

FEBRUARY 27, 2017 SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

The Polk Township Supervisors met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, 2/27/17 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 165 Polk Twp. Rd., Kresgeville, PA. Supervisors Brian K. Ahner; Michael D. Hurley; Carl S. Heckman; Solicitor James V. Fareri; Engineer Russell R. Kresge Jr.; Zoning/Codes Officer Gerald Zurat; and Treasurer Beverly A. Christman were present. PA House Representative Jack Radar was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Brian Ahner moved to approve the 1/23/17 Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: (1)...PSATS Week in Review 1/20; 1/27; Jan. News Bulletin; Legal Defense Newsletter..(2)... Community Night-3/18/17; 6-8:30pm & Earth Day-4/22/17;10-3:30pm at NCC-Monroe Campus...(3)..MCTCC 3/2/17 agenda; 10/13/17 minutes; 2015 Audit Report.....(5)...MCCD Banquet-3/31/17...(7)...**209 Bridge replacement date-April 2018...(10)..1/25/17 DEP-Cramer's Final Report..(11)..COG 1/30/17 agenda/minutes & 2/2/17 agenda; PA COG Newsletter....(12)...2/1/17 MCCD Report # 7 & Denial of Termination for Dollar General....(13)...MCPC 1/10/17 agenda & 12/13/16 minutes.**

REPORTS:

Treasurer Christman: (1)...Income-\$29,625.56...(2)...Bills-\$124,625.56. Ahner moved to pay the Bills submitted; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. **Treasurer's 2/27/17 Report** was available to the Public: Total General Fund-\$1,242,799.74-[comprised of PLGIT-\$303,774.14; Checking-\$913,425.57; Payroll-\$25,600.03]. PLGIT Highway Aid Fund-\$128,262.84. All Funds Totaled \$1,371,062.58. Escrow Funds: Driveway-\$15,587.71; Camp Harlam Girls Septic-\$2,001.52. Detention Basins-\$30,029.08. Ahner moved to approve the 2/27/17 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. The Treasurer is researching possibilities on better interest.

Polk Vol. Fire Co...Report provided...(1)...Calls-Jan.23; Feb.-22; YTD total-45...(2)...Thank-you to the Township for an annual donation and certificates for personnel.

West End Comm. Ambulance: No report

Roadmaster Ahner: (1)...Numerous ice events but there should be plenty of salt for the year. Due to the ice, the roadcrew has been cutting trees along roadways & developments. This is necessary for everyone's safety and the passage of school buses. Unfortunately, some residents complain...(3)...The salt building floor must be repaired this summer; otherwise the spreaders will be damaged by pieces of crumbling blacktop...(4)...The Liquid Fuels 2016 MS-965 Report was approved...(5)...The 2017-18 salt order has been placed.

Solid Waste / Recycle: (1)...The new baler has been repaired...(2)...Cardboard was hauled....(3)...The number of solid waste permits sold in 2016 were down by 80...(4)...The new permits are available March 1st...(5)..The income from recyclables is down, and without a loading dock better pricing cannot be obtain.

Secretary Toner: Matthew Apgar, a 9th grade Civics student, was recognized for his attendance at the meeting.

Solicitor: (1)... The Supervisors were in receipt of Fareri's 1/26/17 letter to PennDOT in regards to the RT 534/ Beltzville Dr. intersection issue. Fareri will follow-up, since a response has not been received...(2)...The Supervisors were in receipt of Fareri's 1/26/17 letter to Steven Parisi in regards to the inconsistencies between the Phasing Plan and Developer's Agreement for "The Woods." The Phase I Final Plan was just submitted to the PC; however, the phasing remains incorrect. Fareri will notify Parisi that the corrections are to be made and initialed.

Zoning/Codes Officer Zurat Report # 2: [1/24/17 to 2/27/17]...(1)...Permits-31/ 46-YTD; Inspections-21/ 46-YTD...(2)...1 new home permit...(3)...4-Complaints/6-YTD...(4)...Compliance is anticipated in 5 of 12 code issues which included: solid waste; storage of 55 gal. drums in the residential district; barking dogs; vegetation in the right-of-way; a dangerous mobile home; and lack of E-911 signs...(5)...Ten letters sent to owners with open permits from 2014...(7)...US Census Bureau update to begin July 2017...(8)...The Amadeo Lot Joinder zoning issues are complete enough for the Plan to be signed...(9)...Zoning reviews were completed on 2 plans.

PLANS:

Pine Crest Plan: The Supervisors were in receipt of Developer Len Policelli's 1/31/17 letter and Secretary Toner's letters dated 1/31/17 & 6/28/16 in regards to E-911 signage requirements. Policelli was present and provided a map of the approved 8-lot Preliminary Plan. Policelli requested direction on procedure in order to begin road improvements. Two trailers with new septic systems remain on the parcel at this time, which will be phased out. This Plan comes under the Commonwealths "freeze of time" [Act 46 of 2010; Act 87 of 2012; Act 31 of 2015]; therefore, the Final Plan must be submitted by 1/2/2021. Policelli agreed to provide a list of improvements with a timeline to the Township. Fareri reminded Policelli that he is liable for not erecting the required E-911 signage. Policelli will comply.

OLD BUSINESS:

Teamsters: Negotiations were held Feb. 7th & 16th. Next scheduled meetings are Feb.28th & March 7th.

Generator: The bids received included: 5 Costars providers for a generator without installation and 5 bids for a generator with installation. Heckman moved to approve the proposal for a 40RS KW Cummins generator with 200 amp, 1800 rpm, and a 2 yr. warranty on parts, labor & travel for \$14,511.58 from AHG Generators; seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. Three providers had been contacted for pricing on the installation of a propane fuel source for the generator. Ahner moved to purchase a 1,000 gal. propane tank with set-up from Warner's Propane at the anticipated price of \$2,500. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0.

Stormwater Zoning Ordinance 2017-02: A Public Hearing had been held earlier at 6:45pm. Fareri provided a review of the technicalities. Ahner moved to adopt Zoning Ordinance No. 2 of 2017 which provides for exemptions, based on sq. footage, from a stormwater management plan on an existing lot. Seconded by Hurley. Vote-3-0. Motion carried.

Compensation Ordinance 2017-03: Fareri provided background on the advertised ordinance which updates the previous 1985 Ordinance. The new Ordinance only becomes effective with a Supervisor's newly elected term and provides compensation of \$2,500 a year, to be paid quarterly. Ahner moved to adopt Ordinance 2017-03 on Supervisor Compensation; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Carney Rd. Proposed Ordinance: The Ordinance will be advertised for the March 27th meeting.

Hell Hollow Culvert/Bridge: The bridge structure bid notice has been advertised for opening on 3/27/17 at 1:00 pm. Kresge is working on bid documents for the installation. The LSA Contract draft dated 1/30/17 was received via E-mail. Fareri has reviewed the draft and approved the flood insurance changes on pages 17 & 18.

Lower Middle Creek Bridge: Two bridge inspection engineers met with Kresge and the Supervisors to discuss the inspection report; coding of the bridge; signage; guide rail; and extensions. The signage has been installed.

Community Walking Park: The PC has recommended moving forward with a phased plan & contacting the neighbor for a strip of land by the stream. Heckman & Hurley will speak to the neighbor. Zurat stated a Conditional Use Hearing would be required due to the new Zoning Ordinance. Kresge suggested an ordinance amendment that allows permitting of municipal uses in all zones. The PC is to review this amendment suggestion.

Welcome Letter Draft: The letter was reviewed and will be sent to new residents with information on the Moving In/Out Permit and Solid Waste/Recycling Facility. Resident Jack Kondratick noted that the Twp. website could provide more information and updates. Toner will research the cost of a comprehensive website.

Proposed SALDO Ord.: The requirement of a maintenance agreement was missing from the developer's agreement in Appendix A-1 of the new SALDO; therefore, the PC is to review this issue to consider an amendment.

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CJERP: Fareri explained the written procedures that are to be followed when a member of CJERP requests an amendment to the Regional Plan. Ahner moved to approve the "Procedures for Amending the Comprehensive Plan" as presented in the newest draft, which includes the changes approved at the 1/26/17 CJERP meeting. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MRM Property & Liability Trust Representative: Ahner moved to appoint Beverly Christman as the Delegate and Ruthanne Toner as the Alternate Delegate to the Municipal Risk Management Property & Liability Trust, that provides the Township's Workers Compensation Policy. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Proposed Zoning Amendment on Setbacks: The PC has recommended a zoning amendment on setbacks. Zurat provided background. The new 2015 Zoning Ord. calculates setbacks by lot size. This creates a hardship in the C-district. Zurat will work with Fareri & Hanna to prepare a draft for review by the Planning Commission.

Stormwater Drainage Easement: Zurat relayed information on a stormwater easement which runs along the back side of the property at the south-east corner of RT 209 & Silver Spring Blvd. The property is for sale, and the agreement with the previous owner was not recorded. Fareri will contact the current realtor and owner to forge another agreement for recording to run with the land. Kresge provided a plan dated 6/6/2005 by Quad 3 which indicates the easement location, which will be helpful, since a description was not included with the previous agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

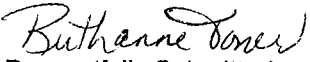
Resident Robert Andre asked why the Township is not questioning the school district on the number of properties they own in Polk which remain tax exempt and are not utilized for schools, but obtain rent; since this practice is a loss in tax revenue. Fareri noted that the County Board of Assessment Office has the authority in regards to assessment classification. The Supervisors will research the subject.

Robert Andre also asked why the pole building concrete floor has been on hold? Ahner replied, the repairs to the salt building floor take precedent and the generator has also added unforeseen expenses.

Resident Jack Kondratick ask Engineer Kresge about the bridge project at Hell Hollow Rd. Kresge replied that two feet of the bridge rests below ground and the road will not increase in height more than a foot. The bridge is constructed in pieces, stored at the plant, and delivered when the contractor is ready for installation.

Resident Harold Touni Jr., noted that his previous request to change the Reorganization Meeting from morning to evening was not included in the agenda; therefore, he is again requesting a change in the meeting time. Ahner stated that since the calendar for next year is not decided until October, the request would be revisited then.

As there was no further Business, Ahner adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:10 pm.


Respectfully Submitted,
Ruthanne Toner, Secretary