

MINUTES OF NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 19, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting for March was held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 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:

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

Others in attendance:

Attorney:
Ernest R. Closser III, 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 N. Alessi, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

PUBLIC HEARING: PSATS Health Insurance Participation Ordinance - Approval

Mr. Closser opened the hearing at 7:39 p.m. Mr. Closser explained that the ordinance has been dually advertised as required, and that last year there were some changes made to the underlying trust agreements. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by N. Alessi, to adopt Ordinance #158 re-authorizing continued participation in the program. The motion carried 5-0-0.

STAFF REPORTS:

a. Public Works Report, February 2015 -

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve the February 2015 Public Works Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

b. Treasurer's Report:

Keith DeLuca gave the report.

The 2015-2016 Co-Stars Salt Contract has been completed and electronically submitted. Nockamixon Township will also join the Bucks County Consortium so that the Township can piggyback off of their salt contract.

Mr. DeLuca thanked Shirley Bonsall for donating framed historic photographs of some of Nockamixon Township's taverns and hotels.

Mr. DeLuca noted the thank you letter from The Lord's Pantry to Nockamixon for this year's donation.

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The Treasurer received an email from Tinicum Township in regards to a newspaper article on the new Ottsville Fire Company substation. They would like some clarification on the handling of the worker's comp if this is indeed a substation as referred to in the article. It was agreed that some clarification from the fire company is needed.

Another piece of correspondence received this month is a letter from Bridgeton Township's solicitor inquiring of formalizing our road sharing and maintenance agreements that exists between the two Townships. Mr. DeLuca suggested reviewing any other formal agreements of shared Township roads.

The Treasurer recommended that the Township file a petition for appeal from the Bucks County Board of Assessment Appeals on the Gorham Property if it does not sell, in order to get some relief on that properties' tax burden.

Mr. DeLuca also suggested the Township file a petition to the Bucks County Board of Assessment Appeals if the Gorham Property does not sell in the near future.

Bills being presented tonight; from the General Fund, \$39,898.58; State Fund, \$2,083.37; Escrow Fund, \$952.72 and Debit Card, \$300.00.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by S. Doman, to approve the 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by C. Bahnck, to accept the 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 March 2015 Zoning Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

There was a discussion regarding using an alternative product to herbicide spraying at Veterans Park. Mr. Naska explained that a spray is scheduled for the second week of April. It was noted that the Board needs to see how much the alternate product will cost to apply before authorizing spraying the fields.

Sanci Tenney, Open Space Committee, requested permission for 2 people to attend this year's PALTA conference.

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to PALTA conference attendance, costs not to exceed last year's amount of \$500.00. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Jesiolowski, Historic Commission, explained the Nockamixon Historic Commission is interested in soliciting area vendors to raise funds for a reprint of a Township Bi-Centennial booklet. The Board agreed to Mr. Jesiolowski moving forward with the project. He also noted the Bucksville House is holding a tour to the public on April 21, limited to 25 people.

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Ben Naska, Park and Recreation Committee, distributed samples of a Committee banner measuring 2x4. It would be used whenever the Committee is having an event such as movie nights in the park.

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve the expenditure of \$80.00 for the Park and Recreation banner. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Naska distributed sketches and designs for Committee ladies and mens T-shirts for Board review of design with logo. The Committee is looking into purchasing 60 T-shirts. The Board agreed that Eagle Scout Alex Stills can help the Township Roadmaster install benches in Veteran's Park for his Eagle Scout Project. The Committee is also looking into blacktopping from the parking lot between two guide rails to the trail, and from the walking trail up to the pavilion, stemming from concerns over handicapped access to the pavilion. B. Naska explained that an excavation company is donating everything but the stone and asphalt. There was also a discussion about creating 2 handicapped parking areas. The Township Engineer will be contacted for guidance and recommendations.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report

SUBDIVISIONS:

A.M. Morton - extension dated 3/4/2015 expires 9/30/2015

Smith Minor Subdivision - extension dated 3/17/2015 expires 7/1/2015

LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Wehrungs - extension dated 3/4/2015 expires 6/30/2015

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to accept the extensions received for the following Subdivisions and Land Development Plans: A. M. Morton, Smith, Wehrungs and Brubaker. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Cabot Corp - no new information

b. Hidden Valley - no new information

NEW BUSINESS: Bucks County Department of Health - Permission to spray for West Nile Virus

A motion was made by C. Bahnck, seconded by S. Doman, to authorize the Bucks County Health Department to spray for West Nile Virus. The motion carried 5-0-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Emergency Management - no report.

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 - Mr. Jesiolowski reported that the Historic Commission is looking into working on a graveyard project with the Scouts, and that the historic structure survey results were in, with 461 structures 50 years or older in the Township. Mr. Jesiolowski is meeting with Jeffrey Marshall to consider properties to be listed on the National Registry.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss personnel. The Board returned from executive session at 8:37 p.m.

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A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by N. Alessi, to give the road department an extra day off this year in recognition of their hard work and hours put in this year with the hard winter and multiple mechanical failures. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by N. Alessi, to authorize repair or replacement of engine in the 1991 Ford F800 dump truck, not to exceed \$4500.00. The motion carried 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by F. Ganiszewski, seconded by N. Alessi, to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather DiSario
Recording Secretary