

MINUTES

SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP 520 PARK DRIVE BOILING SPRINGS, PA. 17007

FEBRUARY 28, 2013

PRESENT: BRYAN GEMBUSIA, TOM FALEY, RON HAMILTON, DUFF MANWEILER, RICK REIGHARD - (absent) - SUPERVISORS; Cory Adams – Manager, Jarrett Sweeney – Finance Director, Brian O’Neill – Engineer, Tim Duerr – Zoning Officer, Sandy Quickel – Recording Secretary, Bette Szablewski, Linda Mountz, Nita Cook, Jerry Barrick, Cindy Dunbar, John Madden, Reverend Raymond Kingsborough, Richard Tritt, Doug & Helen Gale, Clifford Varner, Kirk Stoner, Ray Porter, Kevin Mellott, Jen Varner, Brian Emberg, Randy Cramer, Mike Scherer, Joe Baker, Bill Brown, Joe Cress – “The Sentinel”.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Gembusia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Gembusia.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Gembusia announced that the meetings are recorded & to turn off cell phones.

MINUTES: 02/14/13 (Regular Meeting):

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron seconded, & the vote in favor was 4 to 0.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jen Varner stated that she is running for Tax Collector, & she thanked the Board for supplying an office at the municipal building for the Tax Collector.

Randy Cramer, Red Tank Road, stated that he is running for Tax Collector. He is a long time resident, was in the Coast Guard, & a past member of a fire company.

Linda Mountz, Highland Avenue, stated that she is running for Tax Collector. She is a 36-year resident & has been an Accounts Receivable clerk.

DISCUSSION – Craighead Bridge (Kirk Stoner):

Kirk Stoner (Cumberland County Director & SMT resident) & Brian Emberg (HRG) were present to discuss the options for the bridge. Mr. Stoner stated that the bridge is inspected every three months, & that it can be placed on the historic register. Initially the Township was asked if they would be interested in ownership of the bridge. At that time, there was no interest in retaining ownership. Bryan stated that Commissioner Cross could not attend the discussion tonight. Mr. Emberg discussed the options & costs involved. The cost to stabilize the structure for vehicular use would be \$91,075.00. The cost to paint the bridge would be \$500,000.00. The cost to repair the bridge for pedestrian use would be \$120,725.00. There is \$80,000.00 in federal

funding available for the project. Tom asked how long the bridge would last if painted. Mr. Emberg replied 20-25 years. Duff asked Mr. Stoner when he would need the Board's decision. Mr. Stoner said he would like a decision within 1-2 weeks. The project was originally started in 2009. Duff asked for 30 days to make a decision. Mr. Stoner agreed. Public comment was taken:

Clifford Varner, March development, asked what the pros/cons of ownership would be, as well as liability. He also questioned if the federal government would help with maintenance costs, & if a new bridge would still be constructed. The new bridge will be located approximately 150 feet from the existing bridge. Doug Gale, Derbyshire Drive, feels this project is a money pit, & suggested using the money for farmland preservation. Richard Tritt stated that the Craighead Bridge is available for the historic register, plus the bridge is an important part of the area. Mr. Tritt questioned the cost of painting the bridge & asked when the last time it was painted. Wes Tate stated that the bridge has only been painted in sections. Ray Kingsborough stated that he was born 90 years ago in the house close to the bridge, & that it should be preserved, as well as the Craighead house.

The Board will render a decision within 30 days.

ORDINANCE #01 of 2013 – Open & Outdoor Burning – Public Hearing:

The hearing was opened. Tim explained that this is a revision to the previous ordinance. It will require permits to be issued for outdoor furnaces. Public input was taken. West Pennsboro resident & business owner, Jerry Barrick, was present to discuss this issue. Mr. Barrick sells outdoor furnaces, & discussed several state regulations, setback requirements, & other issues with furnaces. He supplied pamphlets with information on furnaces to the Board. Tim stated that Mr. Barrick will supply more information to Tim. No other public input was given.

Duff made a motion to approve Ordinance #01 of 2013 adopting the ordinance for Open & Outdoor Burning. Ron seconded, & the vote in favor was 4 to 0. The hearing was closed.

(Duff left the meeting at 6:50 pm)

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:

Ron stated that the house at 201 Walnut Street that was damaged by a sinkhole can be saved if the insurance company will pay for it. A geotechnical report indicates it can be saved.

RECREATION/PARKS REPORT:

No report was given.

ROAD DIRECTOR REPORT:

The report was accepted, as submitted.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Cory presented the report in the Solicitor's absence. Mr. Mislitsky would like approval to petition the Court to remand the Jefferson Court II & Morgan's Crossing appeals back to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Mislitsky is working with the attorneys to agree to suitable language in the petition. Tom made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to file the petition to remand the above appeals. Bryan seconded, & the vote in favor was 3 to 0.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Previously the Board granted a waiver of access spacing conditioned upon the applicant closing/combining the driveway from the Trindle Inn onto Trindle Road for the George & Tessie Mallios plan (#2012-0012). The applicant was not in favor of closing off the one entrance, but has agreed to revise the plan & separate the two parking areas/driveways. Tom made a motion to approve the waiver of access spacing requirements. Bryan seconded, & the vote in favor was 3 to 0.

The Operations & Maintenance agreement for the Wenger Development is ready for approval. Tom made a motion to approve the agreement subject to recording the agreement. Ron seconded, & the vote in favor was 3 to 0.

PLANNING/ZONING/CODES ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

No report was given.

MANAGER REPORT:

It was decided to appoint Jarrett Sweeney as Assistant Township Manager. Tom made a motion to appoint Jarrett as Assistant Township Manager. Ron seconded, & the vote in favor was 3 to 0.

Two parks & facilities usage requests were received. One is from the Boiling Springs Midget Football Corp. requesting the use of Spring Meadows Park Football field for practice, games, & scrimmages. The dates requested are July 25 to November 1, 2013. Ron made a motion to approve the facilities usage, as requested. Tom seconded, & the vote in favor was 3 to 0.

The other request is from the Harvest Health organization for use of Pavilions 1 and 2 at South Middleton Township Park. They will also use the trail to Spring Meadows Park for a 5K walk/run on October 26, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The organization also requested a waiver of fees for the use of the pavilion. The Parks & Recreation Board denied this fee waiver request. Bryan made a motion to approve the facilities usage. Ron seconded, & the vote in favor was 3 to 0. No action was taken on waiving the pavilion fee. The standard policy will apply & a fee will be charged to the applicant.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There was no public input.

SUPERVISORS' DISCUSSION:

Tom mentioned an issue with the trash company. He has received calls regarding the driver throwing the recycling bin causing the plastic to split or break. He suggested that Tim Stout, Recycling Coordinator, check into this issue & ask them to lay the container down instead of throwing them.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Tom made a motion to pay the bills, as presented. Ron seconded, & the vote in favor was 3 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Ron seconded, & the vote in favor was 3 to 0.

WITNESS:

Sandra A. Quickel, Secretary

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