

MONTHLY MEETING - AUGUST 11, 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.

A Moment of Silence in Honor of Joan E. Baskin.

There was an executive session prior to the meeting for possible land acquisition.

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; Code Enforcement Officer Howard Howal; Chief of Police Stuart Appel; Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; and 2 interested citizens.

CITIZENS INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS –

Lorraine Kuhar a resident from Deerfield Townhomes asked that the board request a traffic survey of Penn Ave near the Deerfield. Once a reply is sent from PennDot she asked that we please forward it to her because she has someone else who is willing to help her from that point. Shirvinski/Wetzel motioned to have a letter sent to PennDot to have a traffic study on Penn Ave in the Deerfield area regarding guide rails. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES of July 14, 2009 regular meeting were approved on Wetzel/Shirvinski motion and carried.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Northeastern ITS Permit Applications to DEP were discussed.
- 2nd Quarter 2009 Investment Reports for pensions were received from TCG Investment and available for review in the Township Office.
- Received a thank you from for participating in the SEE Central PA program from PA CareerLink. The board requested that the secretary send a letter to CareerLink thank them for the employee they provided for the township. It was also discussed that a letter be sent to the employee that worked for the township through the program to thank him and also let him know if he is ever in need of a reference letter to just let us know and we will help him out with that.
- Aqua Pennsylvania permits to DEP for Roadarmel Lane Watermain replacement were discussed. The supervisors want a letter written to Aqua asking if they could help us with a 5 or 10 year plan for future repairs so that we can plan ahead as a township with any road refinishing.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION – Joe Springer, Township Manager

- Citizen came in on a property that he wanted to improve and he was directed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a zoning variance.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- Complaint from Dan Schiel about Bear Hollow Road and Jepko Road. 2 supervisors and the roadmaster all drove the roads in question and for secondary roads they think they are in really good shape.
- Meckley's paving did a pretty good job and at the end of the Fairview and Parkview the road just ends and they did a turn around. All in all it was a good job.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Roof repairs on the Library/etc., upper roof were discussed. Tremco is the vendor with CSIU. We are able to piggy back on that. The rep should be in contact with Joe prior to the next meeting with a price per square foot.
- Playground fence has not been looked into yet.
- Gym Refinishing is taking place right now. They are doing the scraping and preparing of the building for the paint. There are some unused light fixtures on the building that need to be taken down so they are sealed and can be painted over. The street crew will take care of that.
- Boiler replacement was discussed with a deadline of November 1st. The secretary has sent the contract for signatures and is awaiting the return of the signed contract.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY- Wetzel was read by Supervisor Wetzel.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT read by Supervisor Shirvinski.

- There were 11 permits issued and fees of \$434.93 collected. Several Occupancy Permits were issued, handled several weed complaints, burn barrel. Reviewed plans for Aqua PA line upgrade.

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

- Closed Saturday, September 5 for the Labor Day holiday, reopening Tuesday, September 8.

MANAGER'S REPORT – by Joe Springer

- The contractor doing the refinishing of the gymnasium recommended an upgrade of paint per recommendation of a Sherwin Williams rep. It would be a \$2,200 increase in project on at \$6,800 job. Supervisors chose not to upgrade. The important part in any painting project is the preparation work and that appears to be progressing well.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

- Solicitor was asked to follow up with Sunoco on possible purchase of adjacent land. This was talked about in executive session to consider land acquisition.
- Shamokin Township Solicitor contacted Mr. Kerstetter to do a trench in Bridge Street. Payeskie/Wetzel to allow chairman to sign an easement for road excavation by the Coal Township sewer plant. Motion carried.
- The LCB hearing will be on Thursday, August 13 at 1 p.m. in the meeting room.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

- Henry, William D. site development, Unitec has received direction from the Henrys to prepare a stormwater management plan that will manage the stormwater from the paved parking lot. They anticipate having a design completed by next month's Supervisor's meeting.
- Creekside Subdivision, have not received additional information or a response to our June 2nd review letter.
- Vista Ultra site will be discussed in executive session after the meeting because of possible litigation.

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. Property owner has paid the township to return the swale back to original condition and he will plant grass this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wetzel/Shirvinski made a motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurer to attend a QuickBooks training on September 24 for a fee of \$75. Motion carried.
- Payeskie/Madara motioned to give a \$100 donation to the Ralpho Township Library in memory of Joan E. Baskin. Motion carried unanimously. Joan dedicated 19 years of her life to serve Ralpho Township.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

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

ADJOURNMENT at 7:22 p.m. PM on motion by Wetzel/Madara.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary