

September 13, 2012

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Simmons. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

ATTENDANCE

Samuel M. Simmons, III, Chairman
A.W. Castle, III, Vice Chairman
Phil Kehoe, Supervisor

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor
Mark Bruening, Engineer
Greg Rogalski, Zoning Officer
Marjorie Metzger, Administrative Assistant

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Simmons announced the Board held an executive session prior to this meeting to discuss legal matters.

PRESENTATIONS

Monroe Proud certificates were presented to Sue Sunday, Ginny Boynton, Heather Dunn, and Phil Kehoe for their involvement in coming together to Save Monroe School. When people get involved, they can get things done. John Dwyer was absent for the presentation.

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Frank Tamanini made a presentation to the Board to propose the idea of a five lot subdivision to straighten out the first phase of Trindle Station where certain roads come together, end, or meet with other township roads. These lots have preliminary approval and are actually part of a different phase at this time. It makes more sense to complete them at this time. The Board expressed the idea seem logical if it can be done within the limits of the ordinances. The other idea proposed is to include some recreational facilities within the development, such as swings, jungle gym, walking trails, and a basketball court. It would be passive recreation that could be maintained by the Home Owner's Association. This would help cut down on the required recreational fees. Mr. Simmons said there would have to be proper screening if anything is proposed close to the Wertz Development area. Mr. Bruening said the conditional use would have to be reviewed. The ordinance also describes what is allowed to be used for park land.

Sue Sunday announced the Steeple to Steeple walk to be held on September 30. Registration will be held at the Churchtown Church of God pavilion (first steeple), and proceed to the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (second steeple). It will be approximately 2-3 miles, with apple desserts to follow. Registration is at noon, with the walk beginning at 1 PM.

Pam Myers asked for a status of the agreement with 1294 Brandt Road. Mr. Pykosh said he reported to the Board on this matter in executive session, but because of the potential litigation, it cannot be discussed further at this point. Ms. Myers asked for a written response and Mr. Pykosh offered to provide one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kehoe provided proposed amendments to the minutes dated August 9, 2012.

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 approval of the August 9, 2012 minutes.

ROADMASTER REPORT

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Castle, 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. Castle, 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

TRASH/RECYCLING CONTRACT

Scott Wagner, representing Penn Waste, was present, along with Ed Ward and Steve Stine. Mr. Wagner pointed out his concerns with the Interstate Waste proposal, which is the low bidder. Interstate Waste proposes to use a split body truck, they are merging with Advanced Disposal, and concerns of how they will provide the bulk item collection and unlimited collection outlined in the Monroe proposal for services. Mr. Wagner provided a handout outlining his position. He asked the Board to review the Interstate Waste bid proposal based on the specifications that are required, and select Penn Waste to continue the service to the residents of Monroe Township.

Mr. Castle has had very few complaints with Penn Waste service. Their proposal would decrease the rate from \$47.85 currently to \$45.75 a quarter. Unlimited trash and bulk items are handled properly. They have done a great job.

Mr. Kehoe reviewed the points made by Mr. Wagner concerning the Interstate Waste proposal as follows: 1) There is a risk with the proposal configuration and non-compliance with the service agreement, causing a breach of contract; 2) There is a risk from a customer service point of view. The residents would have to modify the way they do things in order for Interstate Waste to manage the waste; 3) There is a risk of organizational changes going on through the acquisition by a private equity firm, which the township could get caught up in the wash of it; and 4) The cart transition and keeping everything separate. The township is not mandated to recycle, but the residents show much interest in doing it. It is a big decision before us.

Bill Piszczek, site manager for the Shippensburg site of Interstate Waste, was present. He is not aware of management changes in this area. Without reviewing the display by Scott Wagner, he cannot comment. There are no issues he can talk about.

Mr. Kehoe said because of the size and complexity of this matter, there is need for an investigation to qualify the bid. Penn Waste has done an excellent job for us. They are doing

what is expected of them. Mr. Simmons asked if the decision can be put off since it was advertised to make a decision tonight. Mr. Pykosh said the law provides for the bid to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. If there are concerns and an investigation is needed, the Board has that duty to do so. The awarding of the bid can be tabled or postponed until the next meeting, and in the meantime an investigation can be performed and findings reported back to the Board. The bidders will have to be notified and an advertisement will have to be placed in the newspaper that the bid will be awarded at the next 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 awarding the bid for trash/recycling until the next meeting and to conduct an investigation in the meantime.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to appoint Phil Kehoe, Mike Pykosh, and Marge Metzger to serve on the committee to conduct the investigation of the trash/recycling bidders.

Mr. Wagner requested a complete copy of the Interstate Waste bid. Steve Stine will contact Mr. Pykosh.

JOHN MUSSER FINAL PLAN

The engineer's comments dated September 7, 2012 were reviewed. Carl Bert was present and had no issues with the comments. Number 10 under the waivers was withdrawn.

Waivers:

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to grant the following waivers to the John Musser final subdivision plan: 1) The plans must be prepared at a scale of 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, or 100 feet to the inch as required by Section 402.1.1 of the Ordinance (403.1); 2) Existing features on and within two hundred feet (200') of the property must be shown on the plan as required by Section 402.3.4.B of the Ordinance (403.3); 3) The plan must show topographic features within two hundred feet (200') of the tract (SWMO 304.2.0); 4) Provide existing contours per Section 402.3.1 (403.3.); 5) Provide the location and description of existing lot line markers and monuments along the perimeter of the entire existing property per 402.3.3 (403.3); 6) Provide location and size of existing individual on-lot sewer disposal and water facilities when located on subject property or within fifty feet of the subject property per 402.3.5 (403.3); 7) Show existing healthy trees with a caliper of six inches or more as measured at a height of 4 ½ feet above grade per 402.3.6 (403.3); 8) All subdivision plans shall have a wetlands study performed per 402.5.7 (403.5); and 9) Street trees shall be provided along all road frontages per 618.3.

Plan:

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 John Musser final subdivision plan contingent upon satisfaction of the township engineer's comments dated September 7, 2012.

AWARD SWEEPER BID

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to award the bid for a 2002 Johnston 605 Road Sweeper to U.S. Municipal Supply Inc. at a price of \$69,500.

SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – UPGRADE PROJECT

Project bids have gone out and are being accepted September 24. The award must be made within 120 days. The consistency letter has been provided to South Middleton and the land development plan is still before the Planning Commission.

Mr. Pykosh said he will be responding to the correspondence received concerning agreeing to a certain percentage of the project, and an amendment to the current agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

MMO FOR 2013 PENSION

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 2013 pension minimum municipal obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$47,114.01.

TRICK OR TREAT

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to set trick or treat night for Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 6-8 PM.

NON-BUILDING WAIVER FOR RAY DIEHL

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to transmit the non-building waiver for Ray Diehl to DEP.

RAY DIEHL FINAL PLAN

Chris Hoover present. The farm is being separated into two, with Locust Point Road splitting the tract. There will be no building.

Waivers:

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to grant the following waivers: 1) A stormwater management study must be provided as required by Section 402.5.9 of the Ordinance (SLDO 403.5); 2) A wetland study must be provided as required by section 402.5.7 of the Ordinance (403.5); 3) Street trees must be provided along all road frontages (Locust Point Road) (618.3); and 4) Lot #1 is a part of subdivision plan lands and therefore must provide requirements of SALDO plans per 402 (403).

Plan:

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 Ray Diehl final subdivision plan contingent upon the township engineer's comments dated September 13, 2012 being satisfied.

Mr. Rogalski asked Mr. Hoover to notify his client to contact him early in the process of their intentions related to zoning issues to make sure the uses are acceptable. Mr. Simmons asked Mr. Hoover to have his client write a letter to PennDOT in support of replacing the bridge on Locust Point Road.

GUIDERAILS ON EPPLEY ROAD

Mr. Castle and Mr. Bruening have met with the turnpike commission regarding replacement of the guiderails at the turnpike bridge on Eppley Road. There were two options, one to terminate the guiderail and one to attach the guiderail to the bridge. The difference is \$600. The bridge itself meets the standards so there is no work required.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to prepare the bid specs for installation of guiderails that will attach to the turnpike bridge, and to prepare for advertisement for bids.

BILLS

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 bills as prepared.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Pykosh reviewed the summary he prepared for the outstanding sewer accounts. There has been some movement from some of the people. There were nine responses out of 25 from the first round of contacts, and most have agreed to pay within 24 months. He will be putting an agreement in place for these accounts. He will also keep an open dialogue with these accounts. The ones who did not respond, he will be sending letters to their mortgage companies. Mr. Kehoe asked if the Municipal Authority is aware of these collections, and Ms. Sunday said she just received the information in her packet of information for next week's meeting.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned the voter ID law and suggested including an article in the newsletter and website.

Mr. Castle asked for the troops to be remembered, and for citizens to offer assistance to their families. He commended Mr. Pykosh for his efforts with the sewer collections. He is proud of the residents who stepped up to the plate for a common cause of saving Monroe School.

He is very proud to live here. The next meeting is October 11. He hopes everyone remembered the importance of September 11. Trick or Treat is October 31. The township has reflective bags for the children. God Bless America.

Mr. Simmons in remembering September 11, we realize how many friends we have in the Middle East, not too many. It could get ugly. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger
Administrative Assistant