

January 3, 2011  
7:40 PM

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Simmons.

ATTENDANCE

Samuel M. Simmons, III, Chairman	Marjorie Metzger, Administrative Assistant
A.W. Castle, III., Supervisor	James Bogar, Solicitor
John Dwyer, Sr., Vice-Chairman	Greg Rogalski, Zoning Officer
	Mark Bruening, Engineer

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2010 Regular meeting.**

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2010 Special Meeting for Financing.**

REPORTS

ROADMASTER'S REPORT

**On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Roadmaster's Report.**

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Zoning Officer's report.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SPEED LIMIT PROPOSAL

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Bruening said the report will be ready by the next meeting.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

\_\_\_\_\_Mr. Bruening spoke to Jeff Kelly, county planner, who said the deadline is not set in stone as long as the township is working and making progress. The county ordinance is quite involved with regulations, and it requires the township to issue permits, review, inspect, report, and enforce all storm water activity. He will have a draft ready for the next meeting.

**On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to send letters to all state and federal legislators sharing our concern that townships are being killed with all the state and federal mandates that are unfunded, and this storm water ordinance is yet another example. He asked for a copy of the letter to be shared with the Sentinel and Patriot.**

DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

\_\_\_\_\_Mr. Bogar said he will have something to report at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2011-01

\_\_\_\_\_On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2011-01, which hires the firm of Smith Elliott and Kearns to perform the audit for 2010.

HUMANE SOCIETY AGREEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_The agreement has been changed for 2011. The township must pay ½ the rate of last year, which is \$1,869.59, plus a \$250 contract fee. If this amount is used up with animals being dropped off, then the Humane Society will bill the township for additional services. If the amount is not used, the township would get a refund or be given credit toward the following year.

Residents must notify the township before taking any stray cats to the Humane Society.

Mr. Dwyer felt this was a move in the right direction. A couple years ago we were paying \$8,000 and now we are down to \$2,000.

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept the agreement with Humane Society for services in 2011.**

RUTTER'S BOND REDUCTION REQUEST

\_\_\_\_\_On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the

**Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to release portions of the bonds for Rutter's, as outlined in the township engineer's letter dated December 14, 2010.**

SINCLAIR ROAD DEVELOPMENT

\_\_\_\_\_The agreement with Mr. Tamanini to extend the gravity sewer line to the property line is not going anywhere. Mr. Gelder would like to put in the pump station to be able to move his plan forward, but this may require some adjustments to the plan approval. Mr. Bruening said the ordinance has been changed to now require any developer to extend the utility to the property line, which will preclude this situation from happening in the future. The Act 537 Plan states this area must be sewered. It is beyond Mr. Gelder's control to do the sewer by gravity. Mr. Bogar suggested the Board should talk with Mr. Gelder.

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to table the Sinclair Road development.**

RESOLUTION 2011-02 RETENTION / DISPOSITION OF RECORDS

**On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2011-02, which is the Retention and Disposition of certain records.**

RESOLUTION 2011-06 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

\_\_\_\_\_On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2011-06, which is the Hazard Mitigation plan for Cumberland County.

BILLS

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the bills as prepared.**

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Metzger thanked the Board on behalf of the employees, for their actions this evening. Mr. Castle said the Board appreciates the employees. Last year there was no increase. The Board will continue to work with the employees to find answers on how to handle things and look for cost savings.

Mr. Bruening appreciates the Board's reappointment and raise. He looks forward to working with us.

Mr. Rogalski expressed the same sentiments.

Mr. Bogar appreciates the opportunity to be of continued service.

Mr. Castle thanked the professional staff for keeping the township out of trouble and out of jail, while making good honest decisions for the residents.

Mr. Dwyer asked for continued effort to provide answers to Werner Schmidts email concerning the budget and tax rates. He asked the Solicitor to review the matter. He appreciates everyones hard work and thanked the Azizkhan's for attending the meeting.

Dr. Azizkhan said it his duty to attend and see what is going on and to participate.

Mr. Castle hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Remember the troops. Don't let them get far from your heart and mind, and their families. The next meeting is February 10. In an effort to save money, the Supervisors agreed to change the propane company, which has been completed. The price has gone from approximately \$4.00 a gallon to \$1.83. God Bless America.

Mr. Simmons thanked the Board for supporting him as Chairman. Mr. Castle said there are trying times and as Chairman you get a lot of pressure and we appreciate the job that Sam has done.

ADJOURN

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger  
Administrative Assistant