

AUGUST 28, 2017 SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

The Polk Township Supervisors met for a Regular Meeting, Monday, 8/28/17 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 165 Polk Twp. Rd., Kresgeville, PA. Supervisors Brian K. Ahner; Michael D. Hurley; Carl S. Heckman; Engineer Russell R. Kresge, Jr.; Zoning/Codes Officer Gerald Zurat; & Treasurer Beverly A. Christman were present. Attorney Jerry F. Hanna officiated as Solicitor. Solicitor Fareri had previously notified the Board of his absence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Hurley moved to approve the 7/24/17 Conditional Use Hearing Minutes and 7/24/17 Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: PSATS News....Dirt/Gravel News.....Aug. CJERP cancelled.....2020 Census.....Rural PA-News.....COG 8/28/17 agenda; 7/31/17 & 6/26/17 minutes.....MCPC 8/8/17 agenda & 7/11/17 minutes.. Economic Outlook Summit 9/8/17@ ESU.....Landowner Conservation Workshop 9/19/17 Monroe NCC.....PPL 8/1/17 request for Municipal Land Use Letter.....MCTCC 3/2/17 minutes.

REPORTS:

Polk Vol. Fire Co.: No report. **West End Ambulance:** Calls for July-36.

Treasurer Christman: **Income**-\$89,444.88 **Bills**-\$77,463.69. Ahner moved to pay the Bills; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. **8/28/17 Report:** Total General Fund- \$1,562,910.94, comprised of: [PLGIT-\$304,731.21; Checking- \$629,285.40; Payroll- \$28,669.66; ESSA account- \$600,224.67.] Highway Aid Fund - \$473,313.35. All Funds Total \$2,036,224.29. Total Escrow Funds-\$48,212.92, comprised of: [Driveway-\$16,089.30; Camp Harlam Girls Septic-\$2,001.61 & Detention Basins-\$30,122.01.] Ahner moved to approve the 8/28/17 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Roadmaster Ahner: (1)... COG rejected the Antiskid bids this year; therefore, each Township must obtain bids. Ahner moved to authorize Toner to obtain antiskid bids; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried...(2)... Last winter additional help was used to plow. Ahner moved to approve Bruce George Paving for the 2017-18 winter season to plow, as needed, using the township trucks at the same rate of \$60 per hr. per driver; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. Toner to prepare the agreement...(3)...A tree over the Lodge Hall roof was discussed (\$400 to trim or \$1200 to remove). Ahner moved to authorize Klingel Tree Service to remove a tree at Lodge Hall, estimate of \$1200, contingent upon agreement by the Historical Society members; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried...(4)...Ahner is waiting for an estimate to remove trees next to wires, located at Turkey Ridge & Haney...(5)...The roadcrew continues to cut grass. Shrubs, limbs and trees were cut back along Short Ln., Stagecoach, Short Ridge and Mount 'N' Dale Estates...(6)...A new roller will be needed by next spring...(7)...The Sept. 20th thru Oct. 2nd turnpike closure will impact traffic on RTE 209...(6)...Ahner relayed problems with tri-axle trucks in-route to Palmerton, which are destroying local roads.

SolidWaste/Recycle: Glass crusher was repaired. Brush, newspaper & glass were hauled to recycle centers.

Solicitor: The Conditional Use Decision for RNR Motors was prepared by Fareri & disseminated.

Zoning/Codes Officer Zurat Report 8: [7/27/17 to 8/28/17] ...Permits-69/ 267-YTD.....Inspections-28/ 162-YTD.....Complaints-15/ 54-YTD.....Right to Know Requests-1/ 8-YTD.....Compliance is anticipated in 10 of 24 code issues which included: burning, litter, solid waste, lack of permits, barking dog, tires, chickens, loud music, vehicles, & unsecured building.....The Zoning Hearing Board granted a front yard variance on 8/15/17 to the owner at 6413 Link Ln.....PPL Municipal Land Use Letter & Penn State Extension Community Water Survey were completed.....Attended meetings on Hazard Mitigation & Luna Rossa/PennDOT.

Parks: ...The Community Walking Park parking lot was completed. The sign is erected & a request for payment was sent to the County. Heckman will contact the property owner next to the park.....Zack Reagle is ready to begin his Nature Park project. Ahner moved to approve Zack Reagle's Eagle Scout Project at the Nature Park to include repairs to the pavilion & picnic tables by front entrance; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3 -0. Motion carried.

PLANS:

John C. Jennings & Anthony L. Speziale Lot Line Adjustment & Annexation: [The PC recommended waivers & approval; the Board was in receipt of Kresge's 7/26/17 review; Zurat's 7/27/17 review; MCPC's 7/13/17 review & 2 waiver requests]. Kresge provided background on the Plan which will take a strip of land from the larger parcel and add it to the smaller parcel. All comments have been addressed. Ahner moved to grant waivers from SALDO Sec. 404.1.C & 404.3.H on the surveyor's certification and SALDO Sec. 404.2.S on showing wetlands on the John C. Jennings & Anthony L. Speziale Lot Line Adjustment & Annexation Plan; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Heckman moved to approve the John C. Jennings & Anthony L. Speziale Lot Line Adjustment & Annexation Plan located along Trach Rd.; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

1146 Interchange Road LLC Land Development Plan: [The PC recommends the Plan; the Board was in receipt of Kresge's 7/26/17 review; Zurat's 7/27/17 review; KCE's 8/7/17 response letters; FEMA Letter of Map Amendment; MCPC's 8/1/17 review]. Kresge provided background. Comments have been addressed. Ahner moved to approve the 1146 Interchange Rd., LLC Land Development Plan; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hell Hollow Culvert Change Order #1: Due to the lack of work at the site, the Board and Kresge questioned the possibility of the project's completion. A time extension to the next Board meeting, allows for reassessment. Ahner moved to approve Change Order No. 1 by granting a time extension to 9/30/17 to Grace Industries, Inc. for completion of the Dotters Creek Bridge at Hell Hollow Rd.; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Dollar General: The MCCD, Township & owner will meet 8/30/17 to discuss concerns on stormwater.

Camp Harlam Drainage Along Smith Rd.: Ahner relayed information from the on-site meeting to discuss storm-water options. A letter dated 8/10/17 was sent to Camp Harlam; whereby, they may choose one of the options.

Lower Middle Creek Bridge Repair: The estimate for repairs has not yet been received.

Codification: Toner provided informational comparisons on who entities that are in the codification business, who were discussed. Heckman moved to approve General Code for the codification of Polk Township's ordinances at an estimate of \$9,500 to 14,500; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

"The Woods Final Plan for Phase I": The applicant and his representative were not present. The Plan has a time-extension to 10/5/17. The PC had recommended the Plan contingent on review comments being addressed; therefore, Kresge provided background on review comments. Heckman moved to table the Woods Final Plan for Phase I; The Woods Phasing Plan; and The Woods Declaration of Covenants until the applicant was present to comment on progress; seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Executive Session: The Board and Solicitor Hanna held an executive session from 8:50pm to 8:55pm.

As there was no further business, Ahner adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:26pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Ruthanne Toner, Secretary