

June 9, 2011  
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., Supervisor  
John Dwyer, Sr., Vice-Chairman

Marjorie Metzger, Administrative Assistant  
James Bogar, Solicitor  
Greg Rogalski, Zoning Officer

#### FINANCING UPDATE

Frank Leber and Paul Lundeen present. They reviewed some numbers on possibilities of refunding opportunities for the existing outstanding bonds, and the possibility of new money requirement for \$2 Mill for the South Middleton plant upgrade project and the market conditions. Interest rates were reviewed. The new \$2 mill debt would increase the debt service payment by \$105,000 per year. Combined with the existing debt, the total debt payment per year would be approximately \$580,000 for the southern district.

Mr. Simmons said phase 1 of the project is to be started by the end of the year and phase 2 is to be done in 2013. Mr. Lundeen said the financing assumes the township will make a capital contribution at one time.

Mr. Dwyer questioned the costs for reissuing the refunding of debt and Mr. Lundeen said it would be around \$80,000. If the refunding and the new money are done at the same time there would be about \$15,000-20,000 savings of duplicate costs such as the legal services, advertising, and one set of papers.

Mr. Bogar asked when we will be given updated costs from South Middleton. Mr. Simmons said there is to be something for the Authority's June meeting. We won't know exact costs until the project is bid. The design is done.

Mr. Leber said it takes about two months to lay the foundation for the market and another two months to get the money. This transaction would be for 25 years with a fixed rate and a wrap, which he does not think the banks could match that.

The Board thanked Mr. Leber and Mr. Lundeen for their informative presentation and said a decision will be made at the next meeting.

#### SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Cass Gibson asked if a sewer agreement has been reached between Trindle Station and DSG, which Mr. Bogar said it has not at this time. Mr. Gibson asked if the township is still using the same

bank as before and if there would be any shopping done. Mr. Simmons said the bank is working with us and has given us a good interest rate, so we have almost gotten everything back we lost. Mr. Dwyer said the township has taken all the safety precautions, even an insurance policy.

George McNeill was very concerned with the water issue at the intersection of Kuhn and Dogwood roads. The pipes must be maintained and the ditch must be re-established because it is too shallow. The water overflows and comes on to his property, or in the winter it freezes. He suggested installing a big catch basin at the end of Dogwood. Mr. Dwyer said he visited the property and can attest to what Mr. McNeill is saying. At the last meeting it was mentioned that a storm water plan is needed for White Rock. He would like to see something produced by Mr. Bruening and Mr. Kerstetter. Mr. Castle said they live in a mountain with a lot of drainage and leaves and trees. Mr. Dwyer said an information campaign is needed to let all citizens know their responsibilities and what is the township's. The culverts in the roads are the township's responsibility, but the culverts under driveways are the citizens to clean and maintain. Mr. Simmons suggested putting something in the newsletter.

Jane Lerch was concerned with the new 45 mph speed limit on Kuhn Road because of the bikers, walkers, trail people, and people with driveways they back out of. Churchtown has a 25 mph limit.

Nancy Codner was concerned with the speed study that was done on Kuhn Road. Were the deer taken into consideration, or the kids on their bikes, the people walking, the runners and cyclists. The trees with leaves this time of year, you are blind on all the curves. The side streets are all 25 mph. To allow a 45 mph on Kuhn will mean people will travel 55-60 mph. She agreed when it was posted at 35 mph. She doesn't want to see anyone get killed, even the deer.

Jeff Small telephoned his concerns to Mr. Dwyer. With regard to Act 537, he had to hook up to sewer in 2002, and feels the rest of the people in Lisburn Meadows should have to at this time, as they were told. He also feels everyone in the township should help pay for the plant upgrades to meet the Chesapeake Bay regulations since it must be done for the good of the environment which everyone gets to enjoy. It is to help keep the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay clean, so everyone should pay, not just the sewer users. Mr. Small was also concerned with the sign ordinance that needs to be enforced. He feels punitive action should be added to the ordinance. He has issues with the Old Glory signs. They should be fined every day. The Do's and Don'ts of sign usage should be put in the newsletter. Mr. Rogalski said he has collected all the Old Glory signs, and they just keep re-appearing. He has contacted the project manager and has also sent a registered letter.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2011 Regular meeting.**

#### REPORTS

ROADMASTER’S REPORT

Mr. Dwyer said he asked the roadmaster to hold off on erecting the 45 mph speed signs on Kuhn Road until further discussion. The signs have not been purchased. There is a resident preparing a briefing for us that provide some legal position to keep the speed limit at 35 mph.

**On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, 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

Mr. Dwyer asked how many new home permits were issued in the report, and Mr. Rogalski responded one in Trindle Station. There have been permits for large additions and swimming pools.

**On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Zoning Officer’s report.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TRI- COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION – MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

**On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to become signatories with the Memo of Understanding between Monroe Township and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.**

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY

Kim Williams present. The trail is interested in building a trail head parking area off Kuhn road. They are required by the state to have some kind of a sign also. Because they are a non-profit organization, they work with volunteers. They are asking the township for donations of materials and professional services, and grading on site. The National Park Service cannot indemnify the township since the trail is working with volunteers. There is no paperwork or agreement to sign.

The Board mentioned the township could consider giving a donation. However, to donate materials or professional services would present a liability issue for the township. Mr. Rogalski mentioned there will be another water company phase if work next year, and part of their road cut permit could require the millings become the property of the township. Ms. Williams said this project is to be completed by the end of this summer. Mr. Dwyer suggested they could check into getting millings from the Route 174 paving project this summer.

Ms. Williams mentioned there will be article about Sheldon Brymesser and his farming

operation in the Appalachian Trail Journey magazine.

#### REVOKING PRIOR ORDINANCES

Mr. Rogalski said it is proposed to raise the fines in the current Dog Ordinance. With the Soliciting Ordinance, he is recommending some exemptions and updating the fines.

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to direct the Solicitor to review the Dog and Soliciting Ordinances, incorporate the proposed changes and prepare the ordinances for advertisement and adoption.**

#### ACT 537 – LISBURN MEADOWS

The Board discussed the matter of extending the sewer line to the Lisburn Meadows development in 2013, as was planned for. The Municipal Authority has recommended the extension not be done since there have not been any septic system malfunctions. The cost to do the project is approximately \$203,000, which could be added to the financing being planned for the southern district upgrade project.

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to continue to send letters to the individuals in the Lisburn Meadows area that they must hook to sewer; begin the planning process in January 2012; and to include the calculations for this sewer extension in the bond issuance that will be completed this fall for the southern sewer district.**

#### DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

The Municipal Authority made a recommendation of updating the policy for collecting on delinquent sewer accounts.

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to direct the Solicitor to draft up the proposed changes to the delinquent sewer collection policy.**

#### SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The Municipal Authority made a recommendation to request representation on the South Middleton Township Municipal Authority Board whether we stay with the 200,000 gallons per day capacity, or if it is increased. Monroe Township should have a vote.

Mr. Dwyer said currently Monroe Township has 27%. It will go down to 13.5% with the plant upgrade if we keep our capacity the same. There are 10 people on the Authority Board.

The Board agreed to request to be placed on the next agenda for the South Middleton Township

Municipal Authority meeting to have the entire Board vote on our request to have voting representation on their Board. A more formal letter can be a follow up then to have our Solicitor discuss the matter with their Solicitor. Intergovernmental cooperation is important.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### RFP – RETRO-COMMISSIONING

The Township is eligible to receive \$25,000 from the county to put towards the retro-commissioning project. They will provide a recommendation of what can be updated on our HVAC and electrical systems for energy savings. There were three proposals received. Barton Associates price was a little higher than low bidder, however, their price includes some testing that would have to be paid for with the low bidder.

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to award the RFP for Retro-Commissioning to Barton Associates at a price of \$16,800, contingent upon receiving written confirmation from the county that the proposal is acceptable.**

#### RESOLUTION 2011-08

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2011-08, which supports the sustained and continued operation of the Monroe Elementary School.**

The Board directed a certified letter with a copy of the Resolution be sent to Mr. Shaffner, School Board President, and Superintendent Dr. Harner; and copies to all school board members, Senator Pat Vance, Representative DeLozier, the Sentinel, and Patriot.

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Board agreed to commission a committee to continue efforts to “Save Monroe Elementary”. A notice will be placed in the newsletter asking for interested persons to submit their name. The Board will provide the guidelines for the committee on what is being asked of them. The Board also directed letters be sent to Phil Kehoe, Sue Sunday, and Foster Berkheimer, who have already expressed interest in serving on the committee. It is suggested they get together first to begin the process and help identify other persons who may be interested in serving. We need representation from the different demographic areas of the township. The Board also directed letter be sent to Lauren Bogar for her efforts in drafting the Resolution, and stating the facts.

#### TRINDLE STATION PHASE 2, SECTION 5 & 6 FINAL PLANS

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

**Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to grant a 30 day time extension to the Trindle Station Phase 2, Section 5 and Section 6 final plans, as requested.**

WEST SHORE REGIONAL TRAIL PLAN

**On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to send a letter of support of the initiative to have a regional trail plan, but the recommend changing the funding requirements to be proportional to the populations of the townships involved.**

BILLS

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

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Rogalski said he has three documents for alternative energy, which include wind, solar, and wood burners. It is recommended the Planning Commission begin their review of these documents.

Mr. Dwyer would like to see the township get a feeder line to the natural gas terminal to power this building. Mr. Rogalski will make a contact. Mr. Simmons said hydrogen is another big item. All cars in India are being converted to hydrogen.

Mr. Dwyer questioned the potability of the waste water that comes from the South Middleton plant into the Yellow Breeches creek. Mr. Rogalski said it is drinkable; it could make you sick; but it is diluted quickly. Mr. Dwyer questioned the unfunded mandate to upgrade the sewer plants if a human can drink what comes from the plant and it goes into the streams. How much nitrate and phosphorus really come and go to the Chesapeake Bay? Mr. Bogar said the sewer plants are an easy target.

Mr. Dwyer said he received a phone call from Wilbur Wolf who wants to know if the Williams Grove Steam Engine Association has a camp ground and if they have permits. Mr. Rogalski said yes they have a camp ground for members with some limits on how long they can be there. It may go away however because the proposed land may not be purchased.

Mr. Castle said to remember the troops and their families. Help someone cut the grass, or other simple things. 1% of the population protects our freedom, so we owe them big time. School is out so watch for the kids playing. Flag Day is June 14. Jubilee Day in Mechanicsburg is on June 16. June 18 is our Community Day, and helpers are still needed. June 19 is Father's Day. July 4 is Independence Day, so fly your flag. The Township building can be used as a cool down area if someone needs to get out of the heat. Remember Mark Bruening as his mom is very ill. God Bless America.

Mr. Simmons mentioned he attended a meeting on May 31 with PennDOT to discuss the

Locust Point Bridge project. Our people pay taxes so we should be able to get the bridge replaced. They can't find rock on the one edge, so the cost may go up for the project. They want to know about the development planned on the York County side.

Mr. Simmons attended the West Shore EMS meeting on June 7. Ambulance service is a challenge all around. He invited everyone to attend Community Day and to sign up to help.

ADJOURN

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger  
Administrative Assistant