
PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963

DECEMBER 9, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Larry Zimmerman called the December 9, 2009 meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 PM. Attending were Vice-Chairwoman Diane Tobin, Supervisors Allen Aungst, Judith Lehman and Jerry Wise. Solicitor Gino DiNicola was absent. Also present were Roadmaster Ralph Geist, Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Ferguson, Donald Wenrich, Jeffery Zimmerman, Bernie Kulkaski, and others; list on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Bernie Kulkaski said he would like to comment on Roberts Road. Gary Townsend expressed concern over the new Zoning Ordinance restrictions on outdoor furnaces. Zimmerman said he is sure furnaces already in use will be “grandfathered” in.

MINUTES / FINANCIAL ITEMS

- **November 11, 2009 Public Hearing Minutes**
- **November 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes**
Aungst moved to approve both meeting minutes, Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- **Treasurer’s Report, November 2009** – The November General Fund beginning balance was \$393,153.94. November receipts were \$95,939.16 and November expenses were \$111,158.77. The General Fund November ending balance was \$377,934.33 and the Combined Funds ending balance was \$3,972,728.81. Lehman moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

A lengthy discussion was held on investments and other financial issues with Ferguson providing details on current account balances. The Board of Supervisors took the following actions.

- 1) Tobin moved to transfer the amount of \$653,694.88 from the PLGIT CD that matured on December 7th to the Fulton Bank and wait until the January meeting to re-invest the available money. Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- 2) Tobin moved to approve the bill for the Recreation Area playground equipment (\$7,093.85) and transfer the DCED grant money (\$5,100.46) to the General Fund and close the DCED grant money account. Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- 3) Aungst moved to transfer \$36,000.00 from the DCNR grant account to the General Fund for partial payment of the Recreation Area bathroom and leave a balance in the DCNR grant account. Zimmerman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- 4) Aungst moved to transfer \$20,000 from the Recreation Area Savings account to the General Fund to assist in paying for the bathroom. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- 5) Tobin moved to reinvest the Fulton CD maturing on December 19th at the institution that gives us the highest rate. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

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- 6) Zimmerman moved to approve the payment of the first invoice from Grand Pix Excavating for the Roberts Road project (\$217,761.47). Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
 - 7) Zimmerman moved to approve payment of the second bill to L & K Construction for the Recreation Area bathroom (\$50,985.00). Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- Approval of Bills – Aungst moved to approve the bills totaling \$18,994.25 for payment. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Roberts Road – Bernie Kulkaski said there were two problems with the project, they hit the sewer line and the box culvert is 21" too high. Zimmerman said the box culvert placement is not a Township issue and won't cost us anything. Zimmerman said the problem with the sewer line is no one knows where the prints are or where the line is. Tobin asked if the line was marked when the PA One-Call was made and Zimmerman said yes, but they weren't even close. Zimmerman said it is an issue that should be looked at.

REPORTS

- **Roadmaster** – Aungst asked if Geist is checking on the Roberts Road project; Geist said yes.
- **Zoning Officer** – Zimmerman said there were three permits approved for November.
- **Engineers Report / Planning Commission Report** - The Board reviewed the Pine Grove Dollar General Final plan. Zimmerman moved to approve the plan, Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0. The Board reviewed the Butler Estate Planning Waiver request. Tom Daubert voiced concerns over the right-of-way for their previous subdivision. After a brief discussion, Zimmerman moved to approve the Butler Estate Planning Waiver request, Aungst seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- **Landfill Inspector** – Lehman noted a correction to her November report; the date was wrong. Aungst said Dan Grow gave a good daily report on his business at the landfill and feels this type of report from Judy would be more meaningful to the Board. Lehman said she has gone through this with him before, she does daily reports that are in the office, and a monthly summary is submitted to the Board.
- **Recreation Board** – Bonnie Brown said no meeting was held because no one showed up. It was noted there are two openings on the Board. Aungst said the electrical work in the bathroom should be completed tomorrow and the plumbing next week. Bonnie Brown said the second piece of equipment is in and asked about putting the mulch in. Ralph Geist said to let him know when they want to work on it and the road crew would help.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Adoption of Revised Zoning Ordinances** – Zimmerman said the ordinance has been advertised and the public hearing was held. Aungst moved to adopt the revised Zoning Ordinances and Wise seconded the motion. Aungst, Wise, Zimmerman and Lehman voted in favor of the motion, Tobin opposed the motion, motion carried 4 to 1.
- **UCC Appeals Board** – Aungst said the only change to the UCC inter-municipal agreement is removing Pine Grove Borough from the agreement because they never actually approved it the first time. Aungst said a resolution is also required to establish a Joint Appeals Board. Aungst said the other documents are the application for review by the Joint Appeals Board and

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instructions for the application form. Discussion followed on the documents and Aungst confirmed the documents were reviewed by the solicitor. The following actions were taken.

- 1) Aungst moved to approve the UCC Inter-Municipal Agreement with Tremont and Washington Townships, Zimmerman seconded the motion. Aungst, Zimmerman, Tobin and Wise voted in favor of the motion, Lehman opposed the motion; motion carried 4 to 1.
- 2) Aungst moved to approve Resolution #2009-06 to establish a Joint UCC Appeals Board with Tremont and Washington Townships, Wise seconded the motion. Zimmerman, Wise, Tobin and Aungst voted in favor of the motion, Lehman opposed the motion; motion carried 4 to 1.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2010 Budget** – Zimmerman moved to adopt the 2010 Budget as proposed, Wise seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- **January Township Meeting Date** – Tobin moved to hold the first regular township meeting of 2010 on January 13, 2010 at 7 PM. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- **Fulton Bank Rewards Card** – Tobin moved to approve the Secretary / Treasurer applying for a credit card for the Township with Fulton Bank. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **PA PUC / PPL Letter** – The Board briefly discussed the letter and decided no action needed to be taken to restrict PPL from releasing usage information contained in Township utility records.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Terry Ritzman** asked where the Dollar General will be located. Zimmerman said they plan to tear the old Freeman Insurance building down and build there.

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:33 PM Zimmerman moved to adjourn the meeting, Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 13, 2010