

MONTHLY MEETING - JULY 14, 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 6:30 p.m. and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Responding to roll call were Supervisors Howard Shadduck, Blaine Madara, Ed Payeskie, Joe Shirvinski and Supervisor Chip Wetzel. 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; County Commissioner Kurt Maser; Trevor Knoebel, 3 Ponds Golf Course; and 6 interested citizens.

Re-bidding process for Boiler Replacement was officially closed.

Bids for Boiler Replacement were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Payeskie/Shirvinski motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$24,808.73 for the Boiler Replacement project. On the question: award is contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

Bid Opening – Bids for the 2001 Chevy Pickup were publicly opened and recorded. On a motion by Payeskie and second by Madara the bid was awarded to the apparent highest bidder, Thomas Lynott, for \$2,810. Motion carried. (see tabulation sheet)

Bid Opening – Bids for the 1983 John Deere Grader were publicly opened and recorded. Madara/Payeskie made a motion to reject all bids. Motion was unanimous. (see tabulation sheet).

CITIZENS INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS –

MINUTES of June 9, 2009 regular meeting were approved on Payeskie/Wetzel motion and carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT was accepted as presented on Wetzel/Shirvinski motion and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE –

- DEP Letter regarding Mid Valley Coal Sales, Inc., solicitor was asked to call and look into this matter.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION – Steve Major, Chairman

- Creekside Subdivision no further plans have come to the Planning Commission for review. A letter was sent to Mr. James and Mr. Honaberger explaining when the 90 extension would expire by the Chairman of the Planning Commission, Steve Major.
- Approval of Queen of Most Holy Rosary classroom building addition was made last month. Additional copies of plans for signature arrived and are now ready for developer to pickup.
- Newly changed Northumberland County Airport Taxiway plans were delivered to Supervisor’s office this morning with a letter addressing all the concerns the Planning

Commission had after their meeting. The Township Engineer agreed that all of her concerns have also now been met. A letter from the Northumberland County Planning Commission is expected in the near future. Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to accept the Construct Taxiway "A", Phase 1 Design Airport Plans. Motion carried 4-1, Supervisor Shadduck voted against.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- Mr. Springer explained the research he and the secretary had done for the Jack Lakitis's request for Street Lights. Research shows that unless 75% of citizens involved would want to petition to have the light placed and then charged to them via tax the township does not look into putting up new lights unless deemed hazardous by PennDot. The intersections in questions were not deemed hazardous by PennDot historical research. Mr. Lakitis was asked to get the other people in the development involved if he wants to go any further with his request.
- Chief Appel did a study on the traffic light timing and feels the signal is working correctly since the maintenance that was done last month. He hasn't viewed any unnecessary delays in the past month. He was asked to get the actual permit the township has so that the supervisors could see it.
- The tar and chipping will be done in the township tomorrow.
- A complaint letter was received from a township business that Meckley's, the company that did our paving project, parked on their property and caused them to have a loss of time in their business. The secretary was instructed to ask Meckley's to send an apology letter.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Roof repairs on the Library/etc., upper roof were discussed. Mr. Springer explained how the CSIU does roof bidding. Madara/Payeskie made a motion to have Mr. Springer get in touch with CSIU to do a bid on the whole roof and the parts of the roof that need immediate replacement or repair. Motion carried.
- Playground fence straight out from Library steps needs to be repaired. Supervisor Madara will look into the repair. He will call Whistle Stop to patch the fence.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY –Wetzel.

- Police report was read.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT read by Supervisor Shirvinski.

- There were 15 permits issued and fees of \$1,306.32 collected. Several Occupancy Permits were issued, sent notices to 2 individuals relative to weed ordinance. Owners have complied. Issued 2 permits to non-profit organizations for banners at Turkey Hill.

RECREATION – Madara

- Looking into gym door replacement. Need to have this replaced prior to winter season. Mr. Madara will get quotes on this project.

RECYCLING – Shadduck

- Supervisor Shadduck has been in contact with Jeff's Recycling and Coal Township Recycling and the mixed goods are happening much less with the student worker on staff for the summer. Will be keeping hours the same for right now.

MANAGER'S REPORT – by Joe Springer

- The paint color for the building has been chosen and contractor has been notified.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

- Solicitor was asked to follow up with Sunoco on possible purchase of adjacent land will be talked about in executive session.
- Wetzel motioned to accept resolution 2009-06 for the Ralpho Township to file a petition for Exemption for the Liquor Control Board's Regulations Regarding Amplified Music in the entire Township, Madara seconded the motion. Motion carried, Supervisor Payeskie abstained from voting. Mr. Trevor Knoebel of 3 Ponds Golf Course and Mr. Curt Masser of Wayside Inn, both spoke in support of the Township passing the resolution.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

- Henry, William D. site development, Township Engineer did the calculations to determine if their engineer facilities were going to do the job that they had tried and unfortunately the calculations will not work. They are prepared to being basically a design on that facility for them on that lot once they receive the go ahead from them and their solicitor which she understands is coming anytime now.
- Creekside Subdivision was discussed earlier.
- Vista Ultra site. The engineering firm has been in contact with Gutelius Excavating, they have had discussions with Mr. Gutelius himself and they are willing to take a look at the site with Uni-Tec.
- Airport Apron Expansion was discussed earlier.

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.
- Follow up on property on Hemlock & Pine Streets. A letter will be sent to Property Owner by the Solicitor to be sure the swale is returned to its original condition in his yard.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mossy Point Campground Holding Tank security bond continuation form was received after 3 reminders were sent.
- Supervisor's Office will be closed from 7-16-09 through 7-24-09 for vacation. Office will reopen on 7-27-09. The answering machine greeting will state that the office is closed for this period of time and the Township Manager will check phone messages periodically.
- New assessment maps will be ordered from the Northumberland County Assessment Office. They will be ordered for \$130 total.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

Chairman Shadduck announced that there would be an executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigation issues at this time.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:55 p.m. PM on motion by Madara/Wetzel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary