

MARCH 27, 2017 SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

The Polk Township Supervisors met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, 3/27/17 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: Michael Hurley moved to approve the 2/27/17 Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: (1)...PSATS Week in Review 1/20/17; 1/27/17; Jan. Bulletin & Legal Defense..(2)... 3/18/17-Community Night (6-8:30pm) & 5/22/17-Earth Day (10-3:30pm) @ NCC-Monroe Campus....(3)...Hazard Mitigation Meeting-3/2/17...(4)...MCTCC 3/2/17 agenda; 10/13/16 minutes & 2015 Audit Report....(5)... 3/31/17-MCCD 33rd Annual Banquet...(6)...209 Bridge replacement is April 2018....(7)...4/3/17-Judicial Sales...(8)...1/26/17 Letter supports PHLT's grant...(9)...1/25/17 DEP report on Cramer's.....(10)..COG 1/30/17 agenda & minutes & 2/27/16 agenda; PACOG Newsletter....(11)...2/1/17 MCCD Report #7 on Dollar General termination denied....(12)...MCPC 1/10/17 agenda & 12/13/16 minutes.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Christman: (1)...Income-\$32,485.42...(2)...Bills-\$132,277.11. Ahner moved to pay the Bills submitted; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried **Treasurer's 3/27/17 Report** was available to the Public: Total General Fund-\$1,194,231.07-[comprised of PLGIT-\$303,774.14; Checking-\$864,095.66; Payroll-\$26,361.27]. PLGIT Highway Aid Fund-\$472,145.34. All Funds Totalled \$1,666,376.41. Escrow Funds: Driveway-\$15,587.95; Camp Harlam Girls Septic-\$2,001.53. Detention Basins-\$30,032.30. Ahner moved to approve the 3/27/17 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. The 2015 Liquid Fuels audit has been approved and the Township Auditors have submitted the 2016 Audit. A meeting has taken place with ESSA Bank in regards to obtaining better rates and an appointment will also be set up with KeyBank.

Polk Vol. Fire Co. Chief Tippett...(1)...Calls-Feb.-23; March-15; YTD total-61...(2)...Thank-you to roadcrew for great job of clearing roads and the parking lot...(3)...Fund raisers include: hoagie sales; April 9th breakfast & ham raffle; and May 13th yard sale ...(4)...Ahner moved to approve the Fire Company's Color Race on Oct. 14th at Trexler Camp as a fundraiser; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

West End Comm. Ambulance: No report

Roadmaster Ahner: (1)..2017 Liquid Fuels income is \$319,797.53 + Turnback-\$24,040.00...(2)..The 2-day snowstorm cost approximately \$15,000....(3)...Over 100 birch trees were cleared at Highpoint Estates due to ice...(4)...MS-965 Liquid Fuels 2016 report approved...(5)...The roadcrew has started to sweep roads and trucks are being prepared for inspections.

SolidWaste/Recycle: (1)...Metal, tin-cans and paper were recycled...(2)...902 grant reimbursement was submitted...(3)...New permits are being sold...(4)...The Waste Authority will continue collecting TV's.

Secretary Toner: (1)... On 4/8/17 the Monroe County Conservation District is having a workshop for homeowners on solutions to washouts...(2)...Information on the Great American Clean-up is available at the Twp. Office.....(3)...Home & Auto Class student Xavier Marshall was recognize for his presence at the meeting.

Solicitor Fareri: (1)... Charles Richards of PennDOT has responded to the RT 534/ Beltzville Dr. intersection issue. Records indicate 3 accidents at the site. He will pursue a federal grant program for improvements. Richards will be contacted in the future for an update...(2)...Fareri is working on the stormwater easement agreement with the estate of the former Lee Antiques property on RT 209 & Silver Spring Blvd.

Zoning/Codes Officer Zurat Report # 3: [2/28/17 to 3/27/17] ...(1)...Permits-20/ 66-YTD; Inspections-13/ 54-YTD...(2)...No new homes; 1-YTD...(3)...6-Complaints/12-YTD...(4)...2 right-to-know requests. (5)...Compliance is anticipated in 5 of 15 code issues including burning, solid waste, permits, dangerous buildings, signage &

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littering...**(6)**...Old files for sewage & signage permits and zoning cases have been labeled and organized into the central file system...**(7)**...2016 sewage files were sent to DEP offices.

Parks: **(1)**...The Polk Twp. Nature Park will open in April...**(2)**...Brian Ahner moved to donate \$5,000 (previously budgeted) to the West End Regional Park for 2017; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

PLANS:

Bryan Baumgartner, et al & PWJW PA Properties 2 LLC Lot Improvement Subdivision-Annexation: The Board was in receipt Kresge's 2/17/17; Zurat's 2/23/17; MCPC's 1/25/17 reviews and waiver requests. Kresge provided background information and relayed the PC's recommendations for plan approval; waivers; and an amendment to the surveyor's certification standards in the SALDO. Ahner moved to grant the waiver requests on the surveyor's certification, [SALDO Sec. 404.1.C & 404.3.H]; the wetland delineation [SALDO Sec. 404.2.S]; and the DEP "Request for Planning Waiver & Non-building Declaration" [SALDO Sec.404.3.F]. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. Carl Heckman moved to grant the final approval of the 2/23/17 revised plan of Bryan Baumgartner et al & PWJW PA Properties 2 LLC Lot Improvement Subdivision Annexation. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hell Hollow Culvert Bridge Bids: Only one Bid was received and opened at 1:00pm today. Heckman moved to accept the bid for \$95,000 from Contech Engineered Solution LLC for the culvert/bridge cast structure over Dotters Creek on Hell Hollow Rd.; seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Hell Hollow Culvert Installation Construction: Kresge noted that Contech has 30 days to provide drawings on the structure, required for the installation's bid documents. Ahner moved to authorize Kresge to prepare the bid documents for advertising for the culvert installation; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Community Walking Park: The County Universal Signage Program has approved full reimbursement of \$2,150.00 for the park sign. Since the park is a municipal use it is permitted, without a hearing.

Carney Rd. Ordinance: Solicitor Fareri reviewed the Ordinance which had been advertised. Carl Heckman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2017, which provides for the enforcement of a 5-ton weight limit on Carney Rd. and signage to read: "No Trucks, except local deliveries." Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. The State Police, PennDOT, and Eldred Twp. will be notified.

Teamsters: A meeting is scheduled for April 20th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Salt Building Repairs: Ahner, Kresge & Nevin George have reviewed the damaged floor of the salt building and have a determined a plan of action for repairs. George will provide an estimate.

Road Traffic Counts: The MCPC will provide traffic count setups, during the warm months, upon requests by municipalities. Ahner noted that Dotters Corner Rd. and Burger Hollow Rd. might be requested for traffic counts on the sections of roadway, where complaints are often received due to speeding. Ahner will finalize later.

Website: Toner provided research on possible website upgrades. Sensible Technology Solutions had better pricing to design the site and teaches how to maintain the site. Discussion ensued. Fareri noted that putting ordinances on the website is helpful; however, some types of information will need constant updating. Since a lot of time is required from staff to prep the information for the site, the Board tabled the issue to review other websites and determine the amount and types of information to place on a new website.

Emergency Operations Plan: Part-time employee MaryBeth Serfass has worked with the Fire Co. & Emergency Management Coordinator to update Polk's Emergency Operations Plan, which includes contacts, resources, materials lists, and businesses. The MCCC, Fire Co. and EOC received copies.

Proposed Zoning Setback Amendment: The Board was in receipt of Zurat's 2/16/17 suggestions on setback revisions which the Planning Commission had recommended. Zurat explained the proposed changes, which provide for minimum setbacks by zoning districts, rather than lot area. Also the lot coverage for all non-residential uses in the R-Districts would have a maximum of 40% lot coverage, rather than 60%. Brian Ahner moved to authorized Solicitor Fareri to prepare a zoning amendment draft to include the setback changes outlined in Zurat's 2/16/17 revisions of Part 2 & 4 of Pages IV-14 & IV-15. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Grant: Chestnuthill Township had requested a support letter towards grant funding during the recent CJERP meeting. Ahner moved to approve the letter of support provided by Chestnuthill Township for their DCNR Grant application, towards their purchase of the 68-acre Hoffner Property which is adjacent to Chestnuthill's park areas. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hurley provided a reply to a previous question by resident Robert Andre. Taxes are not being received from the current renter of PVSD's previous Polk School, since the Growing Place is a non-profit organization.

Representative Jack Radar notified the group that the House is almost complete with approving a new Budget. Supervisor Heckman asked for an update on the proposed funding for state police through a per-capita tax on rural communities. There are groups on both sides of the issue. While the cities are pushing the fee, the Council of Governments and PSATS are against the fee. This fee could cost a Township \$200,000.00; however, municipalities with police forces often spend over a million dollars. Radar noted that the rural areas also contribute to mass transit, which benefits only the cities. Since taxes already support the State Police, an additional fee only to the rural areas, without providing additional police protection, would be the equivalent of a double tax. Response time by the State Police varies with the type of call to the Control Center. Dorothy Jeker commended the State Police for their quick action during a robbery.

As there was no further Business, Ahner adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:58 pm.



Respectfully Submitted,
Ruthanne Toner, Secretary