

November 10, 2011
7:00 PM

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

ATTENDANCE

Samuel M. Simmons, III, Chairman
A.W. Castle, III., Supervisor
John Dwyer, Sr., Vice-Chairman

Marjorie Metzger, Administrative Assistant
James Bogar, Solicitor
Greg Rogalski, Zoning Officer
Mark Bruening, Engineer

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

George McNeill publically thanked the Supervisors and Kent Kerstetter and the entire road crew for the flooding control measures they completed in White Rock. They are a dedicated group of workers and they did a great job.

Phil Kehoe gave an update on the school committee. They continue to attend the school board meetings and some of the financial committee meetings. Our attendance is being noticed. We are awake and paying attention. The budget process will start now that election is over. He congratulated Mr. Dwyer on his election to the school board.

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 October 13, 2011 Regular meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FINANCING

Paul Lundeen present to give an update on the bond sale to refund the Bonds from 2003, 2003A and 2005, and the savings involved. An ordinance has been advertised to amend the Subsidy Agreement with the Dillsburg Area Authority. He will meet with Dillsburg on Tuesday for their approval and with the Monroe Authority on Wednesday. Mr. Simmons was glad to see the savings we got.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Ordinance 2011-08 as outlined, which amends the subsidy agreement with Dillsburg Area Authority.

SOLICITING / PEDDLERS ORDINANCE

Mr. Dwyer mentioned this ordinance increases the fines, and makes it clearer as to who can solicit within the township.

On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Ordinance 2011-07, the Soliciting and Peddling Ordinance.

PENN WASTE – ORDINANCE REVISIONS REQUEST

The Penn Waste representatives have requested to be tabled until the December meeting.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY – STORM WATER WAIVER REQUEST

Karen Lutz present. She reviewed the comments received from Mr. Bruening. They are requesting a waiver of the storm water permit. Mr. Dwyer said they have done a very good job of meeting our requirements and accompanying us. Mr. Rogalski said a lot of the items have been ironed out.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to grant the waiver request of storm water, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

MIDDLE FARM - STORMWATER WAIVER REQUEST

Dave Miller of Rettew Assoc. present. The property is located at 345 Heisey Road. They propose to build an indoor riding arena, outdoor arena and other equestrian facilities. There are two waiver requests from the storm water requirements.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to grant the storm water waiver requests as

submitted.

TRINDLE STATION BOND REDUCTION REQUEST FOR SEWER – PHASE 2, SECTION 2

Frank Tamanini present. He agrees with Mr. Bruenings recommendation. Mr. Bruening said the only outstanding issue is the As Built. Then a maintenance bond will need to be established.

On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the bond reduction for Trindle Station, Phase 2, Section 2, and to release the amount of \$45,790.00.

TRINDLE STATION BOND REDUCTION REQUEST – PHASE 2, SECTION 1

Frank Tamanini present. He agrees with Mr. Bruenings recommendation.

On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the bond reduction for Trindle Station, Phase 2, Section 1, and to release the amount of \$133,060.00.

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 approve the bond reduction for Rutter’s, and to release the amount of \$2,283.90 for the pennDOT Improvements.

On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to deny to request for bond reduction for the sewer improvements.

RESOLUTION 2011-17 – GROWNING GREENER

Mr. Simmons mentioned the financial problems the country is having. He would like to see some assistance for the sewer updates for the Cheasapeake. The farmers are not desperate. If we had money, he would support Growing Greener, but he feels for now we should back off. He is not in support of the Resolution.

Mr. Dwyer said to hear the farmers are doing well is good. He agreed with not supporting the Resolution, and to further indicate the more urgent need for sewer help. There are dwindling resources and we need to prioritize where our resources go. Let them know where we need help. Mr. Castle agreed.

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED not to support the Growing Greener program at this time, and to attach a letter explaining our position and to make it available to the appropriate officials.

RESOLUTION 2011-09 BUDGET

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 2011-09, which is the Budget for 2012.

RESOLUTION 2011-10 TAXES ENABLING ACT

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2011-10, which reenacts certain taxation ordinances under the Local Tax Enabling Act for 2012.

RESOLUTION 2011-11 REAL ESTATE TAX

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2011-11, which levies a .221 mill real estate tax for 2012.

RESOLUTION 2011-12 STREET LIGHT TAX

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2011-12, which establishes the street light assessment rates for 2012.

RESOLUTION 2011-13 FIRE HYDRANT TAX

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 2011-13, which establishes the fire hydrant assessment rate for 2012.

RESOLUTION 2011-14 FIRE SERVICES TAX

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2011-14, which levies a .304 mill fire service tax for 2012.

RESOLUTION 2011-15 SEWER NORTH RATES

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2011-15, imposing user charges in the northern sewer service area; the quarterly flat rate is \$235.00; the metered rate is \$11.60 per 1,000 gallons of usage per quarter, and the metered minimum charge is \$184.00 per quarter.

RESOLUTION 2011-16 SEWER SOUTH RATES

Mr. Bruening mentioned the liquidated debt report he completed which indicates the projected rate increases should be \$25/quarter in 2012; \$20/quarter in 2013; and \$10/quarter in 2014. Mr. Dwyer referred to the Growing Greener program and mentioned the help that is needed for sewer. It is sad to know the sewer rates will have to be increased the next three years. We are paying to reduce the nitrates and phosphates and apportion of the upgrade to the plant. The only way to pay is to borrow what is needed, and that must be paid back. There is no way else around it. We did receive the \$408,000 grant for repairs.

Mr. Castle said in these economic times, everyone is affected by everything we do. He doesn't know why the government can't put a freeze on the Chesapeake Bay initiative. We have to do what the government is telling us to do. It is a no win for us.

Randy Jackson asked what percentage of the plant is ours under normal conditions, and the response was 27%. We have about 6% of the Mechanicsburg plant. The upgrades to the plants are very expensive. He is on the Dillsburg Authority and next week they will be raising the Monroe Acres rate by \$10/quarter.

Mark Farrell asked if there will be any decrease from the improvements being made with the grant money. Mr. Dwyer said when the township goes over the 200,000 gallons per day, we get charged extra. We are hoping for the improvements to start around February through June, and we are hoping to see some immediate reductions in the sir charges for going over.

Suzanne Sunday said the township is between a rock and a hard place. It is not an easy situation. We have 27% we must pay for but we don't have a seat on that Board and they are not exactly cooperative. She commended the Supervisors who have worked hard in trying to minimize the situation.

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 2011-16, as amended on page 7, imposing user charges in the southern sewer service area; the quarterly flat rate is \$270.00; the metered rate is \$13.33 per 1,000 gallons of usage per quarter; and the metered minimum charge is \$210.50 per quarter.

MS4 UPDATE

Mr. Bruening reviewed his report dated November 10, 2011 concerning the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), as an annual public meeting update is required.

JOHN MUSSER CONDITIONAL USE

A conditional use request for a flag shaped lot has been submitted. It must be reviewed by the Planning Commission at their December 7 meeting, and then the Supervisors must hold a hearing.

DECEMBER MEETING DATES

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to cancel the previously scheduled meeting for December 8, 2011, and to hold the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM instead. Also, the John Musser conditional use hearing will be scheduled for December 20, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

FIRE COMPANY – SPACE REQUEST

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to allow the fire company to use two bays in the rear garage building from November 29 – December 5, while they paint their engine room floor.

BILLS

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

STAFF COMMENTS

Greg Rogalski reviewed the report from Carlisle Syntec concerning the roof. The membrane is in good shape. The backer wall is damaged and the beam is starting to corrode. Option 1 is to cut out between the course of brick and reinstall the flashing in pieces. Option 2 is to install standing seam siding. There is a gap at the roof curb which can be fixed by the road crew.

Greg Rogalski spoke about the energy grant from the county for \$25,000. The report from Barton says the units are oversized for normal occupancy. There is no way to down size without replacing at a cost of \$60-80,000. The lowest option is to do building automation for \$15-20,000. He also spoke to Stoneberger, our current maintenance company, who suggests installing programmable thermostats for about \$2,500. There is about \$8,000 left on the grant after doing the study. He will look at other items that can be done to use up the money.

John Dwyer said this is his farewell to his official duties as a Supervisor in Monroe Township. Four years ago he ran to be a Supervisor because he thought he could do a good job. He has served his country for over 26 years and still had the desire and time to serve. He didn't do well with the sewer due to a lack of understanding. He was glad to hear Ms. Sunday's comments. We all need to get in touch with the higher ups and get them to offer relief. He has enjoyed serving. He has learned a lot. He has made quite a few new friends. Sam and Bill are good citizens and upright men who have the best interests at heart. They love this township. We have a wonderful professional staff with Greg, Mark, and Jim serving us well. The full time staff, Marge, Karen, and Holly, you can't ask for better people. Our road crew, those five men do an omens job. It is unbelievable what they do. The fire company is volunteer, and he appreciates what they do. As a National Guard his first six years he got called out all the time. You drop everything and go. He thanked them for what they do. He thanked everyone for what they have done to help him have a successful four year stint. He will not leave the township. He is moving to a higher position of influence and authority to add

value and make things better for the township and its residents. Monroe School will not close on his watch. He is in the process of arranging a meeting with Dr. Harner and that is the first thing on the agenda. Thank you, it has been a pleasure, and he wishes the township the best.

Bill Castle has gotten to know John over the years and he has left a mark on the township and has been an asset in many ways. He has values as a person, family man, and American, it goes without saying. He thanked John for serving the township and his country. He is looking forward to seeing him serve on the school board. Bill can't thank John enough for all the things he has done.

Mr. Castle asked for everyone to remember the troops and their families. He thanked the people for their support on Election Day, as he will begin his fourth term as a township Supervisor. He will continue to do the best work he can, from his heart and mind, for the residents of the township. Veteran's Day is tomorrow and he encouraged everyone to fly their flags. The office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 24 & 25. The food banks need our help. Santa will be visiting the township on December 12. God Bless America.

Sam Simmons said the West Shore EMS has done a study on time responses and will be at our next meeting to give a report. He congratulated Bill and John for their election wins. He didn't know John, but he is an upstanding guy and will represent Monroe & Middlesex Townships on the school board. He feels he is a better person by knowing John and he thanked him for his service to the township and his country. He appreciates all John has done and what he will be doing. He will hold John to keeping Monroe School open.

Mr. Simmons said they will be looking for a replacement on the Board of Supervisors. It was agreed to put something in the newspaper and on the website asking for interested persons to submit their name and resume by December 5. Interviews will be held on December 21, beginning at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger
Administrative Assistant