

MINUTES OF NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 17, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting for April was held on Thursday, April 17, 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 C. Sadow, Chair
Carl Bahnck, Vice-Chair
Nancy Alessi
Frank Ganiszewski

Others in attendance:

Attorney:
Jordan B. Yeager, Esq.

Treasurer:

Keith DeLuca

Secretary:

Heather DiSario

S. Doman arrived 8:15 p.m.

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 March 20, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Logan wanted to make the Board aware that the Quarry Road Bridge was hit again, and inquired about a bridge weight limit sign possibly being installed.

Bill Shick, Ottsville Fire Company inquired about the status of the UCC Board Hearing. There was a discussion regarding the process of requesting relief from the UCC Board. Mr. Shick distributed copies of a written waiver request.

Sanci Tenney inquired about Clean-Up Day. It was explained that residents can do clean ups April 26 & 27 and supplies will be available at the Township Building during normal business hours, 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Bags left by the roadside will be collected by the road department the next Monday.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA:

Sgt. David Nosal introduced himself as the new Station Commander at Dublin State Police Barracks. He reviewed with the Board the 1st quarter incident report and answered some questions about officer operations and frequency of patrols in the Township.

STAFF REPORTS:

a. Public Works Report, March 2014 -

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve the March 2014 Public Works Report as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

b. Treasurer's Report:

Keith DeLuca gave the report.

K. DeLuca, Treasurer, and George Housworth, Public Works Director, attended a two-day Dirt & Gravel Road Seminar in Reading, PA. The Township is now certified for the next five years and will be eligible for and will pursue grants that pertain to stone roadways.

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K. DeLuca was invited to attend a meet and greet put together by PennDOT introducing their new representatives. K. DeLuca was advised by the head of the District to apply for the upcoming round of ARLE grants. K. DeLuca is considering applying for funding on two projects: signal preemption lights and emergency power for traffic signals.

On April 7, the County informed K. DeLuca that the application for the CDBG grant was available and is due on April 25.

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by F. Ganiszewski, to approve Resolution #4-17-2014 authorizing the application for the Bucks County Community Development Block Grant. The motion carried 4-0-0.

K. DeLuca contacted Attorney Mike Clarke of Rudolph Clarke, LLC., regarding serving as Nockamixon Township UCC Solicitor. Maureen Purcell agreed to serve on the UCC Board, and Mr. Clarke agreed to serve as UCC Solicitor.

On April 8 & 9th, a liquid fuels audit was performed by the Auditor's General's office. There was a problem with QNB's bookkeeping so the auditor will return on April 22 to complete the audit.

Five computer tablets were purchased for the Board's use. The total cost is \$1299.95. Also included in the purchase is a new color laser printer for \$288.99.

Bills being presented tonight: from the General Fund, \$25,416.19; State Fund, \$2083.37 and from the Escrow Fund, \$928.52.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by N. Alessi, to accept the April 2014 Treasurer's report as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve the April 2014 Bills List as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

c. Zoning Report-

A motion was made by seconded by B. Sadow, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve the April 2014 Zoning Report as presented. The motion carried 4-0-0.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS: Ben Naska, Park & Recreation Board, gave a presentation to the Board. The Committee is looking into purchasing a volley ball net, a banner, new T-Shirts with the Township logo and is also considering installing three park benches. Proposed cost and bench placement will be submitted to the Board. B. Naska explained that they will be having a movie night at Veteran's Park in July or August. The Committee is also looking into installing exercise stations at three locations along the trail. The Board gave consent for the committee to pursue it as an Eagle Scout project. A donation has also been received in the amount of \$100 from the Masons. The committee is also proposing extending the park walkway into a wooded area. A drawing of the proposed trail was presented to the Board.

N. Alessi inquired about alternatives to spraying of the baseball field. She asked about the Committee meeting with the EAC concerning not using herbicides.

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Sanci Tenney, EAC, inquired about the quarry. J. Yeager is waiting to hear back from the Township Engineer.

There was a discussion regarding Cabot and correspondence from the EPA and the Bucks County Conservation District. A letter dated 4-17-14 identified three areas of concern on the Cabot site, and proposed remediation of those areas.

Todd Stone, BNT, gave an update on the committee's study of the seasonal recharge on township wells. T. Stone reported the committee's ground water ordinance with consultant P-Hydro should be completed this spring. T. Stone suggested that the prepared ordinance be presented by P. Hydro during one meeting to the three Townships involved. A report explaining the work being done on evidence based ground water monitoring should be ready for a presentation at the next Board meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: **J. Yeager** gave an update on the amended Gorham Conservation Easement. The County has signed off on the memorandum of understanding. After it is signed by the Supervisors, it can be recorded and advertised.

A motion was made by **B. Sadow**, seconded by **N. Alessi**, to authorize the Board of Supervisors to accept the amended Gorham Conservation Easement. The motion carried 5-0-0.

J. Yeager gave an update on the Act 13 litigation. The dispute is over the chapter dealing with zoning. A brief is being filed on Tuesday.

SUBDIVISIONS:

- a. **G. Hoffman** 5-lot Subdivision TMP# 30-11-164-2; -164-2; -164-5 extension granted to 06/23/2014
- b. **A.M. Morton** - Lonely Cottage Road Subdivision - TMP# 30-13-5 extension granted to 09/30/2014
- c. **Smith Minor** Subdivision - TMP# 30-11-17-3 extension granted to 5/31/2014

LAND DEVELOPMENT:

- a. **Wehrung's Phase II L/D** TMP# 30-10-35 - extension granted to 6/30/2014

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Gorham Updated Conservation Easement** - previously discussed.
- b. **Cabot Corp** - previously discussed.
- c. **Hidden Valley** - no new information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Cycle Bucks County - June 21 - Acknowledge presence** - The Board acknowledged Cycle Bucks County's presence on June 21.
- b. **Bucks County Dept. of Health - Permission to spray for West Nile Virus** - A motion was made by **C. Bahnck**, seconded by **N. Alessi**, to authorize permission 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** - previously discussed.
- d. **Open Space Committee** - no report.
- e. **Park & Recreation Board** - previously discussed.
- f. **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 9:25 p.m. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather DiSario
Recording Secretary