

MAY 22, 2017 SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

The Polk Township Supervisors met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, 5/22/17 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; Zoning/Codes Officer Gerald Zurat; & Treasurer Beverly A. Christman were present. Engineer Russell R. Kresge, Jr. had previously notified the Board of his absence. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2017 PAVING AWARD: The Board was in receipt of the following Bids that had been opened on May 18th at 1:00 pm: Hanson Aggregates -\$122,525.00; Bruce George Paving-\$128,766.28; H&K Group-\$132,059.00; Lehigh Asphalt-\$133,488.50; Northeast Site-\$144,888.00; Shiffer Bituminous-\$155,497.00; and Old Castle-\$159,938.00. Solicitor Fareri reviewed & approved the documents. Ahner moved to award the 2017 paving & line-painting of Upper Middle Creek Rd. to Hanson Aggregates for \$122,525.00. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Hurley moved to approve the 4/17/17 minutes; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: (1)...PSATS Week in Review 4/20/17; 4/28/17; 5/5/17; 5/12/17; May Bulletin; Legal Defense; & adopted resolutions...(2)...COG 5/15/17 agenda & 3/27/17 minutes...(3)...MCPC 4/11/17 agenda & 12/14/17 minutes ...(4)...CJERP 4/25/17 agenda....(5)...Lyme program, 4-6 on 6/26/17 @ Chestnuthill...(6)...4/10/17 Thank-you from Chestnuthill Park...(7)... 4/18/17 DEP time-extension approval to Sunny's Express...(8)...3/28/17 MC Open Space minutes...(9)...PennDOT LTAP newsletter...(10)...Dirt & Gravel April Newsletter...(11)...County Hotel Tax Ord. 2017-01...(12)...5/25/17-Breakfast-8am-St.Lukes...(13)...Camp Harlam at 60 request for donation...(14)...Eagle Scout Project-Family Fun Day on June 17th from 12-4 @ PV Presbyterian Church.

REPORTS:

Polk Vol. Fire Co. (1). The model ord. on tax relief for fire fighters has been reviewed; however, 20 members of would see no relief at all. Supervisors will consider other possibilities of equal relief. (2). The insurance co. has provided approval & requirements for the "Color Run" fundraiser. (3). Ahner moved to approve the Fire Co.'s request to hold a coin toss at the intersection of RT 534 & RT 209 on June 10th, July 29th, and August 19th of 2017; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (4). Number of calls: March-18; April-21; May-8 to date; YTD-93. (5). The membership mailer has gone out. (6). Fire Police to provide traffic control at Twp. event.

West End Ambulance: Calls for Jan.-38; Feb.-33; March-32; April-36.

Treasurer Christman: (1). Income-\$143,685.86 (2). **Bills-**\$134,181.51. Heckman moved to pay the Bills; seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (3). **5/22/17 Report:** Total General Fund-\$1,397,047.32-[comprised of PLGIT-\$304,212.71; Checking-\$1,062,059.07; Payroll-\$30,775.54]. PLGIT Highway Aid Fund-\$472,546.57. All Funds Totaled \$1,869,593.89. Total Escrow Funds 48,160.25 comprised of: [Driveway-\$16,088.48; Camp Harlam Girls Septic-\$2,001.56. Detention Basins-\$30,070.21]. Ahner moved to approve the 5/22/17 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (4). The Board & Treasurer met with KeyBank & ESSA to discuss fees & interest. Resident Robert Andre discussed CD's. Ahner moved to transfer \$500,000.00 from KeyBank to ESSA's money market fund; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Audit: The Board was in receipt of the Twp. Auditors 5/4/17 letter. Hurley relayed that the Auditors had reviewed material provided by the Real Estate Tax Collector and the audit was completed & there were no discrepancies.

Roadmaster Ahner: (1). Brush & grass are being cut; potholes filled, swale & drainage work. (2). Hell Hollow Rd. was reshaped & rolled again. (3). Trees cut at Mount 'N' Dale Estates. (4). Picked up trash dumped over edge of Doney Rd. (5). The Dodge pick-up needs repairs to the computer, ball-joints and steering. (6). Tractor quotes were received: John Deere-\$75,000 & New Holland-\$90,000. Heckman moved to repair the '89 Tractor for approximately \$5,000; seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (7). The salt building's paved floor has been completed...(8)...COG is rebidding the antiskid due to a \$0.75 increase per ton.

SolidWaste/Recycle: (1). Cardboard, co-mingled plastic, and aluminum were hauled. (2). The last recycle grant reimbursement was \$19,957.83. A forklift and loading dock will be considered for any future grants.

Secretary Toner: (1). Introductions of PVSD's students: Tattin Harrigan - 9th grade Civics and Gavin Winders & Jeffrey West - 9th grade Home & Auto. (2). Memorial program is May 28th at 2:00pm. (3). Letters sent on truck traffic issues to Palmerton Borough (4/27/17) & a resident (4/18/17). (4). Letter sent to Ross Twp. (5/10/17) due

to lack of time to comment on a definition amendment. (5). Generator reimbursement was approved.

Solicitor Fareri: (1). 4/19/17 Letter sent to tax collector, is no longer an issue. (2). Stormwater easement request sent 5/7/17 to executor of Lee Estate property. If no reply, contact will be made again.

Zoning/Codes Officer Zurat Report 5: [4/18/17 to 5/19/17]. (1). Permits-54/ 152-YTD; Inspections-23/ 94-YTD. (2). 1 home-YTD. (3). 10-Complaints/27-YTD. (4). 2-Right-to-Know/6-YTD. (5). Compliance is anticipated in 8 of 22 code issues which include: burning, solid waste, lack of permits, junk vehicles, recreation & truck trailers, garage sale, water drainage & discharge issues. (6). 4/25/17 Land Use Letter completed for The Woods.

Parks: (1). Ahner has reviewed & signed Chris Acconzo's Eagle Scout Project to repair the Nature Park's north trail. Information has not been received from the other 2 scout's with projects. Employees are replacing bridge decks & hand rails on S. trail. (3). The sign for the Community Walking Park will be delayed another month.

PLANS:

Dollar General Maintenance Bond & Water Ponding: The Board was in receipt of 5/5/17 & 5/13/17 E-mails; Maintenance Bond; and pictures of water ponding. Zurat explained the Bond has two different dates and the water is still ponding in the driveway's right-of-way. PennDOT closed out the permit. MCCD has reported stabilization issues. A new engineer at Dollar General is being proactive to correct the situation. Fareri noted the date discrepancy will be in the favor of the Township; therefore, the Bond will be in effect for 18 months from the 4/26/16 date. Zurat will keep on top of the issue.

"The Woods" – Final Plan for Phase I Time-Extension Request: The Planning Commission had recommended a 30-day time extension. Ahner moved to grant "The Woods Phase I Final Plan" a 30-day time-extension, which takes the Plan's time to 7/6/17. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hell Hollow Culvert Bridge: Toner relayed four of the five easements have been executed.

Ragnar Relay: Originally planned for June 3rd, there has been no contact from the organizer.

Codification: Toner had met with American Legal Publishing. They provided a quote of \$14,875.00. Additional publishers have been contacted. They will provide quotes after receipt of all our materials & no. of pages.

Insurance: Currently, the Twp. insurance is with MRM Trust (through EHD) for property, liability & workers comp., which is a self-insured group of 400 municipalities with dividends that grow. A 90-day notice is needed to leave the group. Brown & Brown Insurance had also provided a quote. Heckman moved to continue with EHD & MRM Trust for the Township's Insurance at this time; seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eldred's 5/31/17 Public Notice on a Kennel Appeal for a Zoning Variance: Fareri noted that the Township had received the notice, since the property borders the Township line. A kennel is not a permitted use in an R-1 zone.

Veteran's Memorial Commission Member: Ahner moved to appoint Sally Jablonski to the Polk Township Memorial Commission; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Registration of Residential Tenants: This ordinance had been dropped when the 2015 Zoning Ord. was adopted. If desired, it should be a stand-alone ordinance. Fareri will provide samples for review by the Board.

As there was no public comment and no further business, Ahner adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Ruthanne Toner, Secretary

