

April 14, 2016
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
Carl Kuhl, Supervisor

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor
Greg Rogalski, Zoning Officer
Mark Bruening, Engineer
Karen Lowery, Admin. Assistant

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Devin Flickinger, Holy Spirit EMS, thanked the township for their support. He added that there is a new piece of equipment coming to the area. It is a power load, which are arms on the ambulance that can load the stretched with a push of a button into the ambulance. This is a \$25,000 item, but may help eliminate back injuries.

Mr. Kuhl said that he has heard on the news of personnel and volunteer shortages and asked how Holy Spirit is doing. Mr. Flickinger stated that every organization goes through times like this. Holy Spirit EMS is in very good shape right now. There was a paramedic shortage which has resolved itself.

Mr. Kehoe asked how the part time firefighter is working out. Mr. Flickinger said it is working very well as it has taken the pressure off of the volunteers. The trucks and gear are being maintained on a daily basis versus a weekly basis in the past.

Brad Whitlock, 133 Brindle Road, stated that he is proud to live in Monroe Township when it came to the PP&L project being totally cancelled, which is unheard of. He wanted to thank the Board on behalf of the residents for the support and what the township did help stop this project.

Mr. Kehoe thanked Mr. Whitlock for the amount of time he spent helping work against this project. The township did a lot separate pieces, but it was under Mr. Kuhl's leadership, stewardship and persistence that helped stop the PP&L project.

Mr. Kehoe stated that PP&L announced they have cancelled the installation of the transmission line through Monroe Township. Mr. Kuhl was relentless through the process by pointing out a lot of inconsistencies. We have also had Silver Spring residents thank us for the monitoring of the project and communicating out what information we were able to get.

Mr. Kuhl stated that Mr. Whitlock spent a lot of time knocking on doors and informing people of the project. There were also lawyers who donated their time to

review the proposed project and Senator Pat Vance was very helpful and supportive. PP&L has pulled the plug on the overall project that was to go through Monroe Township. The Township was not in favor of the project and with the political and legal support, in addition to the people sticking together with a mission we were able to stop the project. Mr. Whitlock added that he heard from a lot of people from Silver Springs Township coming to Monroe for the information they weren't getting from their own township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016, regular meeting with minor editorial changes.

ROADMASTER REPORT

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

Mr. Kuhl mentioned the projects for 2016 and if we need to get bids and get moving. Ms. Lowery explained the process of writing the project with the state, approval at a meeting to bid, sending out and advertising the bids, setting a date to open bid and then awarding at the June meeting.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned that the spring road inspection was held a few weeks ago and the most elaborate project will be on Fisher Road. Mr. Kuhl asked that the road master talk to the business on Fisher Road to make them aware of the project and mitigate any loss of business.

Mr. Kehoe stated there has been an ongoing storm water issue on Baish Road. He asked if Liquid Fuels money could be used to address this issue. Mr. Bruening stated that he and Mr. Nailor were going to apply for the Dirt and Gravel Road/Low Volume Road grant for this project. Ms. Lowery said the applications are due by May 20th and are to be awarded by the end of June. Mr. Kuhl suggested checking with Mr. Levan at Penn Dot to see if the project qualifies, so we will know either way. The estimated cost is \$5,500 and the Board agreed they would like this project done in 2016 whether a grant is obtained or not.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Kuhl stated that he and Mr. Rogalski met with a developer regarding park land. The developer would like to install a park using some of the funds that have been collected by the township in fees. Mr. Kuhl didn't feel turning the park over to the

township to maintain would be appropriate, but suggested that the homeowners association maintain the park. He asked if Mr. Rogalski received any further information or plans. Mr. Rogalski said no.

Mr. Kehoe stated that an organized concept of what is being proposal be provided to the township by the developer to be reviewed and discussed. In the past several scenarios have been verbally discussed and they let the idea go for a while. Mr. Rogalski said the developer had draft plans, but was to provide final a draft.

Mr. Bruening stated there were discussions before about the park going behind Phase 2, Section 2 to eliminate the connection over to Monroe Street and dedicate a piece of ground that was a non-building lot because of the gas mains. Mr. Bruening has received calls from residents not supporting the park idea, although the developer has indicated the residents were very supportive. Mr. Bruening has suggested to the developer in the past to submit a proposal for consideration of how it all would work, how it would be compliant with the ordinances, and if it would be compliant with the conditional approval he received in the past.

Mr. Kehoe stated they aren't looking for a ready to go plan, but something thorough enough to understand and be reviewed by the professionals and Board and then have a discussion. Mr. Kuhl added it will be a dual use area for kids and a walking path for adults.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Kehoe stated that interviews have been completed and there are 2 candidates. Candidate "A" has experience working local municipalities and is in the process of transitioning to his second career. He is willing to invest in his second career by lowering his salary expectation to come work for Monroe Township as he learns about municipal management, which is already knows quite a bit about. Candidate "B" is from the other end of the spectrum where she has consistently been working up and growing her career. This would be the next natural progression for her as she has spent the past 15 to 20 years in various positions of state government and management. She started out in various clerical positions and progressed to executive assistant positions in the Department of Agriculture and Department of Health. Feedback obtained was that she is very motivated.

Mr. Castle stated that we need to feel comfortable and confident in this person's ability and demeanor in handling people. He liked the demeanor of Candidate "A". He has been under a lot of stress and through a lot of things in the township where he work and ran the police department. He has been very involved in the process of the operations of the township. He liked how he handled himself.

Mr. Kuhl mentioned that there was a 3rd candidate that didn't seem to fit. The other 2 candidates were both very professional. Looking at where we are, we are in a transition of change. We need someone with financial capabilities, who can handle people, look at grants and work with other townships to get the job done. He feels candidate "B" has a slight advantage looking at the future and state programs.

Mr. Kehoe said he can see the value coming from both candidates. He feels we would be a stepping stone for Candidate "A", not that that is a bad thing, but he is coming from a township that has and continues to experience pressures that we are starting to experience. He is used to overseeing a lot. We are in the type of situation that if an individual makes a plan and set priorities and then they need to roll up their sleeves and get involved. Mr. Kehoe's concern is that Candidate "A" has been there and done it, but he isn't sure what his pace would be to give the teacher/mentor role and work through the project. Mr. Kehoe said candidate "B" lacks the experience, but knows how to work through state items and has a great amount of knowledge with grant writing and research. He isn't sure how she would make out with dealing with the roads, but feels that she would get along with the employees. Mr. Kehoe feels candidate "A" would also get along with everyone, but would keep a separation that he is the leader. Mr. Kehoe feels the township would be well served with both on different avenues. Mr. Kuhl agreed. There was further discussion by the Board about both candidates.

On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by vote of the Board, it was duly RESOLVED to create an offer letter to Candidate "B" with terms and conditions that were previously set. Mr. Castle abstained from voting.

Mr. Castle added that he is a township player and is not upset about stuff. This will be our new manager and there is a lot of work to do and he will do whatever he can to assist and help the people of the township.

Mr. Kehoe added that parameters, expectations, goals and objectives will be set along with evaluations to monitor the work.

Mr. Kuhl suggested that Candidate "A" would be our fall back if Candidate "B" is not interested or available.

REVIEW SEWER ACTION PLAN

Mr. Pykosh provided an update that \$2,200 has been collected since last month. He has filed a writ of execution for a judgement and waiting to be schedule for a Sheriff's sale for personal property. There are two other properties in the same process.

SMTMA PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Bruening stated there is an invoice for \$30,707.96, which looks fine. Mr. Kehoe said there is approximately \$540,000 left to spend theoretically in the bid price. The project is back on track and within original bid parameters with the exception of engineering fees. Mr. Bruening added that the project is overdue and will be a year late from when it was to be completed. They are on schedule to be completed by September. Mr. Kehoe asked if SMTMA receives any type of fines for the delay of the project are we required to pay a portion. Mr. Bruening believes there have been fines already from DEP.

VERIZON TOWER

Mr. Kehoe said this was discussed last month and alternate sites were looked at. It was agreed to proceed with the site behind the fire company.

Mr. Pykosh said while we were exploring the alternate sites main office made some perimeters for contracts that had not yet been signed. Originally we negotiated a 3% increase per year for the contract. The contract was for a 5 year term with 5 year extensions which would go out to being one month short of 30 years. The original lease amount was \$21,600 per year. Verizon has come back with a 2% yearly increase and will start the yearly amount out at \$22,800. After looking at the numbers over the length of the contract the township would receive approximately \$102,000 less with the 2% yearly increase. He stated that if we negotiated starting the yearly amount at \$25,330 instead of \$22,800 we would end up with the same amount in the long run. The other issue is the commencement date. Verizon is not willing to provide a date that they will start construction. Do we want to ask for an upfront payment and then give a certain time frame to start construction? Mr. Pykosh would like to negotiate to get the best terms.

Mr. Kehoe this is where we were last summer working with Verizon to work out contract details and it seems we are back there again. We were all working on an incorrect assumption that once the lease was done Verizon was ready to build, which was not a reality. We would like to get the revenue stream started and also improve the cell and data service in the area. If this tower is put on a shelf we aren't addressing the issue with coverage in the area. We may be at the place where one of the Supervisors goes back to start hammering out the details of the contract again. Mr. Castle felt this would be a good item for the new manager to get their feet wet. Mr. Kuhl said that there is a service deficiency, how long do we want to delay the process in fixing the hole in coverage in the area. This is money we don't have and it would be nice to get back to the original amount, but he would rather have the reduced amount versus nothing.

The Board discussed if Mr. Pykosh should continue working out the details of the contract or if we should hold this matter for the manager to work on. Mr. Pykosh said that only items to work out is the percentage amount and a start date, so he would like to continue to work on this. The Board agreed Mr. Pykosh could continue to work on the contract for clarification of a start date and rates.

The Board of Supervisors tabled this matter.

PP&L UPDATE

Mr. Kehoe stated that this item was previously covered.

Mr. Kuhl would like to mention that when he called Senator Vance to thank her for her support, her comment was it is part of her job. Mr. Kehoe added that with Senator Vance retiring may be by the June meeting the Board could come up with some ideas of ways to recognize her. Mr. Castle said we could recognize her at Community Day. He helped Senator Vance with her first campaign and she is the same now as she was then. The Board agreed to have a concept of together for the May meeting of a way to recognize Senator Vance at Community Day for all of the support and assistance she has provided to Monroe Township and the residents over the years.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE DRAFT

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to table the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance draft.

BACK UP ELECTRIC SOURCE FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Mr. Kehoe stated the back-up electric source would be for the traffic signals at Williams Grove Road/Lisburn Road and Routes 74/174. Three quotes were received and the recommendation is to proceed with the middle quote which was more thorough and is a qualified company. This project is also applicable for Liquid Fuels.

Mr. Castle suggested looking into traffic preemption devices for emergency equipment. Mr. Kuhl said that would be a good project for the new manager.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the quote of \$16,168.28 from PA Percs to install battery back-up devices on the two traffic signals in the township.

SEWER RULES AND REGULATIONS

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 Updated Sewer Rules and Regulations.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kuhl presented an update for Ms. Sunday who was unable to attend the meeting. There have been 9 volunteers that have logged 162 working diligently. The Northern district manhole and pipe information has been completed. They have started on the Churchtown area and will finish with the White Rock area. The office has been cleaned up and organized. Mr. Kuhl added that at some point we may want to have scans made of the key documents.

HUMAN RESOURCES – HOLLY WOOD FULL-TIME AND OFFICE HOURS

Mr. Kehoe stated that Holly Wood has accepted the offer of full-time employment, which has been a long time coming.

Mr. Kehoe stated the other item being reviewed is the hours of work by the office staff. The current office hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM with a one hour unpaid lunch, which is a 7 hour day for 35 hours per week. The consideration of expanding the hours isn't necessarily for customer service, but the work load is continually growing. The suggested new office hours would be 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with a 30 minute unpaid lunch, which would be an 8 hour day and 40 hours per week.

Mr. Kuhl mentioned allowing flex time to offset hours worked by the full-time employees during meetings to take minutes. Mr. Kehoe asked how this is different from the comp time that is already in the manual, the only difference is that comp time is earned at a rate of 1½. Mr. Kuhl said instead of paying overtime it could be used as flex time. Mr. Kehoe said if comp time was an option to office staff that could cover this issue. There was further discussion about how flex time would work and what the costs would be. It was agreed that this could be worked out once a manager was on board.

On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED accept the Addendum to Section III of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual changing the office hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM for a 40 hour work week.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept Holly Wood as a full-time employee effective April 24, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF THE CARLISLE AIRPORT

Mary Kuna from CAEDC was present with Jim Kingsborough from the Carlisle Airport. CAEDC is currently work with the Carlisle Airport which is currently privately owned. The issue with having a privately owned airport is how the funding works. They are currently eligible for 75% of funding from the state and 25% comes out of the owner's pocket. The state funding has been very stagnant, so that leads to very little capabilities to make updates and keep up to date. Ms. Kuna said the idea is to look at public ownership. Most airports in the state are publicly owned. If the airport is publicly owned the FFA will fund 90% of projects, the state will cover 5% and the airport will cover 5%. She asked that a representative from Monroe Township join a Carlisle Airport public ownership work group, which is being comprised of all of the surrounding municipalities and Cumberland County.

Mr. Kuhl asked what Monroe's position would be in this process. Ms. Kuna that would be discussed. Some townships have shown interest in ownership, some just want to be involved.

The Board asked that Ms. Kuna provide the meeting date and time so that we can figure out who could attend this work group.

SPECIAL FIRE POLICE REQUEST

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the request from the Mechanicsburg Police Department to authorize the Special Fire Police to help with upcoming events within Mechanicsburg Borough.

TRINDLE STATION PHASE 2, SECTION 2 – BOND REDUCTION

Mr. Bruening provided a letter dated March 21, 2016 approving the reduction request for \$6,779.00.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Bond Reduction Request for Trindle Station Phase 2, Section 2 in the amount of \$6,779.00.

C2P2 GRANT POSTPONE

Mr. Kehoe stated that we are postponing the C2P2 grant that we were denied in 2015. We would like time to rework the project and be ready to apply in 2017. He also mentioned that he did check with Mr. Bruening to see if he would be able to help us apply for the grant in 2016. Mr. Bruening reviewed the package and feedback from DCNR that it wasn't just completing paperwork, it would be more complicated to complete the application. We were very close to the deadline, so it was agreed to postpone the application at this time. Mr. Kehoe suggested this item be added to the agenda for the September meeting and have some preliminary ideas to start working on the application along with our budget.

Mr. Castle said that election is coming up and the door at the fire house could be a problem because it isn't ADA accessible and wondered if the door replacement could be part of the grant. Mr. Kuhl said this could be a project for the manager since she has worked with grants. Mr. Bruening said that the C2P2 grant cannot be used for the door replacement.

LAMAR RUPPERT POULTRY OPERATION – LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr. Ruppert stated that he is proposing to install 3 chicken barns that are 63' x 500' on Stoner Road. He has gotten the NPDES permits and met the specifications for the buildings and the retention basin.

Mr. Bruening reviewed his comments letter dated April 1, 2016. The Planning Commission recommended to approve the 7 waivers be granted. And they recommended that the plan be approved with one additional comment to upgrade the driveway access where it meets with the township road. Mr. Bruening sent the driveway plans to Mr. Ruppert's engineer and hasn't heard back. Mr. Ruppert said he spoke with Mr. Nye today and is okay with the detail.

Mr. Bruening said the Planning Commission was satisfied with the Nutrient Management Plan that was done. Mr. Kehoe said that it went a long way for Mr. Ruppert to voluntarily do the N.M.P. and that the county was willing help with that to be in compliance.

MR. Kuhl said that the engineer and zoning is comfortable with the design, the planning Commission reviewed the plan in detail. There is no evidence of concerns with surrounding people's health and well-being. He asked if Mr. Ruppert had applied in Upper Allen for a chicken farm. Mervin Ruppert said that his son has taken care of chicken houses in Newville and wanted to do this on their farm. On Perdue's list of 153 chicken farmers, the farm Lamar works for is listed 8th on the list. By having the chicken farm this will help the family stay in farming.

On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approved the 7 requested waivers as listed in Mr. Bruening’s comment letter dated April 1, 2016 for the Lamar Ruppert Poultry Operation.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Lamar Ruppert Poultry Operation – Land Development Plan contingent upon Mr. Bruening’s conditions listed in the April 1, 2016 letter with the addition of the improvements at the intersection of the driveway and Stoner Road.

ADMENDMENT TO BURNING POLICY DISCUSSION

Mr. Kuhl stated that there has been one family that has a history of bending the rules when burning by hauling in debris and construction materials and burning at night. This person was flagged by the previous Fire Marshal from burning, but gave grief to the office staff and the new Fire Marshall agreed to give them another chance. The Fire Marshall suggested getting DEP involved. Mr. Kuhl suggested having residents sign an affidavit when the get a burning permit stating they can only burn trees, brush, stumps and leaves.

Mr. Rogalski stated that the current ordinance has holes in it. He suggested updating up the ordinance to include the no burn list, but it does come down to enforcement. Perhaps the ordinance could be revised and the township could talk to the fire company about the paid fire fighter helping with enforcement during the day. Mr. Pykosh agreed that tightening the ordinance would be a good idea.

Mr. Kehoe said there are only one or two people that are causing problems with the burning. Would it be better to clean up and modernize the ordinance to be more direct? If the same individuals keep disobeying the rules then we shut them down, refuse to issue a burning permit and keep a do not issue list. If they get caught burning again the fire company shuts them down and we hand them a bill for the services of the fire company. Mr. Rogalski said the ordinance doesn’t address the fire company responding. He feels the first step is to get the ordinance up to speed. Mr. Kuhl asked if something could be provided for the next meeting. Mr. Kehoe suggested updating the ordinance and talking to the Fire Company and Fire Marshall the issues and enforcement.

GARAGE SEWER CONNECTION

Mr. Kehoe stated that the township had their first MS4 inspection by DEP and as a result DEP identified the old garage has floor drains that are not connected to sewer system. The township buildings are not in the MS4 area or were part of the inspection,

DEP has notified Monroe Township that we must connect the floor drains. The existing drain system was reviewed and a range of prices were provided from \$7,000 to \$10,000 to connect the floor drains to the sewer system to be compliant. The choice is to spend this money or try to negotiate with DEP that we will disable these drains, close them down and use the area in the newer front garage.

Mr. Kuhl mentioned that he spoke with Denny and they would prefer not to route everything through the front garage, but to keep the back garage operational. He added that most of the money is for labor for the road crew, so it's money we are paying out either way.

Mr. Bruening said that DEP's main concern is the grease and oil that drips off of the trucks. He said connecting the drains through an oil and grease separator would be compliant. He then added that DEP is anxious to have this matter resolved quickly.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by vote of the Board, it was duly RESOLVED to proceed with televising the current drain pipe to determine which option for connection will need to be used. Mr. Kehoe abstained from voting.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Mr. Kehoe said the recent poultry operation was willing to put together a manure management plan, but because of their acreage they didn't have to. The issue is that some of these companies design their operations to stay just under the regulations for certain requirements. He wondered that since these high density agriculture operations are going to be the future, are there changes we can make to the Zoning Ordinance to make stricter regulations that would help all residents. For example, if the county says a business doesn't meet their criteria for a manure management plan, it would still meet our criteria for a plan like that to be put in place. Mr. Bruening said if it the business passes the conservation district and the Penn State extension office, what would make us the experts. Mr. Kehoe said we could mirror the current requirements, but at a lower threshold. He said the intention is not to block an operation, but to protect all of the residents.

Mr. Rogalski suggested circling back with the county to have some discussion with them and also discussions with the farming community. He suggested that operations like this be a conditional use.

Mr. Kuhl added that more input is needed from the farmers. He feels that until we know what changes may be coming from the government reboot and the DEP and EPA storm water regulations should we may not want to change things.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to ask the Planning Commission to review zoning updates to better manage intensive agriculture uses and provide a recommendation by the end of 2016.

TRINDLE ROAD/SINCLAIR ROAD SIGNAL

Mr. Kehoe said he and Mr. Bruening attended a meeting with Silver Spring Township regarding the expansion of Silver Spring Township and that they will eventually need to install a traffic signal on some of our adjoining roads. Alpha Engineering who represents a development on State Road had originally developed a two traffic light solution and developed of set a traffic metrics along Trindle Road. In 2014 one of the metrics was met and Penn DOT agreed with them in 2015, however what was indicated was that one traffic light was needed at the Sinclair Road intersection. Alpha attended the Silver Spring Board of Supervisors meeting and asked that the traffic impact study is updated to reflect a single light solution. Alpha keeps pushing to limit the access onto and off of Trindle Road onto Bare Road. Monroe Township has pointed out that there will be an issue if entering Bare Road is restricted. Alpha has been talking about restricting left hand turns when traveling east bound on Trindle Road onto Bare Road. This is a major thorough fare for Monroe families. He suggested we make a request to Silver Spring Township to not limit entering Bare Road off of Trindle Road. Mr. Bruening suggested limiting left hand turns from Bare Road onto Trindle Road towards Mechanicsburg.

Mr. Kuhl asked if there would be a turning lane at State Road if you can't make a left on Bare Road. Mr. Bruening said he has been asking for the traffic study for years.

Mr. Kehoe said we are at a point where we need to state that Monroe supports a traffic light at the Sinclair Road/State Road intersection with Trindle Road. And that we also recommend no restrictions onto Bare Road and let Silver Spring work with existing Bare Road. We should also request all of the engineering data. The school district and Miller Bus has stated that they don't want left hand turns on Bare Road restricted. The concept was to design in 2016 and do the construction in 2018.

The Board agreed to prepare letter to Silver Spring Township to state that Monroe Township conceptually supports the traffic light at Sinclair Road/State Road with Trindle Station, however, we are not in favor of restricting turning onto Bare Road. Monroe would like more information regarding plans and studies. And suggest starting to work on an inter-municipal agreement. Mr. Bruening, Mr. Kehoe and Mr. Pykosh will work on and review the letter.

COUNTRY FOODS – DISCHARGE PERMIT

Mr. Pykosh said there is a copy of the Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit between Mechanicsburg Borough and the Municipal Authority regarding the discharge from a yogurt processing plant on Nixon Drive. The final permit was worked out today, so the final copy will need to be signed. And also he provided a personal guarantee for the property owner, Harold Stoneberger to sign which will protect the township if the tenant doesn't pay the fees.

On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the final version of the Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit once Mr. Bruening is satisfied and have the property owner execute the personal guarantee.

ANNA YELK – DIAKON WILDERNESS CENTER LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mr. Kehoe stated that a request for a letter of support was received for a grant that the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy is trying to obtain from the DCNR for \$134,000 to buy the development rights away from Diakon Lutheran Ministries Wilderness Center which is on the western side of the Appalachian trail and on the far western side of White Rock Acres. Most of the property is located in South Middleton Township. They are not seeking to purchase the Diakon Wilderness Center, they are just seeking to purchase the conservation easement which sells off the right to develop this in the property. He added the property is landlocked and borders state game land and the Appalachian Trail.

On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve a letter of support requested for the Diakon Wilderness Center conservation easement project.

SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARATION – DESIGNATION OF AGENT

The designated agent will go to a meeting and fill out forms to see if we can get funding for the snow storm in January.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote it was duly RESOLVED to authorize the Designation of Agent Resolution with Karen Lowery being the agent representing Monroe Township.

BILLS

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

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Bruening provided a quote of \$660.00 to have the 4 manholes in the Trindle Station Development vacuum tested.

On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the quote from USG for \$660 to vacuum test 4 manholes within the Trindle Station Development.

Mr. Kuhl stated the Planning Commission is still working on the Comprehensive Plan. They met with the Mr. Swartz from Agriculture Extension Office and the next time CAEDC will attend to discuss agri-business. Mr. Kehoe added that the presentation from Mr. Swartz was very interesting and shared the importance of agriculture in our township.

Mr. Kuhl stated the Municipal Authority is reviewing the bills, our costs and progressing with coming up with suggestions for rates for next year. They are making progress.

Mr. Kehoe stated that he was contacted by Stephen Catalano on Brandt Road to express his displeasure of the conditional use approval of the Speranza Dog Rescue. Mr. Catalano has asked that three items be discussed. 1) The conditional use limits the dogs kenneled there not to exceed 50, can the township inspect that. 2) There is a statement in the conditions stating that no dogs will be walked outside of the fenced if there is an activity at the park. The activities aren't defined, so if Mr. Catalano and his wife are walking at the park that is an activity. 3) He asked if the township can overturn and appeal condition number 9.o. stating that dogs can be walked outside of the fenced area. Mr. Kehoe added that Mr. Pykosh has already spoken with Mr. Catalano and directed him to the courthouse to appeal the decision. Mr. Catalano asked if Monroe can appeal the decision.

Mr. Pykosh said that Mr. Rogalski would be able to inspect the kennel for the number of dogs on site. As far as the activities in the park, it would be up to Mr. Rogalski to enforce the ordinance and determine what the threshold of what would be considered an activity and then contact the operator of the facility. The township cannot appeal their own decision, so Mr. Catalano's only option would be to file an appeal on his own. Mr. Pykosh will contact Mr. Catalano.

Mr. Kehoe asked when comments on the Trash Bid documents need to be given. Mr. Pykosh said he will meet with Ms. Lowery to go over the documents and clear up some inconsistencies.

Mr. Kehoe asked if there is interest to hold an audit/budget workshop again this year. We could set a date at the May meeting and hold the workshop in June to kick off the budgeting process. Mr. Kuhl was supportive of the detailed review of the budget.

Mr. Kehoe suggested contacting the auditor for availability and then we could check with the Boards and Fire Company to see if they could attend.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned that Silver Spring Township approved a Resolution to request the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to amend Act 108 of 2010 in regards to the recycling of electronics. He understands there are no electronics recycling available in this area. This is a show of support and would there be value in Monroe also doing this. Mr. Pykosh said may be value in us approving this type of Resolution as well.

Mr. Castle asked everybody to remember our Troops, Police Officers and their families, it seems police officers are being murdered every day. He mentioned that he received a phone call from a White Rock resident who would like to purchase a bullet proof vest for one of the dogs. He is very proud of Monroe's residents and it gives you a lot of faith in your community. He stated that Senior Day will be held on May 10th at Allenberry starting at 3 PM.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Lowery,
Secretary/Treasurer