

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963

APRIL 21, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Larry Zimmerman opened the April 21, 2008 meeting at 6:15 PM. Attending were Supervisors Allen Aungst, Judith Lehman and Jerry Wise. Supervisor Diane Tobin was absent. Also present: Sect. / Treas. Kathy Ferguson and resident Bernie Kulkaski.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** - Bernie Kulkaski said he wanted to ask some questions about the sewer.

## SPECIAL ITEMS

### ▪ **Grant Application to DCNR for Recreation Area Restroom**

Aungst said the grant application is for a \$40,000 Small Community Grant from DCNR and the township cost would be \$20,000. The project would have to be put out for bids if we got the grant and includes the completion of the walking track. Aungst said they are not deciding on the design of the restroom at this time, only approving the grant application and resolution. Aungst provided details of the grant application.

Zimmerman asked if the building will be set up for plumbing and electric, Aungst said yes. Zimmerman asked if they don't get the grant are they still going through with the project. Aungst said yes. Zimmerman asked what the white flags are on the Recreation area and Aungst said they are wetlands delineated by Dave Siminitus.

Zimmerman moved to approve the grant application and Resolution, Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0. The Board agreed to have Aungst listed as the project coordinator.

### ▪ **Grant Application for Dry Fire Hydrants**

Lehman said per Tobin the grant has been applied toward protective equipment and it cannot be used for dry hydrants at this time.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Road Project** – Ferguson read part of Joe Kretulskie's email to her regarding the road project. The Board discussed the project and Zimmerman recalculated the tonnage for Scenic View Road. It was decided to pave Scenic View Road at a width of 21 feet with 230 tons and Pine Hill Road at 19 feet and keep the tons at 507 and 1,014 (both roads to be paid from the escrow account). Zimmerman and Aungst said the edges of Sweet Arrow Lake Road should be milled. Also agreed upon was keeping the width of Waterfall Road at 21 feet and to bid all with no alternates.
- **Comments on SALDO Draft** – Aungst said the Planning Commission will have comments on it at their next meeting. Bernie Kulkaski said Section 232 says "standards for Stormwater shall adhere to PA standards"; he feels it should be downgraded to "county" standards.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Effective Date of Geist as Roadmaster** – Aungst moved to have the position and pay rate of Roadmaster for Ralph Geist become effective April 21, 2008. Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.
- **Review for Office Assistant** – Ferguson said Cathy Moyer has finished her probationary period and is doing a good job and recommended the Board consider a raise equal to the raise given the other hourly employees at the beginning of the year. Aungst moved to increase Moyer's hourly wage by 45 cents, Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.

- **County Request to Waive Host Fees for PA Clean-Up** – Ferguson said the County sent us a letter stating they were waiving their host fees from the Pine Grove Landfill for any garbage taken into the landfill from the PA Clean-Up and they are asking the township to do the same. Lehman moved to waive our host fee this year for garbage brought in to the Pine Grove Landfill for the PA Clean-Up. Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.
- **Schuylkill Conservation Request for Comments on Grant Application** – Zimmerman said no official action was needed on this item.
- **Recreation Area Savings Account** – Ferguson asked the Board to approve opening a savings account in Fulton Bank to deposit recreation fees from land developers. The Board agreed Ferguson should get the paperwork for a savings account ready for the May meeting.
- **Transfer Host Fees to Invest Program** – Lehman moved to approve transferring \$93,079.84 of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter host fees from the General Fund to the Invest account in the Capital Reserves Fund and in the future deposit host fee checks directly into the Invest account. Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.
- **Insurance Books** – Ferguson said she will put the new insurance policy books in the Supervisors office for them to review for accuracy.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Bernie Kulkaski discussed septage hauling at the sewer plant and the volume of bio-solids going to the landfill. The Board discussed the situation at length with Kulkaski and agreed to research some of the issues more.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:43 PM Zimmerman moved to adjourn the meeting, Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer**

**Approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 14, 2008.**