

MARCH 25, 2019 SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Polk Township Supervisors Brian K. Ahner, Carl S. Heckman, & Michael D. Hurley met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 165 Polk Twp. Rd., Kresgeville, PA. Solicitor James V. Fareri, Engineer Russell R. Kresge, Jr., Zoning/Codes Official Justin Burkner & Treasurer Beverly A. Christman were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comment

Bid Opening: The Notice to purchase downed trees had been advertised March 4 & 14. Ahner moved to award the removal of the logs at the Nature Park to the highest bidder, Tyler Heckman, contingent upon proof of health & liability insurance and receipt of \$625.00. Seconded by Hurley. Vote 2-0. Heckman abstained. Motion carried. (other Bids: Jonathan Shupp-\$151.00; Jim Koch Excavating-\$600.00; Chris Trachowski-\$300.00).

Minutes: Ahner moved to approve the 2/25/19 Public Hearing Minutes & Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction of "major" to "minor loader repairs." Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Correspondence: (1). PSATS: NewsBulletin 2/2019 & Weeks in Review 2/25/19 & 3/15/19. (2). COG 2/25/19 minutes. (3). MCTCC- 3/25/19 agenda & 10/26/18 minutes. (4). Shredding/clean-up at raceway- 5/11/19, 10-1pm. (5). Assessment info. (6). Earth Day at MCNCC-4/27/19, 10-3pm. (7). Air-cylinder & Compressor Workshop at MC Training Center- 4/25/19, 6:30-10:30pm. (8). MRM March Newsletter. (9). PM Visitors Bureau 3/20/19 agenda. (10). Dirt & Gravel Workshop-4/13/19.

REPORTS:

Polk Twp. Vol. Fire Chief Tippett: (1). Calls: Feb.-27; March-13; YTD-55. (2). April breakfast-cancelled. Breakfasts begin again in May. (3). Thank-you to Supervisors for their attendance at Appreciation Banquet.

West End Community Ambulance Assoc.: No Report.

Treasurer Christman: (1). Deposits-\$44,020.84. (2). Bills-\$84,928.75. Hurley moved to pay the Bills; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (3). **3/25/19 Report:** Total General Fund is \$1,509,677.95 comprised of: [PLGIT \$308,033.51; Checking \$563,603.88; Payroll \$31,540.89; ESSA account \$606,499.67]. Highway Aid Fund is \$626,488.73. **All Funds Total \$2,136,166.68.** Total Escrow Funds are \$50,421.94 comprised of: [Driveways \$17,607.74; Camp Harlam Girls Septic \$2,003.54; & Detention Basins \$30,810.66]. Heckman moved to approve the 3/25/19 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Roadmaster Ahner: (1). The sign truck was purchased for \$33,100.00 and will require outfitting. (2). 2019 Liquid Fuels funds - \$342,223.83 & \$24,040.00 turnback. (3). Ash trees will be marked in anticipation of PPL's offer to remove trees when they clear for their lines. (4). Stone is being hauled for the Hell Hollow grant project and the road was also opened for loggers. (5). The 534/209 traffic light control boxes for the crosswalk and light require repairs after being hit. (6). The new plow truck is finished. (7). Drainage work completed on Barry S. Rd. (8). The roads are being swept and potholes filled. (9). The last delivery of salt was received. There have been a few snow/ice events this month. (10). A roadcrew member is back to work, after healing from an injury. (11). Trucks are being inspected. (12). Resident Vincent Morello asked about the unfinished road surface on the new Kresgeville bridge. Ahner replied that blacktop is not produced until April 1st and a notice was received that the surface will be completed when the weather is warmer.

Solid-Waste/Recycle: (1). PPL will no longer be paying for the collection of CFL light bulbs. (2). Acceptance of recyclables is becoming a problem due to contaminates. (3). Two loads of cardboard were hauled. (4). The Township's 904 Recycle Performance Grant, completed by Rebecca Tippett, yielded \$5,988.00. (5). To determine if the new baler may be placed at the lower level in the recycle building, Ahner is contacting the supplier and electrician.

Secretary: Veteran's Day Memorial Program will be Sunday, May 26 at 2:00 p.m. - rain or shine. The church at the site, will open their doors for the program, if the weather is inclement.

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Solicitor Fareri: (1). **Robinhood malfunction:** Fareri & SEO Jonathan Shupp will attend a court hearing on 5/2/19. (2). **Pine St. malfunction:** The new property owner was previously notified, and again today, to contact the SEO or a court order will be file. (3). Fareri filed an exemption from real estate tax on behalf of the Township's newly acquired lot at the corner of Route 209 & Polk Twp. Rd. Ahner and Fareri will attend the hearing scheduled for May 8, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. with the Assessment Board.

Zoning/Codes Official Burker: (1). 2/1/19 - 3/25/19 Report: 14 zoning permits totaled \$2,022.00 and 11 building permits totaled \$4,489.15. (2). Three complaints included garbage, junk vehicles, and no permit. (3). Discussion and review of photos on two properties with garbage/debris. Letters and violation notices have been sent, with no results. Hurley moved to authorize Codes Officer Justin Burker to file the violations with the district magistrate, against the property owners of 986 Interchange Rd. and 162 Laurel Lane, due to solid waste. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Park Board Chairman Robert Butler: (1). The park survey is being made available to residents during solid waste permit sign-ups at the Township Building. (2). **Eagle Scout Proposal:** Eric Reagle explained his proposed Eagle Scout project to the Supervisors which includes: bird and bat houses; nature identification game; and map of the Nature Park. While the park is currently closed, Eric will work on fundraising, plans, and materials until the downed trees are removed. Heckman moved to accept Eric Reagle's Eagle Scout Project proposal for the Nature Park and the Board will assume the responsibility of Project Beneficiary. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (3). **Park Regulations:** The Board was in receipt of the newest version, recommended by the Solicitor and Planning Commission. Ahner moved to advertise the current version of the "Park Rules and Regulations" Ordinance for adoption. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

PLANS:

John Higgins Jr. Lot Joinder Plan: The Board had previously received a waiver request dated 1/31/19 and plan reviews from Kresge - dated 2/6/19; Burker - dated 1/22/19; and MCPC - dated 11/28/18. Surveyor Michael Lalli represented the Plan. Engineer Kresge's 2/6/19 review letter comments 1 & 4 have been addressed, which were contingencies of the PC's recommendation. Lalli stated the description for the consolidation deed has been prepared. Heckman moved to grant a waiver from SALDO Sec. 404.2.V and 404.2.X on contour lines and soil types for the John Higgins Jr. Lot Joinder Plan. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. Ahner moved to approve the John Higgins Jr. Lot Joinder Plan, which will join lots 6, 7, 8 along Streamside St., contingent upon notarized signatures and surveyor certification and review of the revisions to the deed description. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

The Woods: February 28, 2019 letter sent to First Northern Bank & Trust Co. to approve partial release of the financial security for Phase I - \$168,940.00.

Hideaway Hills Phase IIIA and IV: Fareri's 2/28/19 E-mail informed the Board about his discussion with Nate Oiler, who acknowledged the following: one escrow had been returned and the other escrow had never been sent to the Township, and the "no dedication of roads policy" will remain in effect if the Phases are developed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nuisance Ordinance Draft (3/4/19): Solicitor Fareri provided comment on the draft. The Ordinance provides definitions and regulates nuisances on properties and provides for enforcement. The Supervisors would appoint an enforcement officer and Nuisance Hearing Board. There are provisions for fines, court orders and clean-up by the Township along with liability protection. Ahner moved to forward the Nuisance Ordinance draft to CJERP for review comments. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Computers: Millennium Computer Services has installed 3 new computers and updated virus protection and Microsoft programs on all computers. Due to a virus, data was lost, and must be re-entered. An additional level of security is possible with a server, quoted at \$2,904.96. Discussion took place. Residents Diana Everitt and Robert Butler offered comment. An outside server company is I-Cloud. An inhouse server is a higher level of security which is harder to attack. The Board tabled the subject to allow for additional research.

CJERP: Delegate Hurley stated the last meeting involved discussion on the Commonwealth's proposal to charge a state police tax which would cost Polk Township \$58.00 per person if it is enacted. The state's proposal for recreational marijuana and possible ordinances to regulate, will be discussed at CJERP's April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paving and Seal-coating of Township Roads: Ahner, Heckman and Hurley will review the following roads for possible work: Lower Middle Creek, Windy Hill, Dorshimer, Dotters Corner Rd., Mertz, Blue Mt. Court, Memorial and "The Birches" roads. Ahner will contact PennDOT representative, Jeff Roback, to measure the roads; determine the best type of treatment; and provide estimates; whereby a final decision may be made at next month's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Robert Andre asked about the timeline for repairs to the roadway at the Hell Hollow Rd. Bridge. Grace Industries had been notified about the depressions and they will repair the road as soon as the weather is warmer. A follow-up will be conducted.

Resident Diana Everitt expressed concern about the safety of children and parents waiting for school buses on Serfass Rd. She has notified the state police and the school district about speeding vehicles, but has been told to discuss the issue with the Township. Fareri stated the state police have the authority to ticket. Everitt asked the Board to provide an extra voice for state police presence. Hurley will visit the state police barracks to discuss enforcement of the 25-mph speed-limit.

Resident Robert Andre asked Ahner if a temporary list of possible roadcrew workers has been compiled. Ahner noted the road crew is at full strength again.

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Ahner adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ruthanne Toner
Township Secretary

