

January 6, 2014
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kehoe. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

ATTENDANCE

Phil Kehoe, Chairman
A.W. Castle, III, Vice Chairman
Samuel M. Simmons, III, Supervisor

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor
Greg Rogalski, Zoning Officer
Marjorie Metzger, Administrative Assistant

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Charles Brocht 135 Meadow Lane, would like to wait and hook to the sewer line that is to be installed along Meadow Lane instead of hooking to the sewer line along Simmons Road. He will pay the connection fee. Mr. Kehoe said at this time there is no plan to extend the sewer line to Meadow Lane because of the costs. Mr. Simmons said it will cost more to run the line than the benefit of the extension. They suggested he speak to Mr. Bruening, the engineer. The Board tabled discussion on this matter until the next meeting. Mr. Brocht does not have to be concerned with his compliance until that time.

Dave Clouser, 170 Simmons Road, had several concerns with the sewer. He had asked for a variance from going the 150' to the boring pit. He gave an easement to the Township for the sewer line. There is no saddle connection for his hook up, but the line on the other side of the road had that connection provided. He questioned if that is fair. The Township also used to supply the grinder pumps which cost \$2,500. But since 2010, the Township no longer provides the pumps, and the cost has gone up to \$4,500. Is this fair or should the Township reconsider. Mr. Simmons said the pump policy was changed. Mr. Clouser said he was given the 13 year extension because he had spent \$8-10,000 on the septic sand mound system. But the sewer connections that were made in 2002 cost about \$6,000. Today, that cost is around \$15,000. The Board needs to hear the rationale from the Engineer. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Randy Jackson commended the road crew on their work this winter. Mr. Castle asked for a letter to be sent to the road crew for their good job. Mr. Jackson asked about the sewer waiver on Sinclair Road, which the Board explained this was temporary for a model home.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting, as amended.

ROADMASTER REPORT

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Roadmaster's report.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DILLSBURG AREA AUTHORITY

Mr. Pykosh said there was nothing new to report.

COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Mr. Pykosh said Comcast has agreed to the suggested changes, and had a few more questions. By law the township is able to collect a franchise fee from 1-5% of the revenues of the cable company. It would be a pass through to the customer. All townships around us are doing it. The estimate from Comcast would be approximately \$42,000 a year at the 5% rate. They have about 1,200 subscribers in Monroe Township. Plus we could also be entitled to 5% of their revenue from the home shopping network, which could be about \$360 a year. The agreement with Verizon would be similar, but we do not have figures from them at this time.

Mr. Simmons said this could take the place of a tax increase next year. Only the residents with cable service would have to pay the fee. Mr. Castle suggested moving forward with it.

NEW BUSINESS

COMPUTER PROPOSAL

The township has a custom computer application that needs to be replaced, along with some hardware. A proposal has been submitted from the office staff. Mr. Kehoe submitted a memo on new software procurement that the office staff must complete prior to the February meeting. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 2014-01 AUDITOR APPOINTMENT

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2014-01, which

appoints the firm of Smith, Elliott, Kearns & Company, LLC to make an examination of all the accounts of Monroe Township for the 2013 fiscal year.

RESOLUTION 2014-05 RETENTION/DISPOSITION SCHEDULE

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2014-05, which is for the disposition of specific municipal records.

PARKVIEW MDEADOWS – BOND REDUCTION REQUEST

The Township just purchased Lot 1 and had settlement on December 30, 2013. One other lot has also been sold. Mr. Bruening is recommending the bond be reduced for those two lots.

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to authorize the reduction of the Parkview Meadows performance bond in the amount of \$9,750.00.

Mr. Pykosh said the two grants will now be worked on for reimbursements. A second appraisal of the land is required for the DCNR grant. This will be completed by the next meeting.

The Board discussed uses for the 2.52 acre lot that has been purchased. Mr. Simmons suggested rugby. Mr. Castle suggested volleyball. Mr. Kehoe said when a field is installed there is more maintenance. He suggested extending the walking path and some passive recreation. The Boy Scouts are interested in reviving the American chestnut tree. Maybe some type of environmental education could be done. Mr. Castle also suggested the veteran's memorial with flags from each branch of the service being displayed. A suggestion was made to have a master plan prepared. It is possible to get additional grants for the development of the property. Mr. Castle suggested partnering with a VFW or Wounded Warriors. The Recreation Board will also be asked for their input by February. Mr. Kehoe will talk with the scouts. An Erosion and Sedimentation plan must also be considered. A suggestion was made to have one of the road crew who are involved with farming plant some oats for the spring as a cover for the field.

CURB / SIDEWALK ORDINANCE

Mr. Pykosh prepared a draft that must be reviewed. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

BILLS

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

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Rogalski and Mr. Pykosh thanked the Board for their reappointments, and look forward to working with them.

Mr. Simmons congratulated Mr. Kehoe on his chairmanship. He looks forward to him leading the Board to a bigger and brighter path. He thanked the audience for coming to the meeting and to keep warm.

Mr. Castle asked for the troops to be remembered. February 13 is the next meeting with the new chairman. The township received \$2,200 from the Monroe Township Historical Society. He thanked the Board for working with him as Chairman over the past year. His trivia question was, which poker hand ranks the highest and the answer was Straight Flush. God Bless America.

Mr. Kehoe thanked the Board for their vote of confidence. He will do his best to not steer them too far. He told everyone to have a healthy and happy new year. We have unique opportunities to work on the computer proposal, the recreation land and other recreation investments.

Mr. Castle said he has contacted several state and federal officials to get a meeting set up to discuss the sewer and what funding may be available or other ideas.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned Andrew Clancy, who is an engineer, who has offered to assist the Municipal Authority to develop an inventory and assessment for the southern sewer district. Mr. Clancy could work with the Authority and Mr. Bruening to come up with something by April. Mr. Castle suggested maybe a private business would be willing to take over the sewer and asked the Solicitor to check into the possibilities.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger
Administrative Assistant