

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963

FEBRUARY 11, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Larry Zimmerman called the February 11, 2009 meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM. Attending were Supervisors Allen Aungst, Judith Lehman, Diane Tobin and Jerry Wise. Also present: Solicitor Gino DiNicola, Sect. / Treas. Kathy Ferguson, Roadmaster Ralph Geist, Zoning Officer Clinton Koontz, Donald Wenrich, Bernie Kulkaski, Larry Hoffman, residents and others; list on file.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Donald Wenrich asked to speak about the January 14<sup>th</sup> minutes, Bernie Kulkaski asked to speak about Roberts Road.

## MINUTES / FINANCIAL ITEMS

- ♦ **December 18, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes**
- ♦ **January 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes**
- ♦ **February 3, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes**

Donald Wenrich discussed Aungst’s motion on January 14<sup>th</sup> to rescind a prior motion he made. Wenrich claimed that previously Aungst had said he couldn’t do that and Aungst said that was not the case. Lehman moved to approve all of the minutes, Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

- ♦ **Treasurer’s Report** – The January General Fund beginning balance was \$329,222.43, January receipts were \$84,824.32 and January expenses were \$96,490.29. The General Fund January ending balance was \$317,556.46 and the Combined Funds ending balance was \$3,397,307.20. Aungst moved to approve the January Treasurer’s Report, Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor; motion carried 5 to 0.

Aungst said the PLGIT CD’s maturing on February 13<sup>th</sup> will yield \$1,290,120. Aungst moved to approve transferring \$600,000 of the PLGIT CD yield to Fulton Bank for the purchase of 9 month CD’s at a rate of 2.75% and reinvesting the balance at PLGIT in 9 month CD’s at a rate of 2%. Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

- ♦ **Approval of Bills** – Zimmerman moved to approve paying the bills totaling \$43,335.79. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD** - None

## REPORTS

**Committee Reports** – Aungst said he and Lehman would be meeting tomorrow to work on the personnel handbook.

Zimmerman placed the Roadmaster and Zoning Officer reports next on the agenda and asked that it be changed to that order on future agendas.

**Roadmaster** – The paving project was briefly discussed and Zimmerman said we received approval from Washington Township to coordinate paving of Birds Hill Road. Geist reported that Pine Grove Borough said they do not have the money to do their portion of the road. Zimmerman said Geist should give a copy of the estimate to Washington Township and go over the project with Joe Kretulskie.

**Zoning Officer** – Zimmerman said there were three approved permits in January. Tobin asked Koontz if he received a call about storm water. Koontz said Jane Cool called him and he called her back. Discussion followed on the storm water problem on the hill that is coming from the field on top. The Board agreed to have Zimmerman call the Schuylkill Conservation District to check into it and offer suggestions to the owners on how to correct the problem.

### Engineers Report / Planning Commission Report

- ♦ Arthur Aungst to Mark Aungst Sketch Plan of Record – Aungst moved to approved the plan, Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

**Landfill Inspector** – Aungst asked if the tonnage had increased and Lehman said it has decreased because a lot of waste is going out of state by rail. Bernie Kulkaski asked what percent of gas is being flared and Lehman explained the figures on her report.

**Recreation Board** – The February meeting was cancelled. Aungst said Frank Fox should have some plans for the bathroom facilities next week.

### OLD BUSINESS

- ♦ **Pine Hill Escrow Account** – DiNicola said he reviewed the Nestle agreement and had sent a letter to the Board. Discussion followed on returning the remaining money (approximately \$26,000) or asking Nestle to allow the Township to keep it for future maintenance of the road. Tobin moved to return the money to Nestle, Zimmerman seconded the motion. Tobin and Zimmerman voted in favor of the motion, Aungst, Lehman and Wise opposed the motion; motion was defeated 3 to 2. Aungst moved to send a letter asking Nestle to allow us to retain the money for future maintenance on Pine Hill and Scenic View roads, Lehman seconded the motion. Aungst, Lehman, Tobin and Wise voted in favor of the motion, Zimmerman opposed the motion; motion carried 4 to 1. The Board directed DiNicola to send the letter to Nestle.
- ♦ **Pine Grove Borough Hydrant Information** – Tobin said she talked to Tim Peters, Pine Grove Borough Council President, regarding the letter received about maintenance of the hydrants. Tobin said Peters said the Council did not mean to say they would not repair or replace the hydrants without us paying the cost because technically the hydrants do not belong to the Township. Tobin said she told Peters the Board of Supervisors would handle the request with the donations in May. Tobin said she told Peters it is not an issue of the Township not wanting to make a donation; we just wanted more information on maintenance of the hydrants. The Board agreed to consider it in May.
- ♦ **Roberts Road Project** – Zimmerman said they are waiting for the easements, when they come through the project can go out for bids. Tobin asked DiNicola if the Board could authorize the engineer to advertise when the easements are received. DiNicola said he reviewed the easement agreements and he saw no problem if the Board wanted to do that. Zimmerman moved to authorize the engineer to release the project for bid upon the receipt of all executed easements. Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **2009 Paving Project** – Aungst moved to approve preparing the paving project bids with project dates of June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup> and advertising for opening the bids on April 8, 2009. Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Clubhouse Road** – DiNicola said he sent a letter to Wiest but has not heard from him or Washington Township. Zimmerman said he will talk to Craig Morgan and Evanchalk at the Schuylkill Conservation District.
- ♦ **Short Term Disability Insurance** – Lehman had received more information on the plan offered by PSATS. Ferguson said Capital Blue Cross did not respond to numerous requests for information on a plan and Randy Stump said PSATS plan was a good one. The Board reviewed details of the plan from PSATS. Zimmerman moved to approve the Township paying for PSATS Plan A for full time employees, Aungst seconded the motion. Zimmerman, Aungst, Tobin and Wise voted in favor of the motion, Lehman opposed the motion. Motion carried 4 to 1. Lehman said she feels the Township should be getting the Plan B.

## NEW BUSINESS

- ♦ **2008 Financial Condition Report** – The Board reviewed the report. Aungst moved to authorize the chairman to sign the report as presented, Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- ♦ **PennDOT letter re Geary Wolfe Bridge** – Zimmerman said Ferguson can fill out the form, he doesn't see anything we have planned that would interfere with the bridge. Zimmerman said the only event that uses the bridge is the Halloween parade. The Board also noted in the comments we should ask for a walkway on the bridge because of the Appalachian Trail and people use it to walk to work in the industrial park.
- ♦ **PSATS Retirement Plan** – The Board briefly discussed the plan and tabled the item until next month.
- ♦ **Council of Government Meeting** – Aungst said he plans to attend the Council of Government meeting on February 17th at 7 PM at the Saint Clair Fish & Game.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- ♦ **Larry Hoffman** asked who owns Clubhouse Road and Zimmerman said the County does, but we plow it. Hoffman said his daughter Amanda was missed in the mailing from the landfill and Lehman assured him if he reported it to the office she would get a letter from the landfill.
- ♦ **Bernie Kulkaski** said if the Geary Wolfe Bridge is replaced and the hydraulic capacity increases there will be two tanks at the old sewer plant that will be flooded.
- ♦ **Bernie Kulkaski** asked about the speed limit changes and the Board said DiNicola has been authorized to advertise for the changes.
- ♦ **Wise** moved to give eligible employees the option to upgrade their short term disability plan and pay for the difference. Zimmerman seconded the motion all were in favor; motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Tobin** presented the PLGIT procurement card plan as an option in place of the current Township credit card. The Board agreed to review it before taking action next month.
- ♦ **Ferguson** asked the Board if she should forward the resident complaint about the mattresses on a property to the Health Officer. Aungst said he spoke to the person with the mattresses and they are trying to take care of it, he asked Lehman to check with the landfill to see if they would accept the mattresses. The Board said Ferguson should send a letter to the person who filed the complaint saying the board is checking into it. Tobin questioned why the Health Officer needs to be called out by the Board of Supervisors. After discussion, the Board agreed the Secretary could call the Health Officer to investigate situations when necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT** - At 8:58 PM Aungst moved to adjourn the meeting, Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 11, 2009.