

MINUTES OF NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 18, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting for July was held on Thursday, July 18, 2013 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.

Other 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.
Secretary:
Heather DiSario
Treasurer:
Keith DeLuca

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 June 20, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting as amended. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

- **B. Sadow** spoke on the passing of Mark Kulp, a member of the Township Planning Commission. **T. Stone** and **J. Petersen** also reflected on Mark's time and contributions to the Township and that he will be sorely missed as a colleague and friend.
- **J. Petersen** commented on recurring washouts on Center Hill Road. It was suggested to have George speak with Ron regarding the matter.
- **T. Stone** inquired about possible proposed bridge work and closure on Kintner Hill Road. K. DeLuca will speak to the Road Master about the matter.

STAFF REPORTS:

K. DeLuca noted that the paver needs to be replaced, and there may be enough left over in this year's budget to purchase another. Approximate cost for a used paver is \$25,000 to \$30,000. A new paver is estimated to be \$40,000 to \$60,000. It was also noted paver rental costs \$1000 a week, if the current paver breaks down before a replacement is purchased.

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

K. DeLuca explained the changes related to the state's new aggregate and bituminous materials bidding process, Source Point Pickup. The new program would eliminate the bidding process.

b. Treasurer's Report:

Keith DeLuca gave the report:

-Nockamixon Township received a reimbursement check from FEMA for damages related to Hurricane Sandy in the amount of \$16,042.09.

-On or about July 29, the Ferndale Post Office will go to part time hours from 1PM to 4PM. In light of this situation, a more convenient solution would be to have the mail delivered to the Township Building by the Upper Black Eddy Post Office. This would also correct any confusion over the physical address of the Township Building and the mailing address.

-N. Alessi voiced concern over large checks coming in a mailbox. K. DeLuca explained large checks are generally not received through regular mail, and can also be requested by electronic mail. It was decided to keep the post office box until when it's paid through.

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A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by S. Doman, to purchase a secure mailbox and change the Township's mailing address from Ferndale PO Box 100 to 589 Lake Warren Road, Upper Black Eddy PA 18972. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Bills being presented to the Board: General Fund: \$70,157.37; Fire & EMS Tax Distributions: \$11,937.96; State Fund: \$2,038.37; Recreation Fund: \$315.00; Open Space Fund: \$256.50; Escrow Fund: \$2,228.88.

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

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

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by A. Santopietro, to transfer \$315.00 from the Recreation Fund to the General Fund, and \$256.50 from the Open Space Fund to the General Fund. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS: (as needed)

-Nockamixon Historic Commission - N. Jesiolowski noted that the Historic Society's safe will be removed from the Township Building.

-Open Space Committee - S. Tenney stated that the OSC will be coordinating with the Gallows Run Association for an Art Show September 28-29th at Rising Sun Farm.

-Environmental Advisory Committee - J. Petersen inquired about acquiring a grant from DCNR for an environmental resource inventory. K. Deluca will look into the matter.

There was a discussion regarding recent Hidden valley violations. J. Yeager suggested drafting a letter to the County for a full report. The quarry's reclamation plan was also discussed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: J. Yeager noted that minutes have been received after last fall's visit to the Cabot site with representatives from the EPA and Cabot. A letter has been sent to the EPA regarding status of the site and they are waiting on response from them.

-The Board entered into executive session at 8:18 PM to discuss a potential litigation matter. The meeting resumed at 8:40 PM.

-There was a short discussion regarding natural resource drilling in the state, and the status of the Arbor Resources case. There should be an update on the case at the next meeting.

-J. Yeager briefly touched on the Act 13 litigation. A new judge has been appointed to the Supreme Court and the case may be decided soon.

-There was a brief discussion regarding natural resource drilling and leaseholders in the Delaware River Basin.

-J. Yeager left the meeting approximately 8:50 PM.

LAND DEVELOPMENT:

a. Wehrung's L/D TMP# 30-10-35 - grants extension to 09/30/2013

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Cabot Corp - discussed during Action Items.

b. Hidden Valley - DEP correspondence- discussed during Action Items.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- a. CDBG-EUB Senior Center-Resolution #7-18-2013-FY 2014 Application-for July 2013-

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by A. Santopietro, to appoint Keith DeLuca as representative for the application for funding for the CDBG. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- b. Quarry Permit Extraction review - tentative inspection date - 09/14/2013 @ 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by C. Bahnck, to set the tentative inspection date for 9/14/2013 @ 9:00 AM. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- c. Request to Advertise 2012 Concise Finance Report -

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by A. Santopietro, to advertise for the 2012 Concise Finance Report. The motion carried 5-0-0.

-Pastor Rex from St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ferndale was present to receive a reimbursement check for food donations made by the church during Hurricane Sandy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Emergency Management** - report received; no update.
b. **Environmental Advisory Committee** - previously discussed.
c. **BNT Groundwater Committee** - **T. Stone** noted the template ordinance for groundwater management is being reviewed by P. Hydro and should be back at the end of September. The Committee is also working on recording data on monitoring wells during seasonal variation.
d. **Open Space Committee**- previously discussed.
e. **Park & Recreation Board**-no update.
f. **Nockamixon Historic Commission** - **N. Jesiolowski** noted the Historic Commission is in the process of doing a survey of all historic structures in the Township. The Historic Commission is sharing photos of the fire tower on Haycock Mountain with the Haycock Historical Society. N. Jesiolowski also noted that 1st Savings Bank of Perkasio will continue to waive the \$75 fee for the safe deposit box for the Historic Commission.
-**C. Bahnck** noted that a Co-Stars training session will be held on August 28. A. Santopietro will ask the Road Master if he is interested in attending.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by A. Santopietro, to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:00 P.M. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather DiSario
Recording Secretary