

February 9, 2012
7:00 PM

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

ATTENDANCE

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

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

PRESENTATION

The Board of Supervisors presented a Monroe Township Proud certificate to Mrs. Janet Miller, for the years of service to the community by her husband, Edward Miller. He was a past township supervisors, school board member, served in the military, and was a lifelong resident of Monroe Township.

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Joanne Valent, 670 Laurel Drive was concerned with the sewer project and the work proposed to be done on her property. She has a driveway that was just paved and doesn't want any damage. Mr. Bruening said the sewer work can be kept to the side of the driveway. Some trees will have to be removed, but it will still be within the township sewer easement. The sewer manhole needs to be accessed. The area will then be stabilized with grass seed and straw.

Mark Farrell gave a report on the past year of the fire company, to include the number of calls and number and types of fundraisers. He thanked the Township for their support. The Board thanked the fire company for their service. Mr. Castle mentioned the fire company has fire alarms available.

Sue Sunday gave an update on the redistricting of the schools and the need to attend the next Board meeting on February 21. There is a need to get more students to attend Monroe in the 2012-2013 school year. There is a good committee that has been attending all the meetings and speaking on behalf of Monroe. There were 486 signatures obtained on the petition. A website is being planned. The Board thanked Sue for all her work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the January 3 10, 2012 Regular meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of

the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 Reorganization meeting.

REPORTS

ROADMASTER'S REPORT

~~On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Zoning Officer's report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PENN WASTE – ORDINANCE REVISIONS REQUEST

Mr. Pykosh has talked with Penn Waste attorney. They are interested in updating the ordinance that allows them to include attorney fees in their delinquent collections. They also would like to make a flat rate of \$10 for delinquent accounts instead of a percentage. The Board agreed to find out how many delinquent accounts are in Monroe Township, and to find out if Penn Waste would be willing to pay for the advertisement of the ordinance if it is considered.

WEST SHORE EMS

Devin Flickinger read a prepared letter by Paul Christophel of West Shore EMS. The EMS and fire company have met and have made a recommendation to change some of the first due ambulance and medic responses in Monroe Township. Silver Spring will no longer respond as first due. This proposal is what is best for the residents. Each BLS and ALS unit will honor the existing memberships until the renewal date. In general, a BLS call costs on an average \$450, and an ALS call costs \$850. A membership is usually around \$75.00.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept the proposal as submitted to make some changes to the first due ambulance coverage for Monroe Township, effective when reviewed and approved by the Cumberland County Department of Public Safety. Information will be included in the next newsletter and placed on the website to make the residents aware of the proposed changes. It may take several months for the county to place the changes into effect.

NEW BUSINESS

SOUTHERN SEWER BIDS

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of

the Supervisors it was duly **RESOLVED** to award the bid for the southern sewer repair project to B.R. Kreider & Son at a price of \$334,452. This was low bid.

Mr. Bruening said the work will begin around March 1, and will take 120 days to complete. The Board was interested in communicating this project with the neighborhood, through the newsletter, website, and email with Amy Settle. Also, a notice will be included in the next sewer billing. Pre-construction pictures will be taken, and monitoring will take place, along with inspections.

TRINDLE STATION – PHASE 2, SECTION 2 BOND REDUCTION

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly **RESOLVED** to release \$81,179.40 from the bond for Trindle Station, Phase 2, Section 2, as requested.

NEIGHBORHOOD DISPUTE

Mr. Rogalski said both parties must agree and show up, and that is the issue. He has used them once as a mediator, with no resolution.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly **RESOLVED** to not provide a contribution to the Neighborhood Dispute Settlement.

RECREATION BOARD RESIGNATION & APPOINTMENT

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly **RESOLVED** to accept Rena Geesaman's letter of resignation from the Recreation Board.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly **RESOLVED** to appoint Charles Heinze to fill the one year term on the Recreation Board.

FIRE COMPANY FURNACE

The heater in the apparatus bay is over 27 years old and needs replaced. The fire company obtained several proposals for the work.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly **RESOLVED** to have Jeff Wilbur Plumbing & Heating replace the fire company furnace at a price of \$3,300.

ROAD INSPECTION

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of

the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to set road inspection for Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

SOUTHERN SEWER COSTS

dated 2/1/2012

Mr. Bruening reviewed his written report on the proposed upgrades to the South Middleton Sewer Plant to meet the Chesapeake Bay requirements. There are certain areas where Monroe Township is being charged for 13.5% of the upgrades, and places where the 27% is being charged, as well as a certain area where 100% is included in the costs. Mr. Bruening had a series of concerns and questions regarding the cost estimates received from South Middleton, and clarification is needed so Monroe knows how to plan properly for our portion of the costs. The Board agreed that Mr. Bruening should meet with Max Stoner, engineer for South Middleton, to talk about these specific areas that need to be clarified. If there is no satisfaction at that point, then a meeting will be requested between the two Boards, Solicitors, and Engineers.

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FEE SCHEDULE

Mr. Rogalski reviewed a proposal to increase the fees for permits for multi-family dwellings. Currently, the costs are in excess of the permit fees. He believes the Option 3 is the best suggestion. The Board agreed with his recommendation. A Resolution will be prepared for the next meeting for action.

BILLS

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

STAFF COMMENTS

Phil thanked everyone for helping with the school issue. We are making headway. He also thanked Mark for his work on the sewer costs.

Bill asked for the February 21 school meeting to be placed on the outside board. Please remember the troops. The next meeting is March 8. The office is closed on February 20 for President's Day. God Bless America.

Sam was thankful for all the efforts to save the school. He thanked Mark for working with South Middleton to keep on top of the situation.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie E. Metzger, Administrative Assistant

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Monroe Fire Company 2011 Recap

2011 presented the busiest year yet for the fire company and I wanted to take the opportunity to share some information with you on the emergency services needs of the township that were handled by the fire company. It is with the township residents and your continued support that we are able to provide superior emergency services with 10 active volunteer firefighters in 2011.

2011 Statistics:

422 Total calls

Average response for an active firefighter of 192 calls

319 Calls in Monroe (76%)

103 Calls Mutual Aid out of township (24%)

Average response per incident of 6 personnel

Call Breakout:

111	Structure Calls	5	Vehicle Fires
21	Outside Fires	46	Motor Vehicle Accidents
87	Medical Assists	11	Water Rescues
2	Land Rescues	33	Automatic Alarms
69	Severe Weather Trees/Wires/Flooding	8	Transfer/Cover
19	Traffic Control	10	Other

In addition to handling emergencies, the daily activities required maintaining our facilities and equipment and attending training; we hosted the following events in 2011:

4 Basket Bingos

2 Scrapbooking Fundraisers

Easter Egg Hunt

Monroe Elementary School Fair

Community Day Activities and Chicken BBQ

Pit Beef sales for 3 days of New Kingstown Fair

Williams Grove Speedway Pit Beef BBQ

Benefit/festival fundraiser for one of our members battling cancer

2 Ashcombe Chicken BBQ's (spring and fall)

Fire Prevention Days with local schools

Santa to the Township on the Fire Engine.

Thank you again for your continued support.