

February 14, 2019  
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  
Carl Kuhl, Supervisor

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor  
Greg Rogalski, Engineer  
Karen Lowery, Secretary/Treasurer

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Deb Sunday is concerned about the sewer rates and is looking forward to attending the joint meeting in March to discuss the rates. There is enough money in the reserves to pay off the debt, which could then allow the rates to be lowered to \$168 per quarter according to her calculations. She is concerned that the reserve money will be used for other things, not the sewer debt.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2019 Regular Meeting and Reorganization meetings
2. Roadmaster’s Report 1/1/19 – 1/31/19
3. Engineer/Zoning Officer’s Report 1/1/19 – 1/31/19
4. Reaffirm Breeches at Allenberry Prelim. & Final Subdivision Plans
5. Approval of Bills (as prepared)

**On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to approve the consent agenda items as listed, and to include the edits to the January minutes.**

NEW BUSINESS

ROOF REPLACE PROJECT – AUTHRORIZE DOCUMENT PREPARATION

Mr. Rogalski stated that last year a roof consultant stated the roof was in a failing state. He would like authorization to prepare the bid documents to get ready to put the project out for bid. We would gain insight on what needs to be done and what the prices would be by bidding different options.

**On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to authorize the roof replacement bid documents to be prepared.**

DELORES BERKHEIMER – FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN

Andrew Kessler of Diffenbaugh Wadel was present. He said there have been to reviews and the most recent review had minor comments. Mr. Rogalski added that the plan is to move some lot lines.

**On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Delores Berkheimer Final Subdivision Plan contingent upon Mr. Rogalski’s comments from February 12, 2019 being addressed.**

ADVERTISE UNUSED EQUIPMENT ON MUNCIBID

**On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve advertising the 6 items listed on a memo dated February 6, 2019 on Municibid to sell.**

HOWE SEWAGE MODULE TO DEP

**On the motion of Mr. Kuhl and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to authorize forwarding the sewage module to DEP for review and approval.**

JOINT MEETING OR WORKSHOP TO BE HELD 3/14/19

The Board discussed whether this was a workshop to prioritize items to be worked on in 2019, or a meeting to that the Boards could take action to move forward. Mr. Pykosh stated that any final determination or action would have to take place at a meeting, but a workshop can be used to gather information, share ideas and discuss options. The Board agreed that this should be held and advertised as a workshop.

EIP FOLLOW UP MEETING WITH PEL

Mr. Castle said that a portion of the report was not done properly because the manager completed the questionnaire in a hurried manor, so now we need a representative to discuss the downfall of the report with PEL. Mr. Kehoe added that there was a scope of work and one part was not satisfactory.

Mr. Castle would like to have Mr. Pykosh and Mr. Kehoe meet with PEL. Mr. Kehoe is up to speed on this report and has the township’s best interest at heart. Mr. Castle said he also has Mr. Kuhl comments and would share those with Mr. Kehoe. Mr. Kehoe said he would be willing to meet with PEL, based on the original contract and scope of work, and then bring an

update back to the rest of the Board. Anything that would expand the scope of work would require additional negotiations at a different time after the core project is done. Mr. Kuhl said that we need to get back on track and is okay with Mr. Kehoe handling the negotiation and reporting back to the Board.

#### FIRE COMMITTEE PLANNING

Mr. Kehoe said that when the last committee for the paid fire driver concluded the committee had agreed that the driver solution would have a limited life and it is now time for Monroe Township to have a group to work on what happens next and how do we properly support the fire company by laying out ideas and discussing options. This would help to validate the current path or determine adjustments that need made to fulfill the township's responsibility. He suggested tabling this until the March meeting where we can be prepared to discuss goals and objectives that we could include in a request for residents to serve on the committee.

Mr. Castle would like the fire company to be involved in determining how to keep costs down and encouraging people to volunteer. He would like a more open relationship between the township and the fire company and does not want to take away the ability for the fire company to protect the township residents.

Mr. Kuhl mentioned that next week Cap Cog is holding a meeting at the Hampden fire company to discuss problems with volunteer fire departments and clarifying what the township's responsibility is. He wants the township to be careful to not overstep boundaries with the fire company.

#### SINCLAIR ROAD AND TRINDLE ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Mr. Rogalski said that he attended a meeting with Silver Spring Township and the developer and has received a revised schedule for the project. Obtaining additional right-of-way is still a concern. He has reached out and started the conversation with one property owner, but is having trouble contacting the other property owner. He will continue to work with Mr. Pykosh on the right-of-way issue, but if we can't get the right-of-way the township could take it. Mr. Pykosh added that condemnation appraisals would have to be done and there is a process in which the homeowner could appeal and it would go to court.

Mr. Kehoe asked what the plan was for Bare Road. Mr. Rogalski said that left turn from Bare Road onto Trindle Road will be restricted.

#### SOUTH MOUNTAIN GREENWAY

Monroe Township was notified by DCNR that the grant was awarded to perform the feasibility study for the South Mountain Greenway trail. A meeting will be held at the end of the month at Silver Spring Township for them to award a contract to a consultant to begin the feasibility study.

Mr. Kuhl added that we haven't received any specific information and the trail would run from Mechanicsburg to Dillsburg. He referenced County Resolution 2006-04, which does not endorse the eminent domain process for the rails to trails project. He would like to see Monroe Township adopt a Resolution like this since the trail will go through private property, preserved farms, across roads and through the MS4 area. Mr. Pykosh added that he created a Resolution for Monroe that mirrors the County Resolution.

Mr. Castle is not supportive of the trail. He added that safety is an issue and questioned what liability would fall onto Monroe Township.

Mr. Kehoe added that at this time we are just being notified of the grant approval for the feasibility study. He added that in March 2017 the Supervisors stated at a meeting that they were not interested in supporting the feasibility study. And then in April 2017 Ms. Araiza, the former manager, sent a letter of support for the feasibility study that she said was supported by Mr. Castle and Mr. Kuhl. Mr. Kehoe suggested that Monroe have representation at the upcoming meeting regarding the feasibility study to keep Monroe informed of what is being discussed. Mr. Kehoe added that he is not opposed to the proposed Resolution, he just doesn't know if it needs to be done at this point of the process.

**On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to request a Planning Commission member represent Monroe Township at the outreach and steering committee meetings and then report back to the Supervisors.**

**On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2019-07, which prohibits the use of eminent domain for installation or construction of the rails to trails project.**

#### STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Kuhl thanked Mr. Rogalski for the efficiency of the recent road tour and creating a 5 year plan. Mr. Rogalski gave credit to the Road Crew for their help.

Mr. Kuhl attended a County outreach meeting about small cell nodes for 5G coverage. He learned that 2 of the nodes are installed at the speedway. There is currently nothing about these in the zoning rules, but there is a potential for money to be made if the township wishes. Mr. Rogalski added that this is not new and would need to start at the Planning Commission level. FCC rules in January set perimeters. At some point this should be reviewed with highway occupancy permits, permits and fees.

Mr. Kehoe said there has been positive feedback with the salt brine system that we are using. There has been a noticeable difference in the areas it is being used.

Mr. Castle asked everyone to remember our Troops, Police Officers and First Responders. The trivia question was “The Philadelphia mint started putting a “P” mint mark on quarters when?” Answer was 1980. Quote of the Day: “Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.” – John F. Kennedy. God Bless America.

ADJOURN

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lowery  
Secretary/Treasurer