

Donations, cont.

After other discussion, Lehman repeated her motion to donate \$1,000 to the Paraclete Fund for the library. Clemens seconded the motion. Lehman and Clemens voted in favor, Aungst, Zimmerman and Wise opposed the motion; motion was defeated 3 to 2.

Clemens moved to pledge \$1,000 to the Paraclete Foundation towards the library project and place it in a separate account until they are ready to break ground. Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Clemens said the Paraclete Foundation has a legal arrangement set up so if the library is not built all the money goes back to the donors. Zimmerman said he was not aware money would be returned to the donors if the library wasn't built and may have supported the first motion if he had. Clemens said we could have them come and explain that part to us at one of our meetings.

Aungst said we could add to our pledge providing they give us a letter it would be returned if the library wasn't built. Zimmerman said we could add to the account and it could be several thousand dollars until they are ready to break ground.

Discussion on the other donations followed and Aungst moved to donate \$1,000 to Pine Grove Borough for the fire hydrants; \$1,000 to Pine Grove Ambulance Association and \$100 to Tremont Public Library. Clemens seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Zimmerman discussed the \$10,000 donations to each fire company and said he feels they should bring bills in to show where they are using the money because in the past the Supervisors have not been accounting for where the money is going.

Zimmerman moved to donate \$10,000 to Suedberg Fire Company and \$10,000 to Ravine Fire Company providing they bring in a bill for the equipment they used it for. Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Clemens noted the Township should receive current financial statements from any organization that requests donations.

Quote for Floor Cleaning – Zimmerman said the quote from Servpro is \$814 for stripping and waxing the floors and cleaning the carpets. Aungst said he doesn't see the floor needs it and Zimmerman volunteered to clean the carpet in the conference room. Aungst and Wise said they would do the hallway floors.

Township Drop Box – After discussion, Clemens moved to purchase a pedestal drop box from mailbox.com as quoted at \$560.00. Zimmerman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0. Aungst told Ferguson to notify the Roadmaster to install the drop box when it arrives.

Printer – Ferguson listed several printers she felt would be adequate for the Township office. Zimmerman asked if we need a copier if we get a new printer. Ferguson said we need a copier and the copier will probably need to be replaced within the next two years because the model is old and they are having trouble getting parts for it. After reviewing details of the printers and more discussion on the need for a new printer, Clemens moved to purchase an HP LaserJet printer from Quill for \$550. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Pine Vista Subdivision – Zimmerman noted the plans were previously approved by the Board and are here to be signed.

Emergency Light Units - Zimmerman said he didn't have a chance to look at them, Aungst said he didn't either and this item was tabled until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

♦ **Swatara Village Residents:**

Phaon Herb said as part of the Township they are concerned about the smell from the sewer at Swatara Village. Zimmerman said we have a letter from DEP saying they have to appear before DEP to take care of it; it is governed by DEP. Herb asked if the Township could get Feeser to take action.

Claire Povilaitis said Waterbridge assisted living facilities are due to open in two weeks and she understands it is going to be putting additional water and sewage into a system already horrendously overloaded.

Roberta Jelicks, president of the Swatara Village Home Owners Association, said the Joint Treatment Authority (JTA) told her their new plant won't be functioning 100% until August 1st and June 1st Waterbridge is scheduled to open and housing residents; she doesn't look at them as one customer but compares them to 75 or 100 customers. Jelicks said they are concerned about putting that many people on an already dead system. Jelicks said they are afraid of contamination to Swatara Creek and discussed the violation Mr. Feeser received from DEP. Jelicks said they feel the Township should intervene and force Aldick Associates to pump the lagoon because he is getting \$3,000 a month from the JTA to treat the waste but he is not treating it.

Zimmerman said we can send a letter to DEP telling about our concerns there and that we are getting complaints at the Township, but we cannot make him empty the lagoon, that is controlled by DEP.

Povilaitis asked if a certificate of occupancy has been issued to Waterbridge, Zimmerman said he doesn't think it has, he knows they were doing a fire test on Wednesday. **Jelicks** asked what recourse there is if he puts residents in there without an occupancy permit. Zimmerman said it is illegal and we would have to notify them through the courts, however he doesn't see any way of stopping the occupancy permit if they have gone through all the permits from the Township.

Jelicks said she is not against the assisted living center, she thinks it will be an asset, but she doesn't want to see all the wastewater coming into their system.

Zimmerman said DEP is aware of Waterbridge coming on-line June 1st. Other discussion followed on the sewage system which is controlled by DEP and the water system which is governed by the PUC according to Zimmerman. Feeser's meeting with DEP was discussed along with the fact they are not paying property taxes to the Township but the taxes they are paying go to the school and to the county. After discussion, Lehman suggested we write a letter to DEP about the concerns.

Zimmerman moved to write a letter to DEP, Clemens seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

- ♦ Joan Schwer asked who issues the occupancy permits and Zimmerman said Light-Heigel does. Schwer asked if they are having problems couldn't they hold the occupancy permit. Zimmerman said no because the sewage module was approved by DEP and the Sewer Authority. Zimmerman said DEP could tell the Joint Treatment Authority to say they can't hook up.
- ♦ Aungst said there are a couple of old permits going back to 2002 that haven't been picked up, he had reviewed them with Sallie, some were collected but he would like to clear the others off the record rather than harass them.

After discussion, Aungst moved to waive the Building Permit fee for the County for the bridge at Sweet Arrow Lake, Zimmerman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

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- ♦ Lehman asked whose job it is to check that the permits are being picked up. Aungst and Zimmerman said it is the secretary's. Lehman asked if the secretary is to go out and check. Aungst and Zimmerman said no. Zimmerman said the secretary is the last person to handle the paperwork in the office and there is a name and address there.

Aungst said he doesn't have a problem getting involved if the permit hasn't been picked up after six months. Zimmerman said if the zoning permit is not picked up, the Zoning Officer should probably make a call, but the secretary is the last one to handle it.

Ferguson said if you look back in the minutes, the Board delegated it to the Zoning Officer; she isn't saying she doesn't want to do it, she is just stating the Board gave it to the Zoning Officer to do when Koontz discussed the Township losing revenue. Ferguson said the office was told to give him a list of permits not picked up, that is why the office has been sending him a list.

Aungst said the people he had talked to were under the impression they had paid for everything with the zoning permit. Zimmerman said we need a list that tells people what they have to do, it was brought up years ago and left go; he knows other townships have lists of what to do to build a house, to add an accessory building or do work to your house. Lehman asked if he had a copy to look at and Zimmerman said he could get one, but it wouldn't fit our Township.

Lehman said she has been researching with other townships and she suggested incorporating the building permit and zoning permit into one permit as it is duplicating information. Zimmerman said it would be fine except the UCC inspectors need the building permit to do their inspections. Lehman said she has talked to an engineering firm who said it can be done by the Township; she would like to look into it further.

Aungst asked Ferguson when someone comes in for a zoning permit could you get the building permit information and fee at that time. Ferguson said the problem with doing that is we are not authorized to issue the building permit until the Zoning Officer issues the zoning permit and the applicant does not always have the cost of the building at that time; Ferguson said the real problem is they don't pick up the zoning permit, they apply for it but don't pick it up and she thinks that is why it was given to the Zoning Officer to handle. Zimmerman said in fact they do not have an approved zoning permit either. Ferguson said that is right, we don't let them take the zoning permit without paying for the building permit, but they just don't come in for the zoning permit. Aungst said it would require a phone call at that time saying they need to come in for their zoning permit and Ferguson said we do that. Zimmerman asked if the office makes calls to these people and Ferguson said yes. Aungst said he will make calls for any permits not picked up after six months. Other discussion followed on the fees for the permits.

Aungst moved to waive three building permits (Haley, Reed, Wilgus), Zimmerman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

- ♦ Aungst asked the Board if any of them had looked at the Berkheimer list of employers and stated he would like each of them to add businesses to the list. Aungst said he would go over the list with Ferguson and have a Berkheimer rep come to discuss it with them.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 PM Zimmerman moved to adjourn the meeting, Aungst seconded the motion and all were in favor; motion carried 5 to 0 and meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer**

Approved by Board of Supervisors on June 14, 2006.