

Township of Ontelaunee
35 Ontelaunee Dr
Reading, PA 19605

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ontelaunee Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:02 pm by the Board Chairman Kenneth Stoudt, in the Ontelaunee Township building, with Board Supervisors William Klein and Rodney Younker present.

Additional Meeting Attendees: Elizabeth Magovern, Solicitor
Mark Stabolepszy, Engineer
Mike Schwenk, Code Enforcement
Nicole Schwenk, Secretary-Treasurer

Kenneth Stoudt approved the Meeting Minutes as read from the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 3, 2012.

POLICE DEPARTMENT- none.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Paul LaFaver presented the May 2012 Union Fire Company No. 1 of Leesport Chief's Report. He stated they have reviewed the Berks Hollow Energy Station plans and have some comments. There is a symbol for hydrants in the legend but the hydrants are not shown on the plan. The hydrant specifications specify a Reading Thread and they are requiring the national standard thread.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR – none.

CORRESPONDENCE - PADEP May 21, 2012 letter regarding New Captive Residual Waste Landfill located in Maidencreek Township. They are holding a meeting 10 AM Tuesday June 19, 2012 at Maidencreek Township Building to explain the project.

Schuylkill Valley School District May 30, 2012 letter regarding a 'turning lane' at Ontelaunee Drive and the Middle School driveway. Solomon Lausch asked the Supervisors to release the school district from the requirement to install the lane and stated the reserve \$500,000 could be freed up for other purposes. The Supervisors had an agreement with the school that this lane was to be constructed by August 2010 and this lane has still not been installed. The Board stated several concerns. If this lane is not constructed soon and the money spent on other purposes, when a lane is needed, the money will not be available. The School may raise taxes in the future to pay for this turn lane if this allocated money is spent for other purposes now. Rodney Younker made a motion seconded by William Klein to have Ms. Magovern send a letter to the School District stating Ontelaunee Township is not releasing them from the turning lane requirement. Vote 3:0.

Sam Riechman from 99 Berkley Road sent an email to SSM stating he is having drainage problems on his property from Buckrubs. This runoff is also undermining an existing retaining wall on Buckrubs property and this wall is about to collapse onto his property. The Board asked Mr. Schwenk to take a look at the property at 99 Berkley Road.

TAX COLLECTION

Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by William Klein to acknowledge the tax collected for the month of May was \$303,882.64 in Real Estate Tax and \$6,442.20 in street light tax. Vote 3-0

ROADMASTERS REPORT

Kenneth Stoudt presented the May 2012 Roadmaster's report.

He told the other Board members there will be a presentation at the July meeting about replacing the traffic lights with LED lights.

Rodney Younker asked about the potholes getting fixed on Canal Street. Kenneth Stoudt stated the roadcrew is getting crushed macadam from Berks Soil & Stone to patch the road.

ENGINEER

Mark Stabolepszy presented the May 2012 Engineer's Report.

Mark discussed the escrow release request of \$136,763.01 for Willow Glen North Escrow Release No.11. Mark recommended the Board approve the release of the full amount conditioned upon Forino paying their outstanding Township invoices in the amount of \$60,605.47. Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by William Klein to approve release of the full amount of escrow release No. 11 in the amount of \$136,763.01 conditioned on Forino paying the Township invoices of \$60,605.47. Vote 3:0

Mark discussed the escrow release request of \$242,526.84 for Willow Glen Phases 1 & 2 Escrow Release No. 19. Mark recommended the Board approve the release of the full amount conditioned upon Forino paying their outstanding Township invoices in the amount of \$60,605.47. William Klein made a motion seconded by Rodney Younker to approve release of the full amount of escrow release No. 19 in the amount of \$242,526.84 conditioned on Forino paying the Township invoices of \$60,605.47. Vote 3-0

Mark discussed Recreation Area A and the maintenance period is up on January 7, 2013. He stated that a final inspection of the Area should be done in the autumn. He asked the Board who they felt should perform the inspection. The Board recommended Gary Hadden should do the final inspection.

Mark discussed the escrow release request of \$149,812.24 for Leibensperger Funeral Home Escrow Release No. 3. Mark recommended the Board approve the release of the full amount conditioned upon Leibensperger paying their outstanding Township invoices in the amount of \$5,347.49. Rodney Younker made a motion seconded by Kenneth Stoudt to approve release of the full amount of escrow release No. 3 in the amount of \$149,812.24 conditioned on Leibensperger paying the Township invoices of \$5,347.49. Vote 3-0

Mark discussed the SSM proposal to prepare the MS4 permit. The Board tabled this until the next meeting.

Rodney Younker asked about SSM's status of UGI Solar Power and Highland Auto & Trucking. Mark stated both projects have a few outstanding items to complete.

SOLICITOR

Ms. Magovern opened the public hearing for the Subdivision/Land Development Amendment Ordinance at 7:48 PM. There were no public comments. The hearing closed at 7:49 PM.

Rodney Younker made a motion seconded by William Klein to adopt Ordinance 2012-4 to amend the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to include a certification for approval of Subdivision and Land Development Plans by the Ontelaunee Township Municipal Authority. Vote 3:0.

Ms. Magovern updated the Board about the EDU increase OTMA is requiring of Ozzie's and Buckrubs. She also stated that she, OTMA and Kenneth Stoudt met with Berks Hollow Energy Station to discuss the project and also the water being provided to the site.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Schwenk presented the May 2012 Code Enforcement Report.

POLICE COMMISSION – the arbitrators have met since the arbitration hearing. There has been no decision from these meetings.

PLANNING COMMISSION – nothing.

PARK & REC– Gary Hadden stated Forino is bringing topsoil over to Recreation Area A. There have been requests for a water fountain. Gary found prices for fountains and the minimal cost was \$1000 for an outside water fountain. Gary stated OTMA will provide the water fountain. Kenneth Stoudt stated the roadcrew will be installing a lock on the pavilion. He is getting a lock for the gas tank on the Kubota tractor. He met with Scott Sweigart and Tony Forino about Recreation Area B. There is no electric or water to Area B. He stated 1 or 2 lights should be installed around the ball field so the police are able to check the field during night hours. Water should be there for future use should it become necessary to install concession stands. Kenneth also asked them to cut the bank back another 10 foot for future dugouts. Forino agreed to move the bank back. The other Board members agreed that water and electric should be run to Recreation Area B.

EXPENDITURES

William Klein made the motion seconded by Kenneth Stoudt to approve expenditures in the amount of \$85,715.40. Vote 3-0

OLD BUSINESS -Charlie Paris called on June 7, 2012 and gave us the approval to advertise the 2012 Road Project.

Eric Peterson from DESCCO called on June 6, 2012 and said they will be starting work on the Bower's Road Bridge Project starting June 11, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by Rodney Younker to accept Option No. 1 of the PennDOT notification letter dated May 11, 2012 regarding Pennsylvania Act 44 of 1988 per the local bridge inspections that PennDOT is responsible to inspect. Vote 3:0

Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by Rodney Younker to adopt Resolution 2012-5, a resolution urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to eliminate or amend the State Prevailing Wage Act. Vote 3:0.

Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by William Klein to adopt Resolution 2012-6 to have Met-Ed energize seven (7) street lights at Willow Glen North Development. Vote 3:0.

Kenneth Stoudt stated that Larry Geiger is going to day shift and he would like to hire Brad Schaffer part-time to the Road Crew. Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by Rodney Younker to hire Brad Schaffer part-time to the Road Crew. Vote 3:0

ADJOURNMENT

Rodney Younker made a motion seconded by William Klein to adjourn the monthly meeting at 8:20 PM. Vote 3-0

Respectfully

Nicole Schwenk
Secretary/Treasurer