

May 9, 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.

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 gave the May report for the West Shore EMS.

Michelle Zeiders, who lives next to the township building, would like to open a country business in her barn. She would sell antiques, refinished furniture, local artists, and crafts. She understands the township will be working on revisions to the Zoning Ordinance, and wants to be included in the process. This would a use under the Home Based Business area.

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 April 11, 2013 meeting, as amended on page 1 & 2.

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 April 11, 2013 Agriculture Security hearing.

FINANCE REPORT – SOUTHERN SEWER DISTRICT

Mr. Bruening reviewed his draft report of projections for the northern and southern sewer districts income and expenses through 2018. This is needed to help with the financing options being considered. The report indicates the northern district user rate will remain the same for the next several years. The report indicates the southern district user rate will increase by \$20 per quarter in the years 2014, 2015, 2016, and possibly 2017. This means the southern sewer user rate would potentially go from \$290 per quarter in 2013 up to \$370 per quarter in 2017. This is required to cover the debt payments. Allenberry costs will be going down for treatment because of the new method of measuring flow. The repairs that were made in White Rock should help to lower the treatment costs.

Mr. Kehoe said it will get to the point where it is untenable for 812 customers to bear this cost. There is a limit. This is a very diverse township, but \$1,400 a year to flush toilets?

Mr. Simmons said the Township can be very thankful for Frank Leber and Paul Lundeen, because the individuals working with South Middleton on their financing is not a good situation.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HEALTH INSURANCE – ORDINANCE 2013-01

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Ordinance 2013-01, which authorizes Monroe Township to join with other political subdivisions as a member of the Pennsylvania Municipal Health insurance Cooperative (PMHIC), to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the purpose of joining the PMHIC and to participate as a member of the PMHIC.

NEW BUSINESS

INSURANCE RENEWALS

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to renew the township package insurance policy with Selective Insurance at a price of \$23,513.00; and to go with Amerihealth for the worker's compensation coverage for both the township and fire company at a price of \$28,370. The Township portion of workers compensation coverage is \$15,370, and the fire company portion is \$13,000. However, the Fire Company has budgeted \$10,100 toward worker's compensation coverage, so that will be the cost paid from the Fire Service Tax, and the remainder will be covered by the Township.

ROAD MATERIAL 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 road material bids as follows:

- Bituminous Seal Coat to Hammaker @ \$.92/sq. yd**
- Super pave Wearing to Pennsy Supply @ \$83.62/ton**
- Double yellow line painting to Midlantic @ \$.087/linear foot**
- Single white edge line painting to Midlantic @ \$.044/linear foot**
- Diesel fuel to Shipley Energy @ \$3.0693/gal.**
- Heating oil to Shipley Energy @ \$2.9870/gal.**

BOILING SPRINGS TRIATHLON

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Boiling Springs Triathlon to be held on August 10, 2013, as long as proper proof of insurance is provided.

TRINDLE STATION – PHASE 2, LOTS 30 & 39

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to grant a 90 day time extension to the Trindle Station Phase 2, Lots 30 & 39 subdivision plan.

URBAN COUNTY DESIGNATION

No action required because the township will continue to participate in the program.

SINCLAIR ROAD SUBDIVISION

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to grant a time extension through August 12, 2013 to the Sinclair Road Phase I final subdivision plan.

LAND ACQUISITION

The Township is interested in purchasing 2.52 acres of land from Dennis Minnich, M&S Enterprises for recreational purposes. The appraisal price was \$100,000, and the agreed upon purchase price is \$88,000. The money to be used will come from the Recreation-Subdivision Fund, which is money received from developers. Two grants have been applied for. A \$1,000 deposit is required to take the land off the market. Settlement on the land will take place after the grant funds are received.

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 sales agreement for the purchase of 2.52 acres of land, known as Lot 1 of the Parkview Estates subdivision plan, from M&S Enterprises for the amount of \$88,000.

The Recreation Board will be asked for their input on what recreational purposes the new land could be used for. Suggestions from the Supervisors included lacrosse, volleyball, cricket, a natural extension of the walking path, planting by the scouts. Mr. Bruening suggested working on a master plan for development of the land.

TRACTOR / MOWER PURCHASE

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to purchase a Kuhn offset mower @ a price of \$9,965.00 and a Farmall 75C Case IH Tractor @ a price of \$31,359.00, minus a

trade in of the 1988 Case IH 585 tractor @ a price of \$4,059.00 from Hooper, Inc. The total price is \$37,265.00.

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:

Greg Rogalski will not be in attendance at the next meeting because he will be involved in federal exercises for FEMA.

Mark Bruening sent a letter to PennDOT requesting warning signs to be placed on Lisburn Road at Fairway Drive. PennDOT will do a study and report back to us. Mr. Bruening will advise Mr. Kitzmiller, who shared this concern and requested something be done, of the status of this matter. Mr. Kehoe thanked Mr. Bruening for working with PennDOT.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission has connection grants available for infrastructure and community service projects for protecting the environment. He suggested the grant be considered for sewer work, or to come up with a plan document for addressing the inflow & infiltration situation. The Board requested letters to be sent to all state and federal legislators concerning any grant money for sewer projects.

Mr. Kehoe checked into having the Red Cross provide CPR / AED training. Their cost is \$110 per person, with a minimum of 8 people, and a \$250 service fee to come to our building. He has also talked with Devin Flickinger to see if there is something available through Holy Spirit at a more competitive cost.

Mr. Kehoe asked for Mr. Kerstetter to contact Mary Jane Miller about placement of the AED unit, once it arrives. The Board discussed possible placement of the AED, such as in the Founder's Field dugout storage unit or the front vestibule of the township office.

Mr. Pykosh said there are two properties in the Lisburn Meadows development that could be hooked to sewer at the present time. The other properties do not have a sewer line and lateral in front of their property at this time. The Board agreed to send both letters requesting these properties be hooked to the sewer.

Mr. Castle mentioned the roof unit for AC/heat is making a lot of noise. He asked for the troops to be remembered. He offered condolences to the Fire Chief Rodney Miller family, and held a moment of silence. June 13 is the next meeting. Monroe School Fair is May 10. The 4th Senior Day is May 14 at Allenberry. Primary Election Day is May 21. The 14th annual community day is June 15, help is needed.

Mr. Castle asked for a letter to be sent to Norfolk Southern for the railroad repairs at the Leidigh crossing. Their work is appreciated.

Mr. Castle mentioned having additional persons with extensive insurance knowledge from the township checking into various insurance possibilities for next year.

Paul Kieson from the Patriot mentioned other townships are being billed for terrorism insurance coverage, and they must opt out of it or they are paying around \$1,200. This is something for Monroe to check on.

God Bless America.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger
Administrative Assistant