

MINUTES OF NOCKAMIXON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 15, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting for August was held on Thursday, August 15, 2013 in the Township Building in Ferndale, PA. Vice Chairman, Carl Bahnck opened the meeting at 7:35 P.M. with a salute to the flag.

**Members Present:**

William C. Sadow, Chair  
Carl Bahnck, Vice-Chair  
Albert Santopietro  
Nancy Alessi  
Shannon Doman

**Others in attendance:**

Attorney:  
Jordan B. Yeager, Esq.  
Secretary:  
Heather DiSario  
Treasurer:  
Keith DeLuca

B. Sadow arrived at 7:40 PM

S. Doman arrived at 7:40 PM

**SCHEDULING:**

The schedule for the month was reviewed by Vice Chairman, Carl Bahnck.

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting as amended. The motion carried 3-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA:**

a. **Kim Gaspar, Center Manager of EUB Senior Center - Annual Report-** K. Gaspar gave the annual report. She noted that the facilities are not limited to seniors but also their families, friends, the disabled, and mentally challenged adults and their caregivers. There are approximately 285 members from a wide geographic area. She noted the center is looking to move into a bigger facility in order to accommodate their growing membership and provide a better service to the public. She thanked the Township for their continued support in uniting the community and assisting with grants.

b. **Gail Paulus - 253 Ealer Hill Road Kintnersville - disturbance complaint - Ms. Paulus** was not present.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

a. **Public Works Report, July 2013** -A. Santopietro explained that the paver they went to look at was approximately \$45,000 and the most they could spend this year is \$30,000. He also noted that the mulch in the playground needs to be completely removed and replaced. Money may have to be taken from the general fund to buy enough mulch.

K. DeLuca noted Nockamixon Township is keeping the cost down of replacing a bridge by using Township manpower and funds versus having the state and grants pay for the bridge construction.

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

K. Deluca reviewed the new Co-Stars Program, Source Pick up and Unanticipated Delivery, explaining how it will save the Township money on bidding and advertising. It should also give the Township the flexibility to deal with different quarries.

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**A motion was made by A. Santopietro, seconded by N. Alessi, to approve choosing Source Pick Up and Unanticipated Delivery. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**b. Treasurer's Report:** K. DeLuca gave the report.

The Township received a reimbursement check from PennDOT for the ARLE Grant, which funded the LED traffic light update and road striping in the amount of \$9,532.20. Regarding the status of the Emergency Generator Grant, PEMA has advised that no grants have been approved. They estimate they should have more information in the next three months.

The budget meeting schedule was discussed. K. DeLuca noted that the Township roadside mailbox has been installed as well as a new Township Building sign which replaced the old one.

Township Newsletter regarding ACT 537 sewage maintenance discussion: N. Alessi suggested Township committees could contribute to the newsletter. She also suggested adding bear sightings information on the Township's website. B. Sadow suggested keeping sewage maintenance as the major focus in the initial newsletter.

K. DeLuca will coordinate with the Township Engineer regarding what should go in the newsletter.

Bills being presented to the Board are: General Fund: \$25,518.97; Fire & EMS Tax Distributions: \$2,105.49; State Fund: \$2,083.37; Recreation Fund: \$842.00; Escrow Fund: \$763.44.

**A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by C. Bahnck, to approve the August 2013 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by S. Doman, to approve the August 2013 Bill List as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by A. Santopietro, to transfer \$842.00 from the Recreation Fund to the General Fund. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by N. Alessi, to advertise for the 2014 Special Budget Meetings of September 5, 12, 26 and October 3. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:** (as needed)

**a. EAC** - Sanci Tenni reviewed the EAC Report. The committee continues to work on a grant for an environmental resource report. Reviewing information on Hidden Valley and the latest on Cabot. Jeff and Ellen plan to attend the quarry meeting as representatives from the EAC.

**b. Open Space Committee** - Co-Chair Ellen Chapman noted that the Gorham Property compliance is due at the end of 2013. A. Santopietro noted that mowing and brush removal on Frogtown Road is in the process of being done. E. Chapman asked the Board if they would be interested in making a donation for the Arts for Conservation Sponsor book.

**A motion was made by N. Alessi, seconded by A. Santopietro, to donate \$150 towards the Arts for Conservation Sponsor Book. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

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E. Chapman also asked the Board about joining PALTA. There was a discussion regarding the timeline and various levels of memberships. Membership will be further researched before a decision to join is made.

E. Chapman presented the Board with a preliminary OSC mailing for their review and approval. The Board will review the mailing.

E. Chapman noted that a presentation will be made on behalf on the Township at the County Open Space for Natural Areas August 28 at 7:00PM at the Neshaminy Manor in Doylestown. She asked for a representative from the Board to attend. N. Alessi or B. Sadow may possibly attend.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** **J. Yeager** gave an update regarding the conservation easement on the Gorham Property. The easement needs to be revised and hoping to have back from the County by the next meeting.

J. Yeager noted that Chris Kern has left the County and is now working through Heritage.

Arbor update: J. Yeager noted the Court has not ruled on vacating the Zoning Hearing Board's decision, and should have more information by next meeting.

J. Yeager gave an update on Act 13 and the PUC's most recent filings with the Supreme Court.

B. Sadow asked J. Yeager how to proceed regarding making the intersection of Lonely Cottage and Lake Warren roads a four way stop. A. Santopietro will ask the Road Master to speak with S. Baluh on the matter.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT:**

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

**b. Smith Minor Subdivision TMP#30-11-17-3** - grants extension to 10/01/2013

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Cabot Corp** - in process

**b. Hidden Valley** - in process

**c. Harrow Station Monitoring Reports** - Urwiler & Walter letter 08/09/2013 regarding DEP's request to have Harrow Station LLC file DMR's electronically.

**A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by N. Alessi, to authorize K. DeLuca as Township representative for reading Harrow Station reports. The motion carried 5-0-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**a. Emergency Management** - There was a discussion about a new Met-Ed focus group the Hurricane Sandy report from the PUC.

**b. Environmental Advisory Committee-** discussed during Action Items.

**c. BNT Ground Water Committee-** no report.

**d. Open Space Committee-** discussed during Action Items.

**e. Park & Recreation Board-** no report.

**f. Nockamixon Historic Commission-** August meeting was cancelled, no report.

A. Santopietro will ask G. Housworth to look at a bridge on Beaver Run Road for possible damage.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledges the receipt of a letter dated from Genesis Adventures regarding use of Township roads on September 7, 2013.

The board entered into executive session at 9:00 PM to discuss personnel matters. The meeting resumed at 9:20 PM.

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A motion was made by B. Sadow, seconded by N. Alessi, to change K. DeLuca's hourly rate to \$25.00 an hour retroactive as of July 1, 2013. The motion carried 5-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by A. Santopietro, seconded by N. Alessi, to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:30 P.M. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather DiSario  
Recording Secretary