

JUNE 25, 2018 SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

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Polk Twp. Supervisors Brian K. Ahner, Carl S. Heckman, & Michael D. Hurley met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, 6/25/18 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 165 Polk Twp. Rd., Kresgeville, PA. Solicitor James V. Fareri; Engineer Russell R. Kresge, Jr. and Treasurer Beverly A. Christman were present. Zoning/Codes Official Justin Burkner had previously informed the Board he would not be present in order to attend a class. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Minutes: Ahner moved to approve the 5/21/18 minutes. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Correspondence: (1). MCCC 6/12/18 letter approved Kreger Pipeline as co-permittee for RHL H2O System. (2). PSATS Week In Review-5/31/18; 6/8/18 & 6/15/18 & 2018 Resolutions adopted & May NewsBulletin. (3). MCCC- 6/7/18 Report #18 on The Woods & 5/31/18 Report #11 on Dollar General. (4). Rural PA Newsletter. (5). CJERP-5/24/18 agenda & reviews & 4/26/18 minutes. (6). COG 6/25/18 agenda & 5/21/18 minutes. (7). Dirt & Gravel & Kettle Creek Newsletters. (8). MRM Trustnotes. (9). Moody Report on Monroe County.

REPORTS:

Polk Twp. Vol. Fire Co.: Chief Tippett: (1). Thank you letter to Twp. for donation & how funds were used. (2). Calls: April-31; May-22; June-18; YTD-127, is a 21 call increase. (3). Light emitter at bridge is not working properly.

Treasurer Christman: (1). Deposits-\$202,609.62. (2). Bills-\$103,635.26. Heckman moved to pay the Bills. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (3). 6/25/18 Report: Total General Fund-\$1,717,524.49, comprised of: [PLGIT-\$303,661.52; Checking-\$779,283.08; Payroll-\$30,432.14; ESSA account-\$604,147.75]. Highway Aid Fund-\$636,387.16. All Funds Total: \$2,353,911.65. Total Escrow Funds-\$49,466.48 comprised of: [Driveways-\$17,092.04; Camp Harlam Girls Septic-\$2,001.67; Detention Basins-\$30,372.77]. Ahner moved to approve the 6/25/18 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Roadmaster Ahner: (1). The previously approved 2019 HV507 SFA International truck cab for \$89,825.00 & aluminum dump body & plow fitting from Bradco Supply for \$53,039.38 has been reviewed by Heckman and ordered. (2). Roadcrew is cutting brush, pot-hole patching, & mowing along roads. Swales & limbs cut along Long Mt. Rd. New brakes on '92 truck. Signs ordered. (3). Carney sealcoating & Long Mt. paving to take place in July. (4). Longyhorne & Ahner updated their flagger training certification.

Solid-Waste/Recycle: (1). \$2,379.00 was received from the 2016 Performance Recycling Grant Program. (2). Hurley moved to purchase a Yale Model GP035VX Forklift with pneumatic tires, from the Costars program, through Eastern Lift Truck Co., for the recycle program for \$23,650.00. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. The 20-yr. old forklift will not be traded in at this time. (3). Toner asked if an office attendant could work at recycle center on Sat. during the off-season & close the office. Ahner suggested a trial run on Wed. first; since he is concerned that the backup of cars on a Saturday would become too great if payments are taken at the center.

Secretary Toner: (1). Ahner & Toner will attend Christopher Acconzo's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on 7/14/18.

Solicitor: (1). Fareri has prepared an agreement in regards to permitting for a new addition at Cornerstone Church. (2). Due to a hazardous septic malfunction at 5118 Pine St., Fareri will attend the 6/28/18 sheriff sale on the property. (3). Joe Angione was present & discussed a request to allow oil changes & brake services at his site. Fareri had provided a 6/5/18 letter on the issues discussed at a 6/4/18 meeting. Ahner moved to send Angione's request for motor vehicle repairs to be considered a Conditional or Permitted Use in the R-3 Zone, to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Zoning/Codes: Burkner's May Report was available to the Board. Updates: The new owner at 232 Dorshimer Rd. will remove debris & animals. The adjustor for the fire at 119 Rolling View will send the required escrow. Heckman asked if the grass had been mowed at 660 Interchange Rd. C&B landscaping will be cutting the grass & started today.

Parks: (1). The Board discussed a student request. Hurley moved to authorize PVSD student August Randazzo's Senior project to control invasive species at the Nature Park, without the use of sprays. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (2). Mountain Pest Control to provide price on mosquito control. (3). At the Walking Park

the fence was completed. Trees have been marked for removal and a pipe will be placed to build a walking path across the drainage swale. Trash can lids were ordered. Benches will be constructed and a path mowed for walking before opening the Park. (4). Fareri reviewed the 1999 Park & Recreation Board Ordinance which requires the appointment of 5 members. A larger Park Committee may be formed under the Board to allow for more volunteers and ideas.

PLANS:

James & Debra Warner Lot Joinder: (Hemlock Lake-220 Bear Dr. & 313 Birch Dr. (Lots 70,71,72,73). Surveyor Scott Policelli represented the Plan. The Board was in receipt of MCPC's 5/29/18 & Kresge's 6/20/18 Review Letters. Hurley moved to conditionally approve the James & Debra Warner Lot Joinder Plan contingent upon Kresge's 6/20/18 Review Letter Comments No.1 - front yard setback corrected; No. 2 - tax parcel numbers corrected; and No. 4 - a recordable joint cross easement agreement for the well and septic being addressed. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. Policelli informed Fareri that the easement is being prepared by Attorney Debra Hoffman.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regional Emergency Control Center: Hurley & Ahner provided background. Townships are mandated to provide individual or regional emergency control centers. Chestnuthill Twp. will add a room to a new firehouse, where CJERP members may pool resources. Hurley moved that Polk Twp. join the CJERP Regional Emergency Control Center. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. Toner had prepared a letter for review & signatures.

Camp Harlam: The County's recommended speed study limit was 40mph; however, Eric Snyder's 6/22/18 traffic study revision incorporated sight distances and has requested a 35mph speed limit. Kresge concurs. Ahner moved to authorize Fareri to draft an Ordinance to post 35mph signs on Smith Rd. from Rustic Rd. to Dotters Corner Rd. Vote, 3-0. The temporary pedestrian crossing ahead signage was approved at a previous meeting.

Ragner Relay: While the use of Township roadways was approved, PennDOT's 6/8/18 letter had denied the 6/15/18 event. Ragner ignored the denial & held the event. Ragner's placement of safety cones in driving lanes created a hazard. Toner to write a letter that future approvals will be contingent upon proof of PennDOT's approval.

Roadcrew Employee: Interviews were conducted this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fimiraz Conditional Use Hearing Request: Surveyor Jonathan Shupp represented the Fimiraz' 5.7acre property at 1135 Interchange Rd. with the intent to develop a parking lot for tractor trailers. The ZHB had approved a setback variance and 6 trucks. The applicant intends to appeal the 6-truck decision and has also submitted a request for a Conditional Use Hearing. Discussion on a possible conflict between the appeal & conditional use decisions. Fareri would make an appearance on behalf of the Township at the appeal. Kresge is concerned about the type of use determined. Hurley moved to advertise the Dariusz and Anna Fimiraz Conditional Use Hearing for July 23, 2018 at 6 pm. contingent upon review & determination of the correct use. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Malfunction: Sewage Enforcement Officer Jonathan Shupp provided background on a septic system malfunction at 9045 Robinhood Dr. which is being rented by the manager of the estate, who original indicated compliance, but has not followed through and is not returning calls. Hurley moved to send registered letters to the daughter who is the acting manager and her brother in California. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Student Volunteer: Ahner moved to approve PVSD student Tyler Hummer's request to volunteer at the Polk Township Solid Waste & Recycle Center for his Senior Project. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Historical Society: Norman Burger's 6/5/18 letter informed the Township that household articles larger than the size of a microwave are no longer being accepted for the yearly yard sale.

Facebook Presence & Policy: Employee Rebecca Tippet has offered to build a Facebook page for the Township and has developed a draft policy. Facebook allows for important information to be disseminate to more residents quicker. The site will not allow postings from outside sources. Ahner asked Fareri to review the policy.

Property for Sale: The .43-acre lot at the corner of Polk Township Rd. and RT 209 is for sale for \$40,000. This small parcel is surrounded by land that the Township currently owns. Fareri noted an appraisal is required if the Township is interested. Heckman moved to authorize Toner to obtain an appraisal of the .43-acre lot which will allow the Board to negotiate. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Cell Tower Mono-poles: At the Council of Government Meeting, an authority on the regulation of mono-poles provided information. The Board agreed that the Planning Commission should review the Township's current ordinance and compare to the information and sample ordinances that relate to mono-poles.

Student Volunteer: Heckman moved to approve PVSD student Logan Mackes' request to repair bridges at the Nature Park with new wooden plank boards for his Senior Project. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

RESIDENTS & TAXPAYERS:

Jack Kondratick: Christman informed Kondratick that the solid waste station will be open on Thursday, July 5th, since July 4th falls on Wednesday, a solid waste day.

Rosemarie Coppola: Coppola wanted to know procedure if the grass becomes too tall at 660 Interchange Rd. again. Heckman replied the Township office should be notified and the owner would be contacted.


Samuel Riboldi: Due to slum landlords and criminal activities at rental properties, Riboldi suggested an ordinance be enacted that requires landlords to provide an escrow to the Township each time a property is rented, which is only returned after the property is inspected for cleanliness and structure safety after a tenant leaves. Tenants are living in rental units that are in terrible repair, stench, and no running water. **Judy Kresge** agreed with Riboldi. Rentals next to her property are guilt of garbage or junk left; loud noises all night, high grass, and roaming animals. When complaints are made to the Township a letter is sent, but an ordinance is needed for enforcement. Fareri will provide sample ordinances for the Board to review and noted enforcement requires manpower. Riboldi offered to work with the Supervisors on possibilities and will attend the next Township meeting.

Joseph Deriscavage: Deriscavage relayed the fact that he supported the Zoning Hearing Board decision to deny a variance for a tiny house on a lot in Robin Hood Lakes. He stressed the importance of never allowing a tiny house, which is a 160 sq. ft. trailer and the township ordinance requires a 950 sq. ft. home and mobile homes must be secured to a foundation and the ordinance should not be changed. Fareri relayed that when a variance is denied, the applicant would be required to go to court to appeal the decision. The Board agreed that there are no plans now or in the future to change any ordinance to a lesser square footage for a home.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board and Fareri were in Executive Session from 8:31pm to 8:37pm. Upon return, Fareri informed everyone that a personnel matter was discussed. No vote was taken.

As there was no further business, or resident comments, Ahner adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Ruthanne Toner, Secretary