. commented that a complaint was received from a neighbor due to the amount of household trash being brought to the Township, bags of recycling blowing onto their property, as well as the time (early morning hours) recycling is being dropped off. The following suggestions were discussed: an additional smaller bin for glass only; fencing around the bins; installation of cameras. There was a consensus of the Board to have Keith check into obtaining a smaller bin and the cost to purchase and install cameras. They will also speak with George Housworth.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. **Zoning Report** - The Zoning Officer was not in attendance. A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Carl Bahnck, to accept the February Zoning Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

b. **Emergency Management** - No members present. A motion was made by Wm. Sadow, Jr., seconded by Albert Santopietro to appoint Kenneth W. Porter to the EMA, per Tom Macfarlan's recommendation. The motion carried 5-0-0.

b. **Environmental Advisory Committee** - Member, Stephen Donovan provided the Board with the EAC's alternatives to the herbicide spraying at Veterans Park. The Board commented that a licensed applicator is needed to apply any herbicides on public grounds. Albert Santopietro noted that Tom Keebler has contacted the School District and asked them to provide the name of the company providing service.

d. **BNT Ground Water Committee** - President, Todd Stone commented that stream monitoring is being instituted in Rapp Creek, on or near the Moss Property, to create a data base of the baseline conditions.

e. **Open Space Committee** - Todd Stone commented that 88 acres owned by the Farbotnik's has recently been preserved. It was originally proposed for preservation in the 1999 Nockamixon Township Open Space Plan.

f. **Park & Recreation Board** - Discussed earlier.

g. **Nockamixon Historic Commission** - Member, Jim Logan was in attendance. He discussed the progress of windshield mapping of the Township.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Nancy Alessi, seconded by Albert Santopietro, to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:40 P.M. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene E. Eichlin
Recording Secretary