

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Polk Twp. Supervisors Brian K. Ahner, Carl S. Heckman, & Michael D. Hurley met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, 9/24/18 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 & Treasurer Beverly A. Christman were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

“ Harold Touni, Sr. recognized for serving 17 years on the Township Zoning Hearing Board”

Minutes: Ahner moved to approve the 8/27/18 minutes. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Correspondence: (1). PSATS Week in Review-9/7/18. (2). Sept.-Oct. Rural News. (3). MRM -decrease in WC rates. (4). MCPC 9/11/18 agenda/reviews & 8/12/18 minutes. (5). COG-9/24/18 agenda & 6/25/18 minutes. (6). MCCC - 9/6/18 Report # 12-Dollar General & Fall Newsletter. (7). Dirt & Gravel Aug. Newsletter. (8). PennDOT report on flood damage & preparation for emergencies.

REPORTS:

Polk Twp. Vol. Fire Chief Tippett: (1). Calls: Sept.-8; August-7; YTD-163. (2). Safety Night is Oct. 22nd from 6-9pm. (3). Heckman moved to authorize use of the Township field for hayrides at the Polk Twp. Vol. Fire. Co's. "Trunk or Treat" activity on Sunday, Oct. 28th, 2018 from 6 to 9pm, contingent upon a certificate of insurance naming Polk Twp. as additionally insured. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (4). Fundraisers include a thanksgiving filling sale and 50/50 raffle to be drawn at Dec. breakfast. (6). Eight carbon monoxide meters and three 5-gas meters were purchased. (7). Application was made for an LSA grant to acquire updated 2-way radios. The Township's support letter is appreciated. (8). The 15 yr. old air packs need to be replaced. The cylinders cost \$45,000 & the cylinders with packs cost \$143,000. FEMA has denied their grant application for air packs twice. (9). The banquet hall will be closed for 3 months during renovations. Ahner moved to waive the Township fees for permits to renovate the firehouse; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

West End Community Ambulance Assoc.: No report.

Treasurer Christman: (1). **Deposits**-\$179,792.83. (2). **Bills**-\$254,869.27. Heckman moved to pay the Bills; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (3). **9/24/18 Report:** Total General Fund-\$1,806,135.61; comprised of: [PLGIT-\$304,917.53; Checking-\$867,556.96; Payroll-\$28,466.69; ESSA account-\$605,194.43]. Highway Aid Fund-\$298,193.74. All Funds Total: \$2,104,329.35. Total Escrow Funds-\$50,094.39 comprised of: [Driveways-\$17,592.89; Camp Harlam Girls Septic-\$2,001.72; Detention Basins-\$30,499.78]. Ahner moved to approve the 9/24/18 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (4). The State allocation of \$38,790.07 has been transferred to the Fire Co. and the report filed. (5). \$47,735.00 was funded to the pension in 2018 and the state allocation received was \$37,475.10. (6). Ahner moved to approve & fund the 2019 MMO (minimum municipal obligation) of \$51,560 towards the pension. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. The Twp. pension funding ratio is over 90% which is a distress score of "0". (7). Ahner moved to authorize Christman to vote for the trustees of the PSATS Pension, Health Insurance Trust and Unemployment Compensation Plans; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (8). The "Local Highway Financial Report" has been filed for 2017. (9). Harold Touni asked the Supervisors to look into the pension plan and coverage of a spouse if an employee died.

Roadmaster Ahner: (1). Long Mountain Rd. shoulders are almost complete. (2). Smith Rd. was dura-patched. (3). Line-painters must return to complete 3 developments. Resident Joe Prusarczyk commented on the line-painting delay and damaged road shoulders due to heavy truck traffic. Ahner explained the delay and trucks are no longer traveling twp. roads. (4). Due to request, signs were ordered ['hidden driveway'; 'school bus stop' and 'slow, children ahead']. (5). The spreader purchased from Powells is ready to be fitted to the Dodge truck. (6). After discussion, Heckman moved to purchase a 15,000 lb. Fender Tilt Trailer for \$5,199.00 from Powell's Sales & Service, Inc. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Solid-Waste/Recycle: (1). Cardboard is ready to be hauled. (2). Placing an ad in the West End Happenings was discussed.

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Secretary (absent): **(1)**. The LSA grant for Dorshimer Rd. was submitted. **(2)**. 'Trick or Treat'- Oct. 31st-5-8pm.

Solicitor Fareri: **(1)**. Paperwork is proceeding on the court filing against the property owner with the malfunctioning septic system in Robinhood. **(2)**. The Pine St. property with a septic malfunction was foreclosed on. Fareri will follow-up with the realtor who is handling the property.

Zoning/Codes Official Burker's Sept. Report: **(1)**. Six zoning permits total \$172.00; YTD-\$6,711.67. **(2)**. One truck violation and 3-complaints involve burning, animals & no permit. **(3)**. Heckman moved to authorize Burker to attend a Zoning Administration Course on Oct. 16, 23, 30, 2018, at the Lehigh Valley PC, at a cost of \$105.00. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Parks: **(1)**. A Forester will conduct a site visit at the Nature Park, on Oct. 11th at 1pm to determine unsafe trees. The Park will remain closed. **(2)**. Heckman moved to appoint Robert Butler, Greg Mackes, Brett Moyer, Jonathan Shupp, and Jeremy White to the Park Recreation Board. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. **(3)**. Committee members will attend DCNR grant workshop on Oct. 25th. **(4)**. Dog station & waste receptacles have been purchased for Walking Park and Plans are being formulated to obtain grants. **(5)**. Student volunteer Logan Mackes spent many hours repairing bridges at the Nature Park and Eric Reagle is planning his Eagle Scout Project for the Park. **(6)**. Hurley attended Evan Bond's Eagle Scout Ceremony to present a plaque recognizing the work Bond completed at the Nature Park.

PLANS:

Alan & Catherine Lauchner Lot Joinder Plan: Surveyor Jonathan Shupp represented the Plan, which will join 3 parcels. The Board was in receipt of Review Comment Letters from Kresge-7/31/18; Burker-7/31/18 & MCPC-8/13/18. Kresge & Fareri provided background. Parcel B touches Parcel A at only one point; however, the ord. language allows for joinder. Since Parcel B is not accessible, it may not be built upon. Hurley moved to grant a waiver of SALDO Sec. 401.1.C & Sec. 403 on the surveyor certification requirement. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. Heckman moved to approve the Alan & Catherine Lauchner Lot Joinder Plan; which will join parcels A, B, and Lot 1 to the south side of Mountain View Dr. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Social Media Policy: Fareri reviewed the policy. Hurley moved to approve the Polk Township Social Media Policy. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. Resident Harold Touni, Jr. asked if the site will be interactive. Ahner replied that posting will not be allowed.

Floyd Dr.: The speed counts have been completed by the County. Kresge will review to provide a report for the next meeting. Resident Michael Dodge discussed various types of speed studies and requested the entire road be considered due to the curves. Kresge stated he planned to review previous counts at different locations. Dodge stated the lines also require painting. Ahner will include Floyd Drive to be line-painted.

Transfer of Truck Body unto a 550 Ford Chassis: Ahner had researched the cost to transfer the 2001 Ford's stainless-steel body and spreader to a new 550 Ford chassis which is about \$83,000. Since the estimate is almost the cost of a new truck; the transfer will no longer be considered.

Borger's Vacant Parcel for Sale: An agreement of sale has not been received. Fareri will contact the realtor.

Property Maintenance: The Supervisors and PC will be meeting for discussion on 9/25/18 at 6:30pm.

Allen Lane: A Conditional Use Hearing was held at 6pm today. Heckman moved to grant relief from Zoning Sec. 501.8.A.2 on the road shoulder requirement of 4' to accept a 2' width. All other driveway standards are to be followed including a road surface aggregate of 18' wide x 2' deep built within the right-of-way and the surrounding neighbors must provide written approval and no permits may be obtained unless the road is built to the required standards. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

The Woods: Engineer Chris McDermott has been working on the as-built for The Woods Phase I Final Plan. McDermott stated there is an issue with the elevations due to the computations by various surveyors; however, the swales and pipes are consistent with the plan. In light of the progress made, McDermott requested the Plan be signed. Fareri relayed that the as-builts must be received and reviewed by Kresge to determine direction before the Plan is signed. McDermott noted the work had been bonded; therefore, the Plan can be signed. Kresge explained that the bond doesn't cover the possibility that the road might need to be reconstructed and there are discrepancies. Ahner stated the as-built was a requirement, due to the flood damage that was witnessed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Antiskid for the Remainder of 2018: Roadmaster Ahner stated the roadcrew will be transporting the antiskid and the distance to one of the bidder's quarry would be considerable further with more wear and tear on the trucks. Solicitor Fareri agreed the distance can be considered. Ahner stated the antiskid award will go to Eureka Stone Quarry, who had provided the next lowest bid at \$10.50 per ton. (other quotes were Locust Ridge Quarry @ \$8.50 & Hanson Aggregates @ \$12.00).

Zoning Hearing Board: Due to Harold Touni, Sr.'s resignation from the ZHB, another resident must be appointed to the Board. Ahner moved to appoint Carl Scarsons, who has been an alternate on the Board, to full status on the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.


Plowing Agreement: Ahner moved to enter into an agreement with Bruce George Paving and Excavating for the 2018-19 Winter Season for additional help, when necessary, to plow during snowstorms at a cost of \$62.50 per hr. per driver and \$30.00 per hr. per driver for training. Second by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

No Resident comments and No Executive Session

As there was no further business or resident comments, Ahner adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:08 pm.

All present were asked to remain and share in refreshments and show their appreciation to Harold Touni for his many years of volunteer service to the Township.

Respectfully submitted,


Ruthanne Toner, Secretary

(Minutes were written from the recording due to my absence)

