

October 1, 2015

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 Gary Hadden present.

Additional Meeting Attendees: Mike Schwenk, Code Enforcement
William McMullen, Engineering Representative
Elizabeth Magovern, Solicitor
Kim Y. Berger, Secretary

Visitors – Ken Quell, Dane Miller, Karen Chandler (Reading Eagle), Rich Reilly

Several executive sessions were held on September 17, 24 and 26 to discuss personnel.

A motion was made by Ken Stoudt and seconded by Gary Hadden to hire Kim Berger as the Secretary for the Township at the rate of \$20 per hour. Vote 3-0.

William Klein made a motion seconded by Gary Hadden to approve the Meeting Minutes as read from the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 3, 2015. Vote 3-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – no report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Kenneth Quell presented the Financial Report for the 2014 year. Ken also presented the September 2015 report for Union Fire Company #1 of Leesport. He also reported that there will be an Open House on October 10, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the rain date being October 11, 2015.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR – Rich Reilly asked if the Township monitors the blasting at Berks Products. Solicitor Magovern stated that they are monitored by the Government and they must have permits to do the blasting. She stated that he should contact DEP with questions.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

TAX COLLECTION

A motion was made by Kenneth Stoudt and seconded by Gary Hadden to acknowledge the tax collected for the month of September, \$4,683.24 was in Real Estate Tax and \$999.60 in per capita tax. Vote 3:0

ROADMASTERS REPORT

Kenneth Stoudt presented the September 2015 Roadmaster's report.

Mr. Stoudt also reported that the brakes are not working on the big tractor and it is being taken to Snyder for repairs.

Mr. Stoudt mentioned that the line painting will wait until spring.

The Road crew spent 3 hours cleaning up a debris pile along Willow Creek Road. It filled a pickup truck and a dump truck. The police department is investigating.

ENGINEER

William McMullen presented the September 2015 Engineer's Report.

Mohrsville Road Project - preliminary plans have been developed and submitted to the railroad for coordination and review. The railroad requires submission of fees in the amount of \$4700 for engineering review and a \$1000 crossing application fee prior to offering comments on the submission. After discussion on the fees, a motion was made by Gary Hadden and seconded by Ken Stoudt to authorize payment to the railroad. Voted 3-0.

North Pointe Business Center Storm Sewers – A motion was made by Gary Hadden and seconded by Ken Stoudt to authorize a contractor to televiser the storm sewer pipe for \$3,000. This will be 10 hours of work and about 2,600 feet of pipe to determine if there is a problem.

BenCo Land Development – A revised land development plan has been submitted to the Township for review. It will be reviewed at the Planning Commission meeting on October 15, 2015. An extension to the 90 day review period was provided by the developer's consultant with the current review period expiring on December 8, 2015.

A motion was made by Gary Hadden and seconded by William Klein to give BenCo Land Development a 90 day extension until December 8, 2015. Vote 3-0.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor Magovern stated that a Public Hearing needed to be held regarding the Cable Franchise Ordinance.

The public hearing was opened.

Solicitor Magovern stated that it is a 15 year agreement, the franchise fee will increase from 3% to 5%. There will also be an educational channel. The school and the township may obtain a grant (EG Capital Support Grant) for \$2,675.00. This shall be paid within 3 months of the effective date of the ordinance.

At this time it was open to any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

At this time the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Ken Stoudt and seconded by Gary Hadden to adopt Ordinance #2015-2 – Cable Franchise Agreement. Vote 3-0.

Solicitor Magovern stated that we received an escrow check was for \$5,000 for East Huller Lane rezoning. Developer is paying for the rezoning of this property. Developer will pay for all legal and engineering fees.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Michael Schwenk presented the September 2015 Code Enforcement Report.

Willow Glen – Mr. Schwenk stated that as far as the weeds/grass that has not been cut in the development, he has spoken with Forino and his mower isn't working and they would like to turn over the ground rather than cut it. After discussion, the supervisors have asked that Mr. Schwenk go back to Forino and let him know that they do not agree with turning it over, unless

they turn over the soil completely and reseed it. The Township would prefer that it just be cut to avoid erosion.

OTMA – The Authority has hired a part-time person to work Tuesdays and Thursdays. The delinquent report is looking pretty good. And the meter readings are getting better.

EMA COORDINATOR – nothing to report.

POLICE COMMISSION – They are working on contract negotiations with the police.

PLANNING COMMISSION – nothing.

PARK & REC– Benches have come in for the soccer field

EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Ken Stoudt and seconded by Gary Hadden to approve expenditures as needed. Vote 3:0

OLD BUSINESS

Dane Miller asked if there was any more discussion on the “Welcome to Ontelaunee” signs. There are some really nice signs in Exeter that might be appealing. He will take a picture and email to Gary Hadden for review.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Gary Hadden and seconded by William Klein to approve the contract with Long and Barrell to audit the Township for the 2015 year. There is an increase of 3%. The increase price is \$6,500. Vote 3-0.

A motion was made by Gary Hadden and seconded by William Klein to authorize October 30 and 31, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. as official Trick or Treat nights. Vote 3-0.

Discussion was held regarding the traffic light at Bellemen’s Church Road and Rt. 61. It appears there may be a problem with the sensor. Gary Hadden will contact Telco to take a look at it.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by William Klein and seconded by Gary Hadden to adjourn the monthly meeting at 8:03 PM. Vote 3:0

Respectfully



Kim Y. Berger
Secretary