

JULY 23, 2018 SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Polk Twp. Supervisors Brian K. Ahner, Carl S. Heckman, & Michael D. Hurley met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, 7/23/18 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 165 Polk Twp. Rd., Kresgeville, PA. Solicitor James V. Fareri, Engineer Russell R. Kresge, Jr., Zoning/Codes Official Justin Burkner and Treasurer Beverly A. Christman were present. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Minutes: Ahner moved to approve the 6/25/18 minutes. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Correspondence: (1). PSATS: Legal Defense; Week In Review-6/29/18; June NewsBulletin. (2). NPDES Permit; E&S & Stormwater Plan for PPL line-Gilbert to Little Gap approved. (3). COG 6/25/18 agenda & minutes. (4). MCPC 7/10/18 agenda & 5/8/18 minutes. (5). Pocono State Craft Festival-8/25/18 @ Quiet Valley. (6). Lanternfly Program-7/28/18 @ MCCD from 10 to 12.

REPORTS:

Polk Twp. Vol. Fire Co.: Chief Tippett: (1). Calls: June-16; July-18; YTD-142. (2). The emitter at the bridge is not working properly. Hurley will talk to the representative at Walsh.

West End Community Ambulance Assoc.: 28 patients in June.

Treasurer Christman: (1). **Deposits**-\$35,684.8. (2). **Bills**-\$88,907.83. Hurley moved to pay the Bills. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (3). **7/23/18 Report:** Total General Fund-\$1,687,588.85, comprised of: [PLGIT-\$304,917.53; Checking-\$747,404.16; Payroll-\$30,735.40; ESSA account-\$604,531.76]. Highway Aid Fund-\$637,233.80. All Funds Total: \$2,324,822.65. Total Escrow Funds-\$49,066.37 comprised of: [Driveways-\$16,592.32; Camp Harlam Girls Septic-\$2,001.67; Detention Basins-\$30,472.38]. Ahner moved to approve the 7/23/18 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Roadmaster Ahner: (1). Due to all the rain, tree debris is being cleaned-up. (2). A pipe was installed on Windy Hill Rd. (3). Carney sealcoating is complete. (4). Long Mountain Rd. swales & shoulders were cut in and stone hauled in anticipation of paving the week of August 6th. (5). Drivers must pull up to the stop-bar to trigger the light at the bridge. (6). The roadcrew continues to cut grass, sweep and patch the roads.

Solid-Waste/Recycle: (1). Cardboard, plastic and brush were hauled. (2). The forklift was purchased.

Solicitor Fareri: (1). The sheriff sale for the property at 5118 Pine St. with a septic malfunction has been rescheduled to 8/30/18. The bank has been notified. (2). 7/10/18 Letter sent to Mr. Senick on behalf of the Zoning/Codes Officer. (3). The revisions on "The Woods" Letter of Credit has been reviewed and is acceptable.

Zoning/Codes Official Burkner: (1). July Report -11 active permits & 10 complaints. (2). The Planning Commission is looking at the R-3 & C-District Uses to recommend possible changes. (3). Many C of O's cannot be issued, due to E-911 signs not in compliance. Fareri suggested a letter could be sent informing the property owner that a violation can be issued which could result in a fine and court costs. Another possibility is to change the Ordinance to allow the Board discretion. Discussion continued between residents, the Board and Solicitor. The Board decided residents should be notified through various means such as: letters, handouts, signage, and website.

Parks: (1). The Nature Park is closed due to flooding and tree damage. August Randazzo's request for volunteers for July 28th and August 4th to remove invasive shrubs will depend on conditions improving. (2). The drainage pipe has been installed at the Walking Park. Bench-ends have been ordered. (3). The Board continues to look for residents for a Recreation Board (4). Ahner and Toner attended Christopher Acconzo's Eagle Scout Ceremony.

No Plans for Review

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2018-05: Ahner moved to adopt Resolution 2018-05 to set a 35-mile per hr. speed-limit for a portion of Smith Rd. from Rustic Rd. to Dotters Corner Rd. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

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Roadcrew Employee: Heckman moved to hire William C. Tippett for the roadcrew position at \$20.00 per hr. plus benefits as of 7/30/18. Seconded by Hurley. Vote 3-0. Motion carried. Fire call procedure will be discussed.

Facebook Policy: Fareri is reviewing the suggested policy draft and making corrections.

Septic Malfunction: The current caretaker for the 9045 Robinhood Dr. property does not respond to requests to repair the system. Ahner moved to authorize Fareri to proceed with additional action after the 30-day time limit has passed. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Borger Property: The Twp. owns the property around Borger's empty lot which is for sale. Ownership would provide the ability to improve the intersection. The appraisal was \$30,000. Hurley moved to offer \$20,000 for the vacant 0.43-acre corner lot at RT 209 and Polk Township Rd. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance Samples for Property Maintenance: The Board has received numerous samples and a meeting is being set up with the Planning Commission to discuss the parts that may work for our community.

Cornerstone Agreement: Fareri reviewed the agreement revisions. Ahner moved to approve the revised Cornerstone Agreement on the building addition permits. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

CJERP: Hurley noted that the CJERP meeting on July 26th will continue to discuss the plans for a Regional Emergency Operations Center, which Polk will be joining.

Allen Lane: Fareri reviewed his 7/23/18 E-mail which provided opinion on the specific standards in the Zoning and SALDO Ordinances in regards to a private access street. The property owner, David Dacenzo was present and stated he is asking for an exemption. Fareri provided direction to Dacenzo on making application for a Conditional Use Hearing for his request to a lesser standard and the importance of counsel & documentation.

Biosolids: The Board has contacted PA representatives, other Townships, and DEP in regards to the use of Biosolids on farmland and has discovered local government may not regulate the practice but may make an appeal. The use of sludge from waste water treatment plants is regulated by DEP and a farmer in the Township is planning to accept Biosolids.

Floyd Dr.: Michael Dodge was present to discuss his 7/18/18 letter requesting a reduced speed-limit. Dr. Lawrence Kahn had provided a 7/19/18 letter on the same matter and joined in the discussion with the Board. Since Floyd Dr. is being used as a detour to avoid bridge construction the traffic has become heavy with speeds of 60 mph. The Board agreed that a speed-study should be conducted if not already available, whereby a safe speed-limit may be determined and posted.

RESIDENTS & TAXPAYERS: Resident Vincent Morello asked if the Board has considered looking into reclaimed road asphalt to save costs on paving. Heckman and Ahner provided examples of roads that have used the process and the results are a bumpy surface which requires 2" of paving material or seal coating on top.

No Executive Session

As there was no further business or resident comments, Ahner adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruthanne Toner, Secretary