

October 10, 2013
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Castle. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. There was a moment of silence in remembrance of Sgt. Patrick Hawkins from Carlisle, who was killed in Afghanistan.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Devin Flickinger was representing West Shore EMS, who have had 263 calls for the year so far.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ROADMASTER REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PENN WASTE

Mr. Kehoe had several questions or clarifications needed on the recycling section of the ordinance. Mr. Pykosh will address the concerns and then advertise the Ordinance for Trash and Recycling services.

DILLSBURG AREA AUTHORITY

Mr. Pykosh has been in contact with the four property owners who have not hooked to the sewer yet in Monroe Acres, as well as Sheldon Williams at Dillsburg Area Authority. He will continue his communications to work toward a resolution.

BICYCLE SIGN REQUESTS

Jeff McPartland present. He submitted a request for bicycle signs to be placed at the intersection of Locust Point and Lisburn Roads. There was also a letter submitted from the Harrisburg Bicycle Club requesting signs also be placed at the intersection of York and Old Stone House Roads. All of these roads are state roads.

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to authorize the township engineer to contact PennDOT about erecting “Share the Road” signs at the intersection of Locust Point and Lisburn Roads, and York and Old Stone House Roads. Mr. Castle also requested a “Dangerous Intersection” sign be placed at the intersection of York and Old Stone House Roads.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned there have been bicyclists going 50 mph on Kuhn Road, riding two or three side by side, which is a safety issue. This information will be shared with the Club.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT 2013

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to announce the intention of the Board to appoint the firm of Smith Elliott & Kearns to perform the 2013 audit of all funds at a price of \$12,250. A Resolution will be adopted in January 2014.

BUDGET 2014

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt the tentative budget of all funds for 2014. The tentative budget will open for inspection at the township office.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Rogalski has been working with the Planning Commission on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. He is suggesting completing the process in potentially January 2014. The Planning Commission would make their final recommendation in December 2013. A hearing date can be set by the Supervisors at their November meeting. The ordinance must be advertised and sent to the Cumberland County Planning Commission for review. If there would be any substantial changes, then the process would have to start over.

There was discussion on the use of the state Tourism signs and how they would fit into the ordinance. Mr. Kehoe suggested the tourism signs be used in lieu of the private off-site signs by local businesses. Mr. Rogalski said the tourism signs are permitted because they are officially traffic signs. The Planning Commission is suggesting the allowance of directional signs outside the right-of-way, with permission from the landowner, with size limitations. There is a cost to PennDOT for the tourism signs which is around \$650 per sign. Mr. Simmons felt the \$650 is too much for local businesses and suggested allowing a standard sign, of a standard size with the limited information on the sign. There was also the concern of what extent the zoning ordinance can go to regulate the appearance and taste of signs.

Mr. Kehoe asked about the outdoor recreational fire pit use and if the fire department has had input on these uses. Mr. Rogalski will check with the fire marshal. Mr. Kehoe also questioned the use of spark arresters.

TRINDLE STATION – BOND REDUCTION REQUEST

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve a bond reduction for Trindle Station, Phase 2, Section 7, Lots 11-16 in the amount of \$91,110.00. There is still \$130,078 available for improvements.

RESOLUTION 2013 – 12

Mr. Pykosh said this Resolution is regarding the solar panel project that was installed at the Sheldon Brymesser farm on Leidigh Drive. The project was approved with grants and now the County wants to charge them the back taxes for the Clean and Green program. The Township provided a letter of support for Mr. Brymesser to the County Appeals Board in the spring, but it was not considered formal enough. So this Resolution is a formal version of what the Board has already agreed to. It supports a local business and family.

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 2013-12.

BILLS

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

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Pykosh requested to meet with the Board after the meeting in executive session to discuss pending matters of litigation.

Mr. Bruening reviewed the layout of the low pressure sewer system for Lisburn Meadows and has determined there are two additional homes that can make a direct connection to the sewer without boring under Simmons Road. The Board agreed to send two additional letters for sewer connections, which is in balance with the course of action already started for this development.

Mr. Bruening said the last four houses in Lisburn Meadows would have to bore under the road to connect to the sewer. He will be providing a proposal for this work. He believes it will be less than the cost to be collected from the tapping fees.

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to notify the additional two homes in Lisburn Meadows of their requirement to connect to the sewer line.

Mr. Bruening had a proposal from KBM Industries, Inc. to make some modifications to the Spring Road pump station, in the amount of \$1,538.00.

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept the proposal of KBM Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,538.00 to modify the influent basket at the Spring Road pump station.

Mr. Bruening said the work to locate the force main at Leidigh pump station is scheduled for Friday morning. The cost is \$900 to establish the location of 1,800 feet of pipe line. The work has been authorized to proceed.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned the portable toilets have been delivered. He has had a number of parents express their appreciation for the change. Mr. Castle thanked Mr. Kehoe for his idea of upgrading the portable toilets. Mr. Kehoe appreciates Karen for following through with the request.

Mr. Simmons wished everyone a Happy Halloween, and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Castle mentioned the tentative budget has been adopted. The County will no longer be collecting the per capita tax. The Township must either take on the task of collecting the per capita tax or eliminate that bill and add it to the real estate tax. If the Real Estate tax was increased to incorporate the Per Capita tax, an example was given as follows: A home assessed at \$100,000 would cost an additional \$3.50 in tax; a \$200,000 home would cost \$7.00, and so on. The Per Capita brings in approximately \$20,000 per year. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Castle asked for the troops and their families to be remembered. He asked for flags to be lowered over the weekend in memory of Sgt. Hawkins. The next meeting is November 14

and Trick or Treat night is scheduled for October 31. Election Day is November 5. The township offices are closed on November 5 and 11. Eight township personnel have been certified in CPR/AED/First Aid. This is a good thing, and he is proud of the employees taking that step forward. He asked for notes to be given to the personnel in appreciation for completing the training.

Mr. Castle announce that South Middleton Township Municipal Authority completed their final audit for 2012, and the township was given a credit in the amount of \$31,211 toward the operational expenses. The Township received \$27,190.51 in pension state aid; \$47,405.14 for Firemens Relief state aid; and \$4,969.00 for recycling efforts in 2011.

Mr. Castle's Trivia Question was as follows: How many colors are in the traditional rainbow? The answer was 7, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.

Mr. Castle read a thought from Les Brown – Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears.

God Bless America.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger
Administrative Assistant