

March 12, 2015
7:15 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
Samuel M. Simmons, III, Supervisor

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor
Mark Bruening, Engineer
Marjorie Metzger, Secretary

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Devin Flickinger reported the Holy Spirit EMS has had a total of 54 calls in 2015 in Monroe Township, 8 in March so far.

Jane Lerch appreciated receiving the post card making her aware of the workshop this evening to discuss the part time paid driver for the fire company. She suggested doing it again for the April workshop. She suggested including a date on the postcard to have written comments and questions submitted so they can be addressed at the April workshop. The Board agreed to do another postcard mailing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 minutes of the February 12, 2015 regular meeting, with several editorial changes.

Mr. Kehoe questioned if Mr. Aigeldinger followed up from the last meeting with his questions to Mr. Bruening or Mr. Rogalski? The response was no.

SNOW EMERGENCY

Mr. Kehoe announced there was a snow emergency placed in effect on March 5, 2015.

ADMINISTRATIVE 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 Administrative Report.

ROADMASTER REPORT

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 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.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGN ORDINANCE

Mr. Pykosh provided a draft ordinance that combines ordinances from 1987, 1989, and 2007, plus some additional documents from Mr. Bruening. He has checked with state police and also the vehicle code concerning fines, and the need to be consistent.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned the proper speed limit for Kuhn Road is 35 MPH. There is a section of the ordinance that refers to a section from Creek to Swope. We need to make sure the ordinance is accurate. He referred to items 4 & 23.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to table the Sign Ordinance to allow time for review.

NEW BUSINESS

CUMBERLAND VALLEY SCHOOL – BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Jim Koontz, facility director, was present. The school district is doing an HVAC project to Monroe School this year. The project includes new lighting, ceilings, re-pointing the brick outside and louver replacement. They will pay the \$250 base fee and any direct zoning officer and inspection fees. The request is the waiver of the building permit fee. This is a \$4 million project to bring it up to code. The building will be sealed and fairly renovated less the cosmetics on the inside.

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to grant the waiver of the building permit fee for the Cumberland Valley School project at Monroe Elementary.

Mr. Simmons thanked the school district for doing work to Monroe School. It means the district is still thinking about us. Mr. Castle said this would save the tax money and help the township.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned the signs at the entrance and exit driveways at Monroe School and asked the road crew to look at the signs to see if there was anything the township could do to help with the maintenance of the signs. Mr. Bruening mentioned the signs are advisory, which makes it easy to maintain them as needed.

LEIDIGH PUMP STATION UPGRADE - BIDS

Mr. Bruening reviewed the bid prices for the project to replace two 15 horse motors with two 20 horsepower, and replace the existing generator to accommodate the motors.

Mr. Simmons questioned if this is what South Middleton asked to be done. Mr. Bruening said yes, and he received a letter of concurrence, which was presented to DEP. We are waiting for DEP to issue the Part 2 permit, and suggested the award of bid be made contingent upon receiving that permit. The notice to proceed will not be issued until the permit is received.

Mr. Bruening explained the contractor doing the upgrade project for South Middleton has been removed for failure to pay the subcontractors. The project is falling behind schedule. The bonding company has stepped in. Lobar is now the contractor. The bonding company is to cover any cost differences between Galway and Lobar. Worst case is the project will be completed by the end of December 2015. It was supposed to be completed by the end of September. Mr. Simmons said South Middleton has failed everything so far, so they are being consistent.

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to award the bid to Pumping Solutions, Inc. to do the work at the Leidigh pump station for the price of \$113,849.00, contingent upon providing the notice to proceed only after receiving the Part 2 permit from DEP.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned this project is not in the plant upgrade project. We are paying for this and waiting for the outcome of the project. If all the money is consumed with the project then this money will have to be made up. Mr. Simmons said South Middleton was put on notice that we are not paying for this pump station work. This is theirs to pay.

ROAD INSPECTION

Road inspection was scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 8:00 AM.

CAPITAL COG – STORMWATER

Mr. Bruening already took care of the pollutant reduction plan for Monroe Township, so we do not need to participate in the storm water program being offered through COG.

RECREATION GRANTS

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt the Resolution in support of the grant application for the walking path and playground equipment.

CHARLES SWARTZ – FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN

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 Charles Swartz final subdivision plan.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to direct the Solicitor to advertise and set the public hearing for the zoning ordinance amendments for May 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

COMMUNITY GARDENS RULES

Mr. Kehoe said #12 and #21 make reference to the same issue, so he suggested deleting #12. He suggested using email to receive the form and/or questions in addition to the phone number listed. The Board agreed to erect a bulletin board with a roof. Mr. Simmons suggested holding a seminar with all the gardeners who will be participating prior to beginning the planting season. He said Ashcombe has offered to help with this meeting.

BILLS

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 bills as prepared.

STAFF COMMENTS:

The Board agreed to hold a workshop on April 9, 2015 at 6:00 PM to further discuss the issue of a part time paid driver for the fire company. They also agreed to send out another postcard to the residents making them aware of this workshop, and to request any questions or concerns to be submitted in advance of the workshop. The Board also agreed to post the background information on the website to keep the residents informed.

Mr. Simmons thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The Easter flower sale will be held on April 3 & 4.

Mr. Kehoe asked about the trash contract. This matter will be on the next agenda to discuss either extending the contract with Penn Waste, or going out for bids for a new contract.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned the Chesapeake Bay program is accepting applications for storm water projects, and questioned if this could be applied to sewer improvements. Mr. Bruening said the program is for MS4 storm water issues, not sewer.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned the information submitted by the baseball association on the field lighting was for informational purposes only.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned the bond issues that Sam pointed out tonight. This is an area that Mr. Simmons has kept an eye on over the years. These are big shoes to fill. Whoever takes over Sam's position inherits this issue.

Mr. Kehoe thanked Cass Gibson, who was still in the audience, for serving on the Leadership Committee. The workshop got chaotic. It is a hot subject. He thanked Cass for dedicating his time.

Mr. Castle asked for the troops to be remembered. There is a conditional use on March 19 at 6 PM for John Bordelon. April 9 will be the next workshop at 6 PM for the fire company; the regular meeting at 7 PM, and the agriculture security meeting at 8 PM.

The trivia question was: What was the first kid's toy to be advertised on television? The answer was Mr. Potato Head. The quote of the day was: "In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock." --*Thomas Jefferson*

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger, Secretary/Treasurer