

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963

AUGUST 13, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Larry Zimmerman called the August 13, 2008 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, Bernie Kulkaski, Grace Korteweg, Roberta Jelicks, Thomas G. Williams Sr., Janet Krammes, Lillian Patten, Terry Ritzman, other residents; list on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - Bernie Kulkaski said he would like to comment on Roberts Road and the Roadmaster's report.

MINUTES / FINANCIAL ITEMS

- ♦ **July 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes** – Aungst questioned if the motion to hire Dan Grow as alternate Host Municipal Inspector should state when required by the Township. DiNicola said he did not feel it was necessary to add the statement. Aungst moved to approve the minutes, Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Treasurer's Report** – Zimmerman said the General Fund beginning balance in July was \$207,468.88, July receipts were \$276,054.00, July expenses were \$43,755.15 and the General Fund ending balance is \$439,767.73; the Combined Funds ending balance is \$3,300,187.92. Aungst moved to approve the report and Wise seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Inter-fund Transfers** – Zimmerman moved to approve the transfer of \$201,272.80 in 2nd quarter Host municipal fees from the General Fund to the Capital Reserves Fund. Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0. Zimmerman moved to transfer the Pine Hill escrow amount from Capital Reserves to the General Fund. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Approval of Bills** – Tobin moved to approve paying the bills totaling \$500,918.91 (includes a transfer of \$201,272.80 in Host fees to Capital Reserves and a \$270,206.16 payment of paving project to be reimbursed by Liquid Fuels and Pine Hill Road escrow account). Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – No one requested to be on the agenda to address the Board.

REPORTS

Committee Reports – Bernie Kulkaski asked for an update on the Roberts road project. Zimmerman (Property & Roads) read the report from Benesch about the Roberts Road project and discussion followed on trying to get the project done before the winter.

Engineers Report / Planning Commission Report

- ♦ **Keefer to Kepner Preliminary Plan** – Aungst moved to approve the plan, Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor; motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Mary Lehman Plan Sewage Module** – Lehman moved to approve the sewage module, Zimmerman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **Larry Zimmerman Plan Sewage Module** – Zimmerman discussed the flag lot approval given by the Planning Commission and the possible need for a variance. Tobin moved to approve the sewage module, Aungst seconded the motion. Tobin, Aungst, Wise and Lehman voted in favor of the motion, Zimmerman opposed the motion. Motion carried 4 to 1.
- ♦ **Swatara State Park Waiver Requests** - Aungst moved to approve the holding tank ordinance waivers as approved by the Planning Commission. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried 5 to 0.
- ♦ **SALDO Final Draft** – Aungst moved to hold a public hearing on October 29, 2008 at 7 PM in the Township Building. Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Landfill Inspector – No comments were received on the report.

Recreation Board – Aungst said there was no meeting held.

Roadmaster – Roadmaster was not present. Bernie Kulkaski submitted a letter to the Board asking that the speed limit on Old Forge road be reduced to 25 mph and speed bumps installed to slow down traffic on the road. Zimmerman said a study must be done and the ordinance would have to be amended to change the speed limit; he added that speed bumps are not allowed on public roads. Aungst said the Board should look at the speed limits in some other areas also and suggested it be researched for the next meeting. Zimmerman asked Lehman to have the Roadmaster check into who can do the studies on the roads.

Zoning Officer – Zoning Officer was not present. Zimmerman said there were four approved permits for July.

♦ **Zoning Office Hours** - Wise requested an executive session to discuss the item.

Executive Session – At 7:58 PM the Board and Solicitor DiNicola entered into executive session. At 8:17 PM the meeting resumed. Solicitor DiNicola said no action would be taken as a result of the executive session and announced the chairman had left unexpectedly because he was ill. Vice-chairman Allen Aungst chaired the remainder of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- ♦ **Line Striping Bid Opening** – Aungst opened bids from the following companies: Berks Traffic Inc (\$18,549.43), Interstate Road Management (\$16,502.64) and Alpha Space Control (\$18,261.41). Aungst said the bids are over the amount budgeted for line striping and there was discussion of taking some money from Liquid Fuels to pay part of it and also to have Pine Hill Road and Scenic View Road paid from the escrow account. Tobin moved to award the project to Interstate Road Management of Hazleton as lowest bidder, contingent upon review of the bid package. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.
- ♦ **Landfill Gas Proposed Agreement** – DiNicola said he would like to hold an executive session later on this item.
- ♦ **Contractors Ordinance** – DiNicola distributed a draft ordinance to the Board to review for next month's meeting.
- ♦ **Membership in the One Call System** – This item was tabled until next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- ♦ **Donald E. Brown III Eagle Scout Resolution and Award** – Tobin moved to approve Resolution #2008-10 recognizing Donald E. Brown III as an Eagle Scout, Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0. The Board presented a plaque to Brown and congratulated him on his achievement.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ♦ **Swatara Village Residents Complaint** - Grace Korteweg of Swatara Village spoke about her written complaint concerning the water at Swatara Village. Other residents of the community were present and expressed their concerns about the lack of water and the quality of the water. Roberta Jelicks said Aldick Associates is the water association for the residents and there have been problems with the water for over ten years, she fears Mr. Feeser does not have the money to finish the new well and asked the Board of Supervisors if they would consider taking it over with a municipal water authority. Thomas G. Williams Sr. submitted a copy of a letter he wrote to State Rep. Tim Seip and other officials regarding the water situation. Williams said the PUC held a meeting with Mr. Feeser to let him know what he needs to do. After further discussion, Aungst moved to send a letter to the PUC and a copy to all those addressed in Mr. William's letter stating the Township has received numerous complaints with the Aldick Associates water supply to Swatara Village. Wise seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ♦ **Terry Ritzman** said Zimmerman told him there was a complaint about a fire company member. Aungst said it was about unlicensed vehicles on his property and would be handled privately.
- ♦ **Janet Krammes** said she called the Zoning Officer three months ago and he never called her back about the dog grooming business her neighbor has. Krammes asked if the Zoning Officer does anything about the calls he gets and discussion followed. Aungst said the Board could ask that he submit a report on complaints. Lillian Patten said that would be a good idea. Krammes also discussed the issue of guinea hens running loose from her neighbor's property and the need for a zoning ordinance concerning animals. Aungst said that Krammes should file written complaints in the office. Krammes said she and her daughter had already done that and it had not helped. It was noted that zoning ordinances will be reviewed after the SALDO is revised.
- ♦ **Joan Schwer** asked if it had been discussed about the Borough supplying water to the Swatara Village area. Aungst said it had been discussed at one time. Schwer said may be it is time to bring it up again or get the municipal authority active again. Tobin said the Joint Authority had requested the Borough supply water to that area and there had been a million dollar grant available, but the Borough had denied the request for water.
- ♦ **Lehman** asked the Board about pursuing crack sealing on the roads for this year. Aungst said money was budgeted for it and Ralph should get some prices to do it.
- ♦ **Lehman** asked the Board to consider until the next meeting the forming of a citizen's advisory board to advise them on spending the money received from the Landfill's host fees.
- ♦ **Ferguson** said a resident asked about putting a driveway on a private road (Sparrow Lane). Ferguson asked what to tell the resident since there are several other driveways on that road and we don't issue driveway permits on private roads. Aungst said he needs to find out if his property goes up to the road, if he has a deeded right-of-way on that road he is fine. DiNicola said if it is a private road he would have to get an easement agreement from the property owner.
- ♦ **Aungst** said he thinks the Zoning Officer and the Roadmaster should be required to attend at least nine of the regular meetings each year in order to answer questions; they have a responsibility to the community. Aungst moved to require the attendance of the Zoning Officer and the Roadmaster at nine of the regular township meetings each year. Lehman questioned requiring nine and Aungst said he thinks it should be nine. Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor; motion carried 4 to 0.

Executive Session – The Board entered into executive session at 9:10 PM for discussion on Landfill gas negotiations. At 9:21 PM the meeting resumed.

Landfill Gas Negotiations – Tobin moved to have DiNicola draw up an agreement with the Landfill for review at the next meeting. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT - At 9:23 PM Aungst moved to adjourn the meeting, Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 10, 2008.