

November 6, 2014

Township of Ontelaunee
35 Ontelaunee Drive
Reading, PA 19605

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ontelaunee Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:04 PM by the Board Chairman Kenneth Stoudt, in the Ontelaunee Township building, with Board Supervisors William Klein and Gary Hadden present.

Additional Meeting Attendees: Chris Hartman, Solicitor
William McMullen, Engineering Representative
Mike Schwenk, Code Enforcement
Nicole Schwenk, Secretary-Treasurer

William Klein made a motion seconded by Gary Hadden to approve the Meeting Minutes as read from the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 2, 2014.

An executive session was held on November 6, 2014 to discuss potential litigation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT- none.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – none.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR

James Dailey from Schuylkill Valley Community Library came to thank the Board for their continued support. He went through a library presentation with the Board.

Dan Laudenslayer was here to answer any questions that pertained to Beechwood Lot 9 and Lot 10.

David Kleckner the architect working on the Leesport Diner presented a proposed layout for the Leesport Diner. He stated that the intent is to demolish the existing structure and rebuild a new diner. He has proposed squaring off the existing building footprint for the new building. He asked the Board if they would consider waiving the land development process. William McMullen stated that he did not feel this would present a problem as there would be no additional impervious cover and this was mainly a building permit project.

Gary Hadden made a motion seconded by William Klein to waive the land development process for the Leesport Diner rebuild. Vote 3:0.

Beechwood Estates Annexation Lot 9 and Lot 10 – the Board tabled approving the plan.

Beechwood Estates Lots 1 through 3 – Bellevue Builders and Al Henn were present. The improvements agreement had not been notarized by Bellevue Builders. Chris Hartman stated that the Board is concerned about the road being damaged after it receives final paving that's why they asked Bellevue Builders and Al Henn to attend the meeting. Bellevue Builders stated that they don't intend to pave the roadway until they completed construction on all the lots they own. Al Henn stated that he would not sign any agreement. Chris Hartman stated that if the road is damaged, the responsible party will be made to repair it. Chris Hartman stated the agreement would need to be revised to state the roadway will be paved by Bellevue Builders after lots 1 through 3 are developed.

CORRESPONDENCE

September 30, 2014 Crime Alert Berks County asking for a contribution.

October 6, 2014 Schuylkill Valley EMS letter thanking the Board for their contribution.

October 15, 2014 Acer Associates, LLC stating they are submitting documentation to the state historic preservation office on behalf of T-Mobile Northeast LLC.

October 23, 2014 Earth Data Northeast stating they are submitting a NPDES Permit Application to the PADEP on behalf of Brenntag Northeast, Inc.

October 29, 2014 Berks County Solid Waste Authority asking for a contribution.

TAX COLLECTION

Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by Gary Hadden to acknowledge the tax collected for the month of October was \$3,158.72 in Real Estate Tax and \$180.00 in per capita tax. Vote 3:0

ROADMASTERS REPORT

Kenneth Stoudt presented the October 2014 Roadmaster's report. Kenneth Stoudt stated he priced a leaf/grass catcher for the Township Building from Lift Inc. for \$2800.00. He asked the Board to consider purchasing one for use at the building.

ENGINEERING REPRESENTATIVE

William McMullen presented the October 2014 Engineer's Report.

Gary Hadden made a motion seconded by William Klein to have ARRO Consulting Inc. survey and provide sketch plans for improvements at the Route 73 and Ontelaunee Drive intersection located in Traffic Impact Area 2. Vote 3:0

The money from the Traffic Impact Area 2 account will be used to pay for the surveying and engineering costs.

William McMullen recommended the Board conditionally approve the release of \$35,310.00 for the Willow Glen Phases 3 & 4 escrow release No. 16. William Klein made a motion seconded by Kenneth Stoudt to approve escrow release No. 16 in the amount of \$35,310.00 conditioned on Forino paying the Township invoices. Vote 3-0

Linda King submitted a letter on October 14, 2014 requesting the balance of the engineering review escrow funds for Beechwood Estates be released to her. The Board was told by Bellevue Builders Linda King had agreed to pay for the engineering and solicitor costs up to signing the agreements/paperwork. The Board tabled Linda King's request.

SOLICITOR

Chris Hartman presented Ordinance 2014-5, an ordinance amending the traffic ordinances, entitled no stopping, standing, or parking along both sides of Bowers Road between Slater Road and Wileys Road Bridge. There were no public comments.

Gary Hadden made a motion seconded by Kenneth Stoudt to adopt Ordinance 2014-5. Vote 3:0

Chris Hartman opened the meeting for a public hearing for the proposed Resolution 2014-7 at 8:20 PM. Mr. Hartman presented to the public, Resolution 2014-7, a Resolution approving the issuance by Union Fire Company No. 1 of Leesport of a \$675,000.00 obligatory note to finance the construction of alterations and improvements to the fire house located at 48 West Wall Street, Leesport. There were no public comments. The public hearing closed at 8:21 PM.

Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by Gary Hadden to adopt Resolution 2014-7. Vote 3:0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Michael Schwenk presented the October 2014 Code Enforcement Report.

Gary Hadden stated that the property owner of 74 Willow Creek Road approached him asking the Board if they would support the owner going for a variance to place a building on the lot. The Board stated they would be fine with it but the Zoning Hearing Board makes those decisions. Mr. Schwenk stated he did not feel the Zoning Hearing Board would approve this variance.

POLICE COMMISSION - Gary Hadden stated the draft 2015 police budget proposes a 7% increase over last year's budget. He asked for any suggestions regarding the proposed 2015 police budget be emailed to him by Monday afternoon.

PLANNING COMMISSION – They discussed Beechwood Lot 9 and Lot 10 at the October meeting.

PARK & REC – They will not have any meetings until March 2015.

EXPENDITURES

Gary Hadden made the motion seconded by William Klein to approve expenditures in the amount of \$103,713.77. Vote 3:0

OLD BUSINESS

The guiderail at the Willow Creek Bridge is discontinued. They are no longer manufacturing it due to a problem with the federal government and testing. The federal government is stating whatever is installed they will let go as is. Gary stated if the guiderail fails while being tested he will have Morganrail replace it at no cost.

NEW BUSINESS

Kenneth Stoudt made a motion seconded by William Klein to adopt Resolution 2014-8, a resolution for a municipality to cast its vote for the individuals who will serve on the TCC Executive Committee as the primary and alternate delegates for the municipalities that lie within the same school district as this Municipality, with Diane DeJesus from Bern Township as our primary delegate and Brian Potts from Bern Township as our alternate delegate to serve on the TCC Executive Committee. Vote 3:0.

Chris Hartman was asked by the Board to have his office prepare a letter to the tax collector addressing a problem that was brought to the Boards attention regarding the tax collector directing one of the secretaries to collect a resident's tax payment for the tax collector.

The Board will hold a workshop meeting Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 3 PM in the Township Building to revise and finalize the proposed 2015 budget.

The 2015 notification regarding the Liquid Fuels allocation was received from PennDOT.

ADJOURNMENT

William Klein made a motion seconded by Kenneth Stoudt to adjourn the monthly meeting at 9:19 PM. Vote 3:0.

Respectfully

Nicole Schwenk
Secretary/Treasurer