

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963
JULY 12, 2006 MEETING MINUTES



CALL TO ORDER - At 7:00 PM Chairman Larry Zimmerman called the July 12, 2006 meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending were Supervisors Zimmerman, Jerry Wise, Herman Clemens, Allen Aungst, and Judith Lehman. Also present were Solicitor Gino DiNicola, Sect. / Treas. Kathy Ferguson, Ken Lehman, Heath Machamer, Lynn Johnson, Tom Daubert, Bernie Kulkaski, Lillian Patten, Joe Keating, other residents; list on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- ♦ **Ken Lehman**, Vice President of the Paraclete Foundation explained their plans for the library and the escrow system that is set up for contributors. Lehman said if the library were not built, 90% of the money plus interest would go back to contributors with 10% of the money used for administrative needs. Lehman added there would be no indemnity to the Township or the Borough if the library failed, the Federal Government would bear the responsibility.

MINUTES / FINANCIAL ITEMS

- ♦ **June 14, 2006 Meeting Minutes** - Aungst moved to approve the minutes, Lehman seconded the motion. Aungst, Lehman, Zimmerman and Wise voted in favor and motion carried 4 to 0. Clemens abstained stating he was not present at the June 14th meeting.
- ♦ **Treasurer's Report** - Zimmerman said the General Fund beginning balance was \$215,194.41, the June General Fund receipts were \$67,282.35, June General Fund expenses were \$38,489.89 and the ending balance of the General Fund is \$243,986.87. Zimmerman said the Combined Township Fund ending balance is \$2,478,832.62. Clemens moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Approval of Bills** – Zimmerman moved to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$41,120.25, Clemens seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried 5 to 0.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD - None

REPORTS

Engineers Report / Planning Commission Report

- ♦ **Aldick Associates Water Expansion Plan** – Aungst moved to approve the plan, Clemens seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Swatara Creek Reduction in Letters of Credit** – Zimmerman stated the engineer had given his report. Aungst moved to reduce Swatara Creek Assisted Living parcel letter of credit by \$13,172.50 and to reduce the Independent Living parcel letter of credit by \$23,408.00. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Bonham Parcel A Sketch Plan of Record** – Aungst said this plan was an annexation to enlarge the parcel. Zimmerman moved to approve the plan, Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Newstead Development Lot Annexation** – Heath Machamer presented revised plans to the Board of Supervisors along with a letter stating Newstead recognizes the concerns of through traffic the Planning Commission expressed at their meeting and they acknowledge future planning should restrict traffic.

Newstead Development Lot Annexation, cont.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the traffic issue with Lynn Johnson and Tom Daubert of the Planning Commission. DiNicola said the Township engineer did not see a problem with the plan. Aungst moved to approve the plan, Zimmerman seconded the motion, Aungst, Zimmerman, Clemens, and Wise voted in favor of the motion, Lehman opposed the motion, motion carried 4 to 1. Lehman stated she opposed the motion because she agrees with the Planning Commission, a note should be added to the deed restricting traffic through the property.

- ♦ **Marilyn M. Henry Sketch Plan of Record** – Zimmerman moved to approve a waiver allowing Henry to proceed with a Sketch Plan of Record, Clemens seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Landfill Inspector – No comments were received.

Roadmaster – Roadmaster was not present. Line painting was discussed and the Board agreed Heinbach should get quotes for painting lines only on the new roads. Lehman said she would like to commend the road crew for their quick action in clean up during the flooding.

Zoning Officer – The Zoning Officer was not present. Zimmerman said there were fourteen permits and two were disapproved.

OLD BUSINESS

- ♦ **Paraclete Foundation Pledge** – Zimmerman asked if the Board of Supervisors wanted to reconsider the pledge in light of the information given by Ken Lehman. Clemens moved to rescind his motion of May 24, 2006 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, Lehman seconded the motion. Clemens, Lehman, Zimmerman and Wise voted in favor of the motion, Aungst opposed; motion carried 4 to 1. Clemens then moved to donate \$1,000 to the Paraclete Foundation, Lehman seconded the motion. Clemens, Lehman, Zimmerman voted in favor of the motion, Aungst and Wise opposed the motion; motion carried 3 to 2.
- ♦ **Fire Company Consolidation Task Force Representatives** – Wise volunteered to be the Supervisor representative. Aungst moved to appoint Donald Brown Jr. as Township representative. Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor; motion carried 5 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

- ♦ **New Zoning Permit Application Form** – The Board of Supervisors discussed the form Ferguson prepared and agreed to have Lehman and Clemens work on other improvements before printing it in triplicate. Aungst moved to approve using the revised zoning permit form the Board of Supervisors reviewed at the meeting, Clemens seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Berkheimer Update** – Aungst said he and Ferguson met with Jim Bush from Berkheimer and reviewed the employers list. Berkheimer also agreed to research the amount owed to the Township.
- ♦ **Offer to Sell Land behind Ravine Memorial to Township** – Zimmerman moved to pursue looking into the purchase, Clemens seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0. Lehman will contact the owner for more information.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ♦ **Post Office Request for Approval of Street Names** - Aungst moved to send a letter to the post office approving the street names submitted as recognized addresses in the Township. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

- ♦ **County Recycling Office Notice of Theft of Cans** – Zimmerman noted the letter received from the county.
- ♦ **DEP Letter re Swatara Village Wastewater Treatment Plant** - Zimmerman noted a letter was received from DEP in response to our letter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ♦ Zimmerman mentioned there was some concern the agenda meeting on Monday night had no public comment. DiNicola said the purpose of the meetings was for the Board to go over the agenda items but no deliberations would take place and public comment may not be required; he recommends they permit it but limit the time or defer it to the regular meeting. Wise asked if minutes are required and DiNicola said no because there are no deliberations.
- ♦ Zimmerman said the office received a record request from the Reading Eagle which he told Ferguson to hold until tonight's meeting. DiNicola said if Ferguson gets record requests that are questionable she should direct them to his office and Ferguson can review the memo he gave the Board of Supervisors. DiNicola said the Township must respond to the request and everything requested is public records. The Board of Supervisors agreed to have DiNicola call the Reading Eagle to follow up on the request.
- ♦ Zimmerman said in the July issue of the Township News magazine there was an article about what is required in the minutes. A lengthy discussion followed on how much the secretary should put in the minutes with suggestions the secretary read the article and be briefer with what is put into the minutes.
- ♦ Bernie Kulkaski of Meridian Precision expressed his concerns over the flooding which has crossed the 100 year flood line three times in the last ten years and asked the Board of Supervisors to consider developing a plan to avoid future flooding.
- ♦ Lillian Patten asked the Board of Supervisors for permission to hold a rabies clinic in the Township parking lot. Zimmerman moved to approve giving permission for the rabies clinic to be held in the Township parking lot. Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ Joe Keating presented pictures of the property next to his and said it was subdivided for residential use but is being used as a commercial property. Keating also complained his right of way is being restricted, the line of sight from his driveway is blocked and he had filed a complaint with the Township in January of 2006 but nothing was done. A lengthy discussion followed between Keating and Zimmerman.
- ♦ Tom Daubert said he would like the record to show the reason he wanted a note on the deed restricting traffic on the Newstead annexation is because Sweet Arrow Lake Road is a high accident road with a 3 to 1 ratio compared to other state roads.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 PM Zimmerman moved to adjourn the meeting, Clemens seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried 5 to 0 and meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer

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