

November 1, 2012

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

Rodney Younker made a motion seconded by William Klein to approve the Meeting Minutes as read from the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 4, 2012.

POLICE DEPARTMENT- none.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Paul LaFaver presented the October 2012 Union Fire Company No. 1 of Leesport Chief’s Report. Ken Quell from the Fire Department was also present.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR

Schuylkill Valley Library – James Dailey thanked the Board of Supervisors for their contribution to the Library. He handed out some information about the Library and discussed this information with the Board.

Berks Hollow Energy Station – Steve Bensinger was present to discuss the project. There was a brief discussion regarding Comment 1 from SSM Group, Inc., October 25, 2012 review letter.

Comment 3 – The Board stated they would rather not accept additional right-of-way along Leesport Avenue.

Comment 13 – The projected tax revenue was discussed.

William Klein made a motion seconded by Kenneth Stoudt to grant conditional final plan approval conditioned upon the review comments in Mark Stabolepszy’s letter dated October 25, 2012 and Kevin Conrad’s letter dated October 29, 2012 being addressed. Vote 3:0

Ontelaunee Orchards Subdivision – Brian Focht from Van Cleef Engineering was present to discuss Ontelaunee Orchards Subdivision.

Comment 1- Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by William Klein to waive Sections 3.02 and 3.201 to submit a preliminary/final plan rather than separate Preliminary and Final Plans. Vote 3:0.

Comment 2 – Final Plans will show the pins as set.

Comment 3 – The Board of Supervisors were good with the approximate locations of sanitary sewer and water connections noted on the plans but not shown.

The Berks County Planning Commission review letter stated that Leesport Borough should be given the opportunity to review the plans or sign a waiver, located on the plan, relinquishing their review rights.

Rodney Younker made a motion seconded by Kenneth Stoudt to grant conditional final plan approval conditioned upon the review comments in Mark Stabolepszy's October 25, 2012 review letter being addressed.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Schuylkill Valley Emergency Medical Service sent a letter thanking the Board of Supervisors for their contribution.

TAX COLLECTION

William Klein made a motion seconded by Rodney Younker to acknowledge the tax collected for the month of October was \$885.76 in Real Estate Tax, \$293.20 in per capita tax. Vote 3-0

ROADMASTERS REPORT

Kenneth Stoudt presented the October 2012 Roadmaster's report. Straub Roofing and Concrete Inc., had repaired the roofs in the meeting room and foyer. Two new leaks were noticed in the meeting room since Hurricane Sandy. Straub recommended re-flashing the roof over the meeting room within a year.

ENGINEER

Mark Stabolepszy presented the October 2012 Engineer's Report.

Mark discussed his November 1, 2012 review letter for the Berks County Public Safety Radio Network. Comment 1 through 10 deals with the engineer getting the right notes and details on the plans.

Comment 11 deals with the financial security for the project. Elizabeth Magovern stated Berks County is seeking a waiver of this requirement. The Board stated that Berks County should provide financial security for the project. No waiver was granted.

Rodney Younker made a motion seconded by William Klein to grant conditional approval of the Stormwater Management plan conditioned upon the review comments in Mark Stabolepszy's November 1, 2012 review letter being addressed.

Kenneth Stoudt asked Mark if the two detention basins in Willow Glen North were dedicated to the land owner. Mark stated that they were and maintenance responsibilities are that of the property owner. Kenneth Stoudt stated that he would ask Forino if these two properties were rentals or not.

Kenneth Stoudt stated that he is receiving phone calls from a resident regarding people not stopping for stop signs in the Harvest. Kenneth asked why Adams Road has four-way stop signs. Mark stated that an engineering study had not been done to justify the need for four way stop signs at the intersections of Adams Road. He also stated that an Ordinance would need to be adopted for the stop signs to remain or the Township could take the stop signs down. The Board decided to take the stop signs down.

Kenneth Stoudt received phone calls from Sandy Oesterling regarding the new owner of the commercial property behind Koch Road, 5047 Pottsville Pike (formerly owned by White Brothers). She stated they are using Koch Road to go in and out of their business along Route 61. She talked to the new owners and they stated they cannot use Route 61 due to the construction. Their trucks weigh 80,000 lbs. Mark stated the business needs to take this issue up with PennDOT. The Board will temporarily post "No Trucks" on Koch Road and will send a letter to the owner that they can no longer use Koch Road.

SOLICITOR

Elizabeth Magovern stated that Kenny will need to sign a letter regarding the Prospectus Resolution for OTMA.

Fred Harrison resigned from the OTMA Board on October 25, 2012.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Schwenk presented the October 2012 Code Enforcement Report. Michael Schwenk informed the Board that the materials on the 5047 Pottsville Pike property need to be surrounded by a 4 foot height fence. The Board was in favor of Mr. Schwenk sending the property owner a Notice of Violation.

POLICE COMMISSION – There is no update on the arbitration or the future of Leesport Borough with the Northern Berks Regional Police Department. All officers are back and working.

PLANNING COMMISSION – nothing.

PARK & REC– They had no meeting this month.

EXPENDITURES

William Klein made the motion seconded by Rodney Younker to approve expenditures in the amount of \$87,088.26. Vote 3-0

OLD BUSINESS – Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by Rodney Younker to accept a proposal from Arlan Wessner Inc. for additional drainage structures needed for Recreation Area A in the amount of \$5,050. Vote 3:0.

Schuylkill Valley School District – a letter from Hartman Shurr was sent to the School District. We are waiting for a response. The Board stated the Township should send the School District a letter asking them for an update on the left turn lane.

NEW BUSINESS

Rodney Younker made a motion seconded by Kenneth Stoudt to appoint Nicole Schwenk as the official representative to the Berks County MS4 Steering Committee. Vote 3:0.

Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by William Klein to accept Fred Harrison's October 25, 2012 resignation from the OTMA Board. Vote 3:0.

The Board will have a special meeting on Thursday, November 08, 2012 at 4 PM to adopt the proposed budget for 2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 8:40 PM to discuss personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 9:25 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

William Klein made a motion seconded by Rodney Younker to adjourn the monthly meeting at 9:26 PM. Vote 3-0

Respectfully

Nicole Schwenk
Secretary/Treasurer