

April 12, 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

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Devin Flickinger, representing Monroe Fire Company, provided a report for the first quarter of 2012 with regard to responses and events.

Paul Christophel, representing West Shore EMS, provided a report for the first quarter of 2012 with regard to responses. The ambulance response changes were implemented in March. There will be transition period of working out any confusion, and it will be taken care of.

Cass Gibson offered the services of a person in White Rock who specializes in health care coverages for small groups. He is relatively new to the township and is young, which is good for him to get involved. Mr. Simmons suggested he could attend a meeting to share information, especially on the \$1,000 deductible coverage that some are going with, but the township would pick up the deductible. We are not looking for less coverage, but a better price. Mr. Kehoe asked if this person would provide a benefit audit, or just health care information. Is he interested in being our broker, which we already have one. Mr. Gibson said the wave of the future is raising deductibles. Mr. Kehoe said health care is a big thing and it affects the dedicated employees of the township. We don't want to leap into anything, but could talk to a couple different people to hear and study and understand what is out there. If there is a way to maintain benefits and save money, that is good. It was mentioned at the school board meeting that there is a projected 50% increase in the next five years for health care coverage.

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 March 8, 2012 Regular meeting.

REPORTS

ROADMASTER'S REPORT

Mr. Kehoe said the annual road inspection was held last week, and we looked at locations of

activities for this year's road work.

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.

Mr. Simmons said there are several trees leaning over the creek that the Roadmaster should look at and determine if they should be cut off before they end up in the creek.

Mr. Simmons asked for the Blue Book value of the ATV. He is interested in donating it to the Agriculture department of the Cumberland Valley School for their program use.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PENN WASTE – ORDINANCE REVISIONS REQUEST & TRASH/RECYCLING BID OR EXTENSION

Mr. Pykosh said Penn Waste wants the township to put in effect an ordinance that allows them to get their attorney's fees covered on lawsuits against delinquent accounts. A letter was received providing the number of cases in 2011 and their costs and 2012 so far. It would cost the township about \$2,000 to do the ordinance update.

Mr. Simmons suggested using the cost of the ordinance revisions as a bargaining tool for the price for an extension of service. He suggests cutting the increase to 2% for flat rate and 7% for the tag system instead of what Penn Waste suggested, which was 4% for flat rate and 14% for tag system.

Mr. Kehoe suggested considering a two or three year extension, which could also be used as leverage. We could negotiate the ordinance change for a longer time extension, or possibly a reduced rate or to maintain the current rate. We should get their options and a further proposal from Penn Waste first, and then begin a conversation with them. The secretary was instructed to set up a meeting with Penn Waste and Mr. Kehoe prior to the next meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to authorize the Secretary to coordinate a letter and a meeting with Penn Waste and Mr. Kehoe.

SOUTHERN SEWER COSTS

Mr. Bruening mentioned the letter he sent to Bob Kissinger concerning the flow revisions for Cockleys Meadow meter. No response has been received.

The sewer project in White Rock is being worked on. Some pipe is really bad, as well as some manholes. We will see some significant reduction in flow. Next week the manholes at Leidigh will be sealed. The work was authorized to proceed on March 28, and work is to be done by July 25.

CHURCHTOWN CROSSWALK SIGNS

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to authorize \$400 to be spent install advance warning signs for the crosswalks in Churchtown, pending approval from PennDOT.

AQUA BOND REQUEST

Mr. Rogalski said no work has been done since the last meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to table the Aqua request for bond release.

NEW BUSINESS

ROAD MATERIAL BIDS

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to authorize the advertisement of bids for road materials, as presented.

SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Lance Hoover of Glace Associates present. He will try to get the information that has been requested by Mr. Bruening with regard to the sewer upgrade project, costs, and breakdowns.

Mr. Hoover is requesting a waiver from the floodplain requirements for the South Middleton sewer project. Mr. Bruening suggests no action on the waiver request should be considered before they have seen the land development plan. Mr. Hoover said the land development plan will be submitted for the May or June meeting of the Planning Commission. The plan is in the floodway and floodplain. He must work with DEP and the Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Simmons said we have been trying to meet with Max Stoner to discuss the proposed costs and our percentage of the project costs, and why there is a proposed \$800,000 for the equalization tank and part of another tank. He is concerned the project will be put out to bid and we haven't had any input. We have asked to have representation on the Authority Board. We need good communication. We have been trying for over a year. We found out about the equalization tank by accident.

Mr. Kehoe said he has a tough time with commitment and promise when it is not bilateral. He has a tough time reading anything when we can't get business items taken care of. If he has to

hold up the operational items to get the business items addressed, he can do that guilt free. He is writing the check too. These Supervisors have been dealing with this for a long time. We have to work together.

Mr. Hoover said he is not privy to the business matters, but will express all these comments to Mr. Stoner. He can provide the information requested by Mr. Bruening. It is an extensive project, and you need to be aware of it.

Mr. Simmons stated if the township does not receive the requested information within five days, then we will proceed to contact DEP for the information. He wants to be on record that we are receiving no cooperation from South Middleton Township Municipal Authority. It is more than getting the information. We must be able to act on it, which requires talking about it.

Mr. Rogalski said SMTMA is asking for a waiver of the fee for a permit to install three temporary trailers, which they are getting from FEMA, which is a couple hundred dollars. Mr. Kissinger is willing to pay the fee if needed to get the permit. Mr. Rogalski is ready to issue the permit.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by majority vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to waive the zoning fee for the permit for SMTMA to install three temporary trailers. Mr. Kehoe voted no.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to table the request for the floodplain waiver.

KEITH RHOADES – SEWER AGREEMENT

Mr. Castle said he spoke to Mr. Rhoades who said he would not be rebuilding from the house fire he had in White Rock. He will continue to pay his sewer bill. No action is needed.

Mr. Pykosh said he spoke to Mr. Rhoades, and reviewed the sewer rules and regulations for connections and disconnects.

Mr. Roglaski said there is a hole in the ground, there is a swimming pool, and the detached garage. If Mr. Rhoades is not going to rebuild, he will have to review the zoning rules for this type of situation. The sewer lateral has been capped on the property. It needs to be capped at the road right-of-way. Mr. Pykosh said the rules and regulations say if they are not paying the sewer bill, if the sewer is disconnected, and someone else buys that lot, they would have to reconnect. If Mr. Rhoades doesn't disconnect the sewer, then the new buyer would keep the connection and not have to pay the tapping fee.

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to table the Keith Rhoades sewer agreement.

MECHANICSBURG BOROUGH – FIRE POLICE

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 request for Monroe Fire Company fire police to assist the Mechanicsburg Borough with their Jubilee Day on June 21, and Halloween Parade on October 9.

HARRISBURG BIKE CLUB

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 request of the Harrisburg Bike Club to use a portion of the Leidigh Park parking area on September 16, 2012, pending receipt of the proper insurance with Monroe Township being named as insured.

AMENDED MINUTES

Mr. Kehoe mentioned on rare occasions an amendment is needed in the minutes. The official record is corrected and placed in the official register, but copies are not re-distributed as a way of saving costs of additional copies. He suggested the copy of the minutes that are posted on the website also be amended, and marked accordingly so that the community can obtain a copy of the corrected minutes. This would improve communications with the community and if they want the amended minutes, they can get them from the website. The Board agreed.

BILLS

Mr. Simmons asked to see the medical reimbursements for the past five years.

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. Bruening mentioned the need for a GP3 permit for work to be done on Creek Road edges along the creek. **On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to move forward with the GP3 application.**

Mr. Rogalski mentioned the incident with the vehicle that went into a house. No one was injured. He was contacted by the restoration company who said it will cost about \$10,000 for repairs.

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

Mr. Kehoe mentioned the Zoning Officer has been active with permits, which is good to see that people believe in Monroe Township and investing in their homes. He mentioned how Mr. Bruening and Mr. Kerstetter pointed out some issues along Creek Road during road inspection. He

enjoys living in a township where people point things out and are proactive. He will be reaching out to construction companies as a respect to the redistricting with the school. We want to make sure we are sending the right message to the community. Contrary to what the school board says, we are open for business.

Cass Gibson mentioned the people on Sinclair Road wanting to build in phases. Don't let common sense get in the way of rules. They were told to go back with a plan showing phasing. Mr. Bruening said DSG plans to submit a plan for reauthorization of the preliminary plan showing the phasing, and action on the first phase final at the same time.

Mr. Castle asked for the troops to be remembered. May 10 is the next meeting. Election Day is April 24 and the School Fair is May 11. Baseball opening day is April 14. A letter is being sent to PennDOT support of the bridge replacement on Locust Point Road. We will be in contact with the Turnpike Commission concerning the turnpike bridge over Eppley Road. He offered his condolences to the Alan Miller family in the loss of their son. There is a burning ban in effect. God Bless America.

Mr. Simmons mentioned April 19 is the night for the Silver Spring children to visit Monroe School. He will try to attend. He mentioned the two ATV's that are owned by the township, which were obtained through a legislative grant. The Agriculture program at the Cumberland Valley School is putting in a six acre garden. He would like to donate one of the ATV's to this program. We can sell it to the school district without going through the bidding process. He would like to get some local farmers to donate toward this purchase. There are over 100 kids in the agriculture program, and some of them won some prizes at the farm show. Monroe Township is supporting Cumberland Valley. We will try to help them out. Monroe is here, we care, and we are doing something for them. Further discussion on this matter will take place at the next meeting.

Mr. Castle thanked Mr. Simmons for his efforts with the Agriculture program with the school.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to send a letter to PennDOT in support of the bridge replacement on Locust Point Road, signed by all three Supervisors. We stand united. This bridge affects the health of welfare of the community.

Dr. Azizkhan asked about citizens getting involved with the turnpike commission. Mr. Kehoe said it is not at the problem stage yet. Mr. Castle and Mr. Bruening will present the Township's position to the Turnpike Commission.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie E. Metzger, Administrative Assistant