

June 13, 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
Philip Kehoe, Vice Chairman
Carl Kuhl, Supervisor

Chris Gleeson, Solicitor
Greg Rogalski, Engineer
Karen Lowery, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Castle announced there was an executive session held prior to the meeting to discuss legal matters.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to direct the engineer and solicitor to commence legal action to prevent the continued violation of Monroe Township Ordinances at 1181 York Road.

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Cindy Dwyer, 708 Cur-Lee Lane, stated she has lived in Monroe Township for 23 years and considers it a little slice of heaven. She is a US Census Partnership Specialist and would like to encourage everyone to participate in the 2020 Census so that Monroe Township can receive every federal dollar that they are entitled to. The Census will be safe, easy and is important. The Board agreed to work with Mrs. Dwyer to put information about the Census in the newsletter and on the website. Mrs. Dwyer is will to give a more detail presentation at another meeting if the Board would like.

Pharon Bertsch, 366 Sanderson Drive, filed a complaint in May regarding bamboo growing on his neighbor's property and spreading onto his property. He received a response from Mr. Rogalski stating that the weed ordinance wasn't going to be enforced, but he feels something should be done since the ordinance lists vegetation that is banned but states that it is not limited to that list. Bamboo is a very invasive plant that attracts birds. He would also like to put up a fence to block the neighbor's property, but doesn't want it to be damaged by the bamboo. Other townships are addressing bamboo issues and he would like Monroe to do something.

On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to have Mr. Rogalski investigate other bamboo ordinances and report back to the board.

John and Sue Aigeldinger, 1447 Lutztown Road, stated that he filed a complaint 1 ½ months ago about the sign at the Porches Development that exceeds the allowable size. Mr.

Rogalski said that he has engaged the owner and they are on notice for the violation. They have 90 days to correct the size of the sign. If not corrected then the township can file a citation with the District Justice.

Mr. Aigeldinger is also concerned about a noise ordinance. Construction crews are working at the Porches Development on Sunday's starting at 7 AM. They listen to the noise every day and feel Sundays should be limited. He also mentioned a concert party that took place on June 1st and 2nd near Cockley's Meadow. On the 1st the music stopped at 11PM, but on the 2nd it didn't stop until 12:30 AM. He could hear profane language, there were bands, and a light show. He did call the State Police who said they have received several complaints. Mr. Rogalski said that we are aware of the party, but have no noise ordinance in place. Apparently the parties have been going on for years, but this was the first complaints have been received. Mr. Kehoe added that the State Police could have done something based on people disturbing the peace. Mr. Kuhl asked that Mr. Rogalski send a letter to the property owner.

Mr. Aigeldinger would like to know what the traffic plan is for the area of Lutztown Road and Boiling Springs Road once the Porches Development is complete and traffic increases. It will only be a matter of time until someone is killed. Mr. Castle said there have been several attempts to lower the speed limit in that area. Mr. Rogalski added that it is a state road and certain criteria must be met to lower the speed, including traffic studies and safety studies. There was also a process that the Porches Development had to go through with PennDot for approval.

Mrs. Aigeldinger had been told that population density also affects speed limits. When the development is complete and the population in the area increases will that help to lower the speed. Mr. Rogalski said it has more to do with access points and the Porches will have 2 access points. PennDot has approved the traffic study for the development.

Joanna Reinhard, 375 Criswell Drive, said that the Camp Hill Library offers solutions to vegetation issues one Saturday per month.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2019 Regular Meeting
2. Roadmaster's Report 5/1/19 – 5/31/19
3. Engineer/Zoning Officer's Report 5/1/19 – 5/31/19
4. Approval of Bills (as prepared)

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to approve Consent Agenda items as listed, with minor edits to the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

PEL FOLLOW UP MEETING

Ms. Lowery said that we are waiting to receive the revised report and then will share with the Board once received.

FIRE COMMITTEE PLANNING

Mr. Kehoe suggested that we establish goals for the committee to help drive interest for people to get involved. Mr. Castle tabled this matter until next month so ideas can be gathered.

MONROE ACRES SLIDE

Mr. Rogalski provided an update on the slide at Monroe Acres that was approved last month. He has talked to the company and picked a slide that will be versatile for all ages. He has determined a location for the new slide that will work for the future when adding additional equipment and for the drainage work that needs to be done. The slide should be installed by the end of August. Mr. Kehoe asked that we keep the Recreation Board informed of the work being done.

NEW BUSINESS

BYRON FITCH – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Bryon Fitch with Troop 333 would like to install a gaga pit at the Monroe Acres Park. He provided a picture of what the pit will look like, a placement plan and believes it will cost \$700.00. He would like to build the gaga pit on September 21st.

Mr. Rogalski suggest the pit be attached to the ground. He has worked with other organizations that installed gaga pits and vandalism is a concern. He would also like to meet Mr. Fitch at the park to talk about the location of the pit because the planned area floods when there is a lot of rain.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to approve Byron Fitch’s proposal to install a gaga pit at the Monroe Acres Park with the location subject to approval of the engineer.

TRINDLE STATION, SECTION 5 & 6 – BOND REDUCTION

Mr. Rogalski explained that as work is completed the bonds are reduced and since Trindle Station has several bonds we are also trying to combine bonds for easier tracking. Mr. Rogalski suggested the bond be reduced to \$215,232.25.

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 bond reduction for Trindle Station, Sections 5 & 6 to \$215,232.25 per Mr. Rogalski’s memo dated June 6, 2019.

TALKING BREADS BAKERY – LAND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Rogalski explained the plan is to have a bakery and home on this site. He has reviewed the plan and made comments. Planning Commission has recommended approval for the plan. There was one change since the plan went to the Planning Commission, due to building

codes the home and business had to be separated. He would suggest approval of the plan, but stated that they still have to attend the Authority meeting for sewer connection approval.

Ben Kirk with Burget & Associates said the parcel is 25.5 acres. There will only be one access point and they have addressed parking and Mr. Rogalski's comments. Ms. Amsterdam added that they grow the wheat for the bread. They will also grow vegetables, would like to start a small orchard and also raise chickens. It will be a farm market type business.

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 5 waivers for Talking Breads Bakery as listed in Mr. Rogalski's memo dated June 11, 2019.

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 Talking Breads Bakery Land Development Plan contingent upon satisfaction of Mr. Rogalski's comments dated June 11, 2019.

KUHN ROAD BID

Mr. Rogalski stated that bids were put out to fix the shoulder of Kuhn Road from the bottom to Swope and a portion of Leidigh Drive.

On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept the bid from Wilson Paving for \$155,455.00, which was the lowest bid.

TRINDLE/SINCLAIR TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Mr. Gleeson provided a draft agreement between Monroe Township and Silver Spring Township regarding the traffic signal. It has been determined that the Traditions of America Development will be paying for the installation of the signal. The agreement will help the 2 townships iron out the maintenance costs of the signal. Mr. Rogalski added that Silver Spring Township will be responsible for the signal, but Monroe is responsible for its fair share. TOA is still working to obtain right of way from one Monroe property owner and Mr. Rogalski has been involved in those discussions. Mr. Rogalski added that best case the road work will begin in the fall with signal installation in the spring of 2020.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to table the agreement.

UTV PURCHASE REQUEST

Mr. Kehoe reviewed a memo provide by Greg Hertzler with prices for a new UTV, with the lowest being \$13,692.68. The option was also provided to look for a used UTV. Mr. Kehoe said that used UTV's that are in good shape are hard to find. He added that the DPW takes care

of our equipment and would likely keep this for 25 years. Mr. Kuhl was concerned about hauling the unit and added that it would be used to spray weeds and help get jobs done quicker.

On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to authorize the purchase of a UTV, not to exceed \$13,692.68.

SALE OF 1995 VOLVO 10 WHEELER

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to sell the 1995 Volvo 10 Wheeler to Licking Creek Township and accept their offer of \$25,000.00.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL ADDENDUM

Mr. Kehoe said that we are in the process of updating the employee manual, which is taking longer than expected. The addendum would address the weekend cleaning between rentals that is done in house over a weekend. Typically this cleaning takes 15 to 30 minutes, but requires the person on rotation to be available to make sure it is done between rentals. A minimum call out of 1 hour has been discussed with any additional time being charged time for time.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to add the Addendum to the Employee Manual for Minimum 1 hour Charge for Weekend Cleaning.

RESIGNATION OF RON ECKERD – MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept Ron Eckerd’s resignation from the Municipal Authority Board.

Mr. Kuhl added that although Mr. Eckerd was outspoken, he a lot of work for the Northern District and was a long time employee at Cumberland Valley Schools. Mr. Castle added that he was talented and requested a letter be sent from the Supervisors.

WHEEL LOADER CYLINDER REPLACEMENT

Mr. Kehoe explained that during preventative maintenance on the loader a leaking cylinder was found. The cost to replace the cylinders will be \$5,068.00. The DPW is also going to check with another company to see if they can be rebuilt at a cheaper cost.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, and seconded by Mr. Kuhl, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to have the loader cylinder fixed at a cost not to exceed \$5,068.00.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Rogalski provided a draft agreement to be reviewed between Monroe Township and South Middleton Township to utilize South Middleton Township's Building Codes for The Porches of Allenberry development.

Mr. Kuhl stated that he missed the election since he was on a river cruise with his wife.

Mr. Kuhl added that Holy Spirit EMS is changing their name to Geisinger Emergency Medical. He will be attending an outreach meeting at county if there are any concerns.

Mr. Kehoe said the election went well and there was a higher than average turn out. He hopes for the same in November.

Mr. Kehoe reminded everyone of Community Day this weekend.

Mr. Kehoe said the Memorial Day Service was fantastic and they had a great turn out.

Mr. Castle asked everyone to remember our Troops, Police Officers and First Responders. He reminded everyone that Flag Day is tomorrow and National Night out will be on August 6th.

Mr. Castle reminded everyone of Community Day on Saturday from 6PM to 10 PM. He added that he would like to look into a food truck round up for next year.

The trivia question was "Florence Nightingale became known as "the Lady with the Lamp" during which war?" Answer was Crimean War.

The quote of the day was "Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." John Quincy Adams.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lowery, Secretary/Treasurer