

**PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963  
JUNE 10, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Larry D. Zimmerman called the June 10, 2009 meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 PM. Attending were Supervisors Larry D. Zimmerman, Diane Tobin, Allen Aungst, Jerry Wise, and Judy Lehman. Office Assistant Becky Ibarra was in attendance along with others (list on file). Roadmaster Ralph Geist and Zoning Officer Clinton Koontz were also absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENA ITEMS** – Bernie Kulkaski said he would like to comment on the Roberts Road Project.

**MINUTES/FINANCIAL ITEMS**

- ♦ **May 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes and June 4, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes** – Aungst made a motion to approve all three sets of meeting minutes. Tobin seconded the motion, all were favor and motion carried 5-0.
- ♦ **Treasurer’s Report** - The May General Fund beginning balance was \$303,822.29, May receipts were \$71,174.53 and May expenses were \$43,033.70. The General Fund May ending balance was \$331,963.12 and the Combined Funds ending balance was \$3,626,417.89. Aungst noted there was a formatting error on the report under the beginning balance on the third line. Tobin moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor; motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Approval of Bills** - Tobin moved to approve paying the bills totaling \$23,549.75. Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD** – None

**REPORTS**

**Roadmaster** – Roadmaster was not present. No questions or comments were received.

**Zoning Officer** – Zoning Officer was not present. Zimmerman said there were seven approved permits in May. Lehman asked if it was customary to have a blank diagram area on the zoning permit application. Lehman showed the Board of Supervisors a copy of an approved zoning permit application for Douglas Dinklocker (permit #12-09). The application did not have any diagrams drawn. Zimmerman told Lehman to ask Koontz about the permit since he is the Zoning Officer. Lehman commented that she was happy to see that Glenn D. Brown received a home occupation permit because of the complaints filed in the past. Lehman asked about the Matt Brandt refund on the zoning permit application because on the permit it was noted that per Supervisor Larry Zimmerman, the permit could not be processed at this time. Lehman asked about the meaning of this. Zimmerman stated the plans would need to go through the Planning Commission first. A discussion took place between Zimmerman, Lehman, and Tobin on the permit process. Zimmerman said he was not answering any more questions and told Lehman and Tobin to read their book. Lehman noted that Zimmerman should not be involved in the permit process, that’s the job of the Zoning Officer. Zimmerman told Lehman that if she thought he did something wrong, then she should get a lawyer and sue him.

**Committee Reports** – None

**Engineers Report/Planning Commission Report**

- ♦ **Paradise Manor Sewage Module** – Tobin moved to authorize Zimmerman to sign the module, Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

**Engineers Report/Planning Commission Report, continued**

- ♦ **Swatara State Park Final Plan** – Aungst moved to approve the plan, Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Flood Elevation Certificates** – Zimmerman noted the Board should probably not take any action on these tonight. Tobin noted the certificates just came in today. Zimmerman noted the report is here to review and Benesch noted they would like to meet with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the certificates. Larry noted they should also discuss the zoning changes in the meeting as well. The Board of Supervisors chose two dates to meet with Benesch: June 25<sup>th</sup> or June 29<sup>th</sup> – both at 6:30. Zimmerman told Ibarra to check with Dave Horst and see which date works best for him and to advertise the date.

**Landfill Inspector** – Lehman noted the QDAT has started to come up and the landfill is receiving more waste. A discussion on the reduction in the well monitoring was held. Lehman noted the monitoring is going from quarterly to two times a year. Donald Wenrich asked about the number of wells monitored. Lehman said she does not know off hand. Lehman noted there are private wells outside of the perimeter that are monitored as well. Lehman noted she spoke to DEP about the reduction and they are fine with the reduction. Gino noted that unless the Board of Supervisors has any objections, there is no need to take any action on this item.

**Recreation Board** – Bonnie Brown asked when the electric and pipe installments were to be started. Aungst noted the engineer is drawing the plans now and the drawings should be back by the end of next week. Aungst noted the pads for the benches were dug. A discussion was held on the amount of concrete that would be needed. Aungst asked for permission to allow a member of the Township road crew to get a buggy and get the concrete. Zimmerman made a motion to allow the use of a buggy, Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0. Gino noted he received a phone call from Eric Andreus (Nestle Waters North America). Eric could not make it to tonight's meeting. Aungst noted the Board of Supervisors sent a letter and a check to Nestle Waters. Gino suggested the Township call Eric to discuss the use of the funds. Gino will provide Eric's contact information.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- ♦ **Roberts Road Project** – Kulkaski noted he is disappointed that DEP knocked the permits down due to the small size of the culvert. Aungst noted that Chris Bentz (Alfred Benesch) is working on replying to the comments from DEP. A discussion was held on the angle of the culvert. Kulkaski asked if we need to get our representatives involved. Zimmerman said no because we got our response from DEP. Kulkaski asked if it was possible to get the project completed this year. Zimmerman said it depends on Bentz's comments back to DEP.
- ♦ **Building Permits Issued by Township** – Tobin noted she is still looking into the Township's process of issuing permits as there seems to be a lack of checks and balances. A discussion was held on other township's processes. Tobin thought the Township submitted a report to Light-Heigel for follow up of necessary UCC Reports. Ibarra noted the Township Office does not send a report to Light-Heigel. Tobin said that the Township is relying on the applicant to call Light-Heigel regarding the UCC permit. Zimmerman said he thought we were notifying Light-Heigel. Aungst noted the applicant has to sign on the zoning application that they will contact Light-Heigel. A discussion was held as to when Light-Heigel should be notified about approved permits from the Township. Gino noted that perhaps the Board of Supervisors should meet with Light-Heigel to set up a procedure as to when to notify Light-Heigel. Tobin moved to have the Township Office notify Light-Heigel when a zoning permit is approved followed by the building permit approval, Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0. Gino confirmed that the Township Office is still sending copies of all zoning permits to the tax assessment office.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- ♦ **Double T Realty Request for Extension** – Ibarra noted that Frank Gertzen (owner) is requesting a 60-day extension for the recording of the approved plan. The plan was approved by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors without having an improvement's agreement or bond, so the plan cannot be released for recording until this information is received. Ibarra noted the SALDO requirement that all approved plans must be recorded within 90 days of approval, unless an extension has been granted by the Township Supervisors. The 90 days is set to expire for the recording. Zimmerman moved to approve the request for the 60-day extension, Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- ♦ **DEP Grant Approval – Host Municipal Inspector Program** – Zimmerman said the letter was included in the folder. Lehman noted the Township is being reimbursed \$26,451.39 for half of the Host Municipal Inspector's salary and expenses.
- ♦ **Waste Management – Reduction in Well Monitoring** – This item was discussed with the Landfill Inspector Report

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- ♦ **Terry Ritzman** asked Wise for an update on the fire company merger. Wise noted it was on hold and Greg Pijar indicated to him that interest seems to be going away. Wise noted the future is unknown for this merger. Tobin said a fire company meeting should be held and Wise noted that was probably a good idea. Wise will send out requests for a meeting. Tobin noted she would check her calendar and get back to Wise.
- ♦ **Bonnie Brown** asked how the mower was working. Zimmerman noted the road crew is using it and he has not heard any complaints. Lehman noted she has received complaints from the road crew that it does work, but is awful hard to move.
- ♦ **Donald Wenrich** noted that after hearing tonight's discussions, the Township needs some czars here.
- ♦ **Bernie Kulkaski** noted Ravine Fire Company was practicing in front of his business and some of them stated the merger died due to lack of Township support.
- ♦ **Gino DiNicola** discussed Club House Road. He noted that he circulated a draft copy of the agreement to the county. He sent the Township Office a copy of Moen's easement – he needs to get copy of signed paperwork back.
- ♦ **Diane Tobin** asked about the UCC appeals board. Aungst noted the need to meet again because the borough is dropping out and the Township will probably need to re-write their appeals. Aungst heard the borough went with Benesch for their appeals.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 8:15 PM the Board of Supervisors and DiNicola entered into executive session. The meeting resumed at 9:06 PM with no decisions made.

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 9:06 PM Zimmerman moved to adjourn the meeting, Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Becky Ibarra, Recording Secretary

**Approved by the Board of Supervisors on 7/8/09.**