

MONTHLY MEETING - JUNE 9, 2009 - 6:30 P.M.

Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market Street, Elysburg, PA 17824

Chairman Howard Shadduck called meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Shadduck announced that there was an executive session held prior to the regular meeting for personnel issues.

Responding to roll call were Supervisors Howard Shadduck, Blaine Madara, Ed Payeskie and Supervisor Chip Wetzel. It was noted that Joe Shirvinski plans to arrive shortly. Also attending were Township Manager Joe Springer, Township Engineer Michele Aukerman, Roadmaster Bill Hoy; Steve Major, Chairman Planning Commission; Code Enforcement Officer Howard Howal; Chief of Police Stuart Appel; Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson, Justin Strawser, reporter News-Item; Rob Anderson, Anderson Construction; a representative from Charles Stine Construction; Pat Ward from Unitec; and 3 interested citizens.

Bidding process for Gymnasium Refinishing was officially closed.

Bids for Gymnasium Refinishing were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$6,140.00 for the Gymnasium Refinishing project. On the question: award is contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

CITIZENS INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS –

Jack Lakitis brought up the street light issue from past meeting. Chairman Shadduck read a memo to those in attendance of the research done by Chief Appel and Secretary/Treasurer Olson. This will be discussed later in the agenda.

MINUTES of May 12, 2009 regular meeting were approved on Wetzel/Madara motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Wetzel/Madara motion and carried.

BILLS were approved for payment on Payeskie/Madara motion. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Northumberland Assessment Bureau Tax Refund Request was discussed. Madara/Shadduck motioned to pay refund for reassessment. Motion carried unanimously.
- DEP Act 101 Recycling Performance Grant letter was read.
- Elysburg Fire Company Ambulance Committee Request for Funding. Payeskie/Wetzel made a motion to disburse a \$40,000 payment to the Elysburg Fire Company #1 and EMS. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Shirvinski arrived at the meeting at 7 p.m.

Trevor Knoebel of Three Ponds Golf Course made a presentation to the supervisors to ask the municipality to file for an exemption from a noise ordinance for loud speakers, band, etc. at Three Ponds Golf Course. The municipality needs to ask the PLCB(Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board) to hold a hearing to have their voice be heard. The Supervisors gave Solicitor Kerstetter permission to look into this situation with the PLCB. Shirvinski/Wetzel motioned. Motion carried. Payeskie abstained from the vote.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION – Steve Major, Chairman

- Creekside Subdivision request for 90 day extension. Chairman Major filled in the supervisors on where the plans are at with this subdivision. Mr. T. Bryce James addressed the board. Payeskie made the motion to grant the 90 day extension and Madara seconded it. Motion carried.
- Approval of Queen of Most Holy Rosary classroom building addition. Madara/Shirvinski motioned. Carried unanimously.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- Citizen, Andy Konjura, came to the board with a water run-off problem on his property on Alpha Ave within the right of way. The supervisors want to wait until after the future paving to see if the crowning of the road does help the situation.
- Have the secretary do a letter to Jack Genners, Jr., property owner on corner of Hemlock and Pine Streets to return the original swale in his yard back to the original condition.
- Grader repair came in below actual bid for repair.
- Wetzel/Madara put the grader and 2001 Chevy Pickup on the PSATS website and advertise for sealed bids and place both units out by the road on Township Property. Motion carried unanimously.
- Street light project will be looked into by solicitor as to how they are paid for and if by the residents near the light.
- The supervisors asked Chief Appel to review the traffic signal timing.
- Roadmaster, Bill Hoy, called companies for line painting quotes. Wetzel/Shirvinski motioned to have Interstate Road Management do the double yellow line painting. Motion carried.
- Mr. Payeskie brought up the paper street behind the Post Office. Secretary is to send a letter to Mrs. Bebenek stating that the township is unable to help her with the pipe on the paper street.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Roof repair will be discussed at a future date.
- Boiler Replacement will be put out for bids for next month.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY –Wetzel.

- Police report was read.
- Officer Spade and Corporal Chowka were commended for their excellent service over the past weekend in handling 2 different situations that were reported.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT read by Supervisor Shirvinski.

- There were 8 permits issued and fees of \$815.00 collected. Several Occupancy Permits were issued, collected \$75 fine for violation of the burning ordinance and notified several individuals relative to weed ordinance and all have complied.

RECREATION – Madara

- Looking into gym door replacement.
- Look into hinge on restroom door at the playground.

RECYCLING – Shaddock

- No report

MANAGER'S REPORT – by Joe Springer

- PSATS Act 32 seminar Mr. Springer attended dealing with Earned Income Tax collection. Need a representative to the commission appointed before September 15, 2009, with one alternate. Madara/Wetzel motioned to make Mr. Springer, Township Manager the representative to the committee with the chairman of the board being the alternate. Motion carried.
- Youth Worker application was accepted. Township Manager will take care of application and specify our requirements and make sure it concurs with AFSCME approval. Payeskie/Madara motioned, carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

- Solicitor Kerstetter made the supervisors aware of the County Tax Sale taking place.
- Solicitor was asked to follow up with Sunoco on possible purchase of adjacent land.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

- Queen of Most Holy Rosary Building Project have answered her questions in regard to Storm Water Management.
- Henry, William D. site development, as instructed by supervisors working to prepare the stormwater calculations to ensure that the proposed stormwater management facilities will perform as originally designed by the Developer's engineer. Ms. Auckerman will contact the Henry's to make sure they are aware of the direction this is going.
- Creekside Subdivision discussed earlier.
- Airport Apron Expansion, have received revised plans for this project and have reviewed them in accordance with Township's ordinance. She will tell developer that they need to get the plans to the township planning commission for review for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Auditors positions** - 1 position remains to be filled.
- **Municipal Authority of Sunnyside/Overlook**, 1 vacancy, 5 year term, term would expire January 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Elysburg Alliance church will hold event in parking lot June 6, 2009 and have certificate of insurance and waiver signed and delivered to Township Office.

- Supervisors will need paint color samples prior to start of the refinishing of the gymnasium project.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

Chairman Shadduck announced that there would be an executive session to discuss personnel matters at this time.

ADJOURNMENT at 9 PM on motion by Wetzel/Madara.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary