

NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Call to order by Chairman Harkins at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session was held tonight at 5:00 pm to discuss personnel issues related to the Teamster negotiations and non-contract staff.

Attendance

Chairman, Rob Harkins
Vice-Chairman, Diane Shellenhamer
Supervisor, Dave Kirkpatrick
Supervisor, Aaron Schwartz
Township Manager, Tony Miller
Solicitor, James Sanders
Engineer, Bill Rudy
Public Works Director, Scott Getgen
Sewer, Brent Zeiders
Police Chief, Steve Lutz
Codes and Zoning, Jeremy Eutzy

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandra Gonzalez – Resident, 140 Oak Road – Stated she was asked to take over for Pastor Julie Dibble. Ms. Gonzalez spoke of the appreciation that she and all the township has for her graciousness and all that she has done in her service for the township. Ms. Gonzalez read a passage from John Chapter 1 Verse 43 and then said a prayer.

Kris Quintana – Resident, 25 Rebecca Drive - Spoke about a previous meeting and the importance of engaging in dialogue that is not only robust but is grounded in truth, evidence, and mutual respect. Allegations of corruption and misconduct must be met with the utmost seriousness. They must be substantiated by concrete evidence. He stated there are repercussions for rumors. In conclusion, he stated let us reaffirm our unwavering commitment to civil discourse, evidence-based decision making and principles of fairness and justice. He stated let us reject the principles of division and embrace a shared vision of unity and solidarity.

Sandra Gonzalez – Resident, 140 Oak Road – Addressed Blue Ridge laying new infrastructure on Oak Road. She stated that the conduit and fiberoptics are one inch below the grass. Her driveway is damaged as well. A subcontractor replaced the blacktop on her driveway, however it is already chipping

apart. Manager Miller stated he would reach out to Eric Johnson who is the township's main contact at Blue Ridge.

Mike Crone – Resident, 170 Bobby Jones Drive – Stated he had two follow ups from the previous workshop meeting. He addressed Supervisor Schwartz with the proposed ordinance for dispensaries in the township. Mr. Crone stated it is Hampton Township that has Organic Remedies in Enola. He stated that they follow state law. Mr. Crone stated regarding the ordinance for short-term rentals there has not been enough discussion. He does not feel that writing an email to the Supervisors is sufficient. He suggested sitting down as a team and drafting the ordinance together with residents.

Vicki Crone – Resident, 170 Bobby Jones Drive – Stated on Pines Road there is a light that is broken. Supervisor Kirkpatrick advised that the sign and structure belongs to PennDOT. Parts are ordered.

Deb McKiernan – Resident, 15 S. Ben Hogan Drive – Questioned certain items on the bills list. Manager Miller answered her questions. Engineer, Bill Rudy answered additional questions. Manager Miller stated if she would like to come into the office he will sit down and go over each bill with her. Ms. McKiernan also asked that the parks on our website be more descriptive for residents.

Jane Harman – Resident, 205 Hemlock Lane – Asked Chairman Harkins about the public meeting policy regarding public comments. Ms. Harman was concerned that the residents will not be able to address certain agenda items if public comment is held only at the beginning of the meeting. Chairman Harkins stated it is not to silence any residents it is only to keep the meeting flowing better and in a timely matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Supervisor Schwartz to approve the minutes from February 27, 2024, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

MOTION By Vice Chairman Shellenhamer to approve the workshop minutes from March 19, 2024, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

LAND DEVELOPMENT/ SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW

Discuss New View Business Park Land Development Waiver Request

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to amend his motion to approve the waiver request until receipt of the formal letter, seconded by Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Engineer, Bill Rudy, asked that the request be tabled. A letter from the developer was not received for review. He stated the development is mainly in Fairview Township. Mr. Rudy reviewed the map.

Mark DeSanto with Triple Crown Corporation stated that 99 percent of the is being completed in Fairview Township. He is asking for the waiver and offered to answer any additional questions. Supervisor Kirkpatrick asked Mr. DeSanto to explain from the map where the project is located. A private access road is the only piece of property located in Newberry Township.

Dave Parsons – Resident, 200 Winding Hill Drive – Stated there should be a completed waiver and paperwork before waiver request is granted. Mr. Parsons read the regulations regarding the waiver process. Solicitor Sanders stated that the board can approve the waiver request verbally. A letter would then be sent immediately after the meeting detailing exactly what was approved and if there were any conditions that were proposed or approved by the board of supervisors. Solicitor Sanders asked if a letter for approval of the waiver request had been received. Engineer, Bill Rudy stated it has not. Solicitor Sanders stated that the waiver request can be tabled until the next meeting.

REPORTS

Public Safety – Chief Lutz

Chief Lutz stated there is bingo at Goldsboro Fire Department on April 5th and April 19th, a fishing derby on April 6th and coach bingo on April 7th. Newberrytown Fire Department has bingo on March 29th.

Police Department – Chief Lutz

The Police Department handled 1,134 calls for the month of February.

Solicitor – James Sanders

James Sanders submitted a report to the board.

Engineering –Pennonni Associates

Bill Rudy submitted a report to the board.

Highway –Scott Getgen

Scott Getgen submitted a report to the board.

Zoning – Jeremy Eutzy

Jeremy Eutzy submitted a report to the board.

Sewer – Brent Zeiders

Brent Zeiders submitted a report to the board.

Township Manager – Tony Miller

Manager Miller wanted to pass along the township’s sympathies to the Fink family at the passing of Brandt Fink on March 21st. He was a long-standing member of the zoning hearing board.

Treasurer –Jane Deamer

Jane Deamer submitted a report to the board.

Supervisor’s Report

Nothing to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to Execute Township Public Meeting Policy as Revised

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve release of Old Trail Court Performance Bond, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Steve Toomey – Resident, 160 Cragmoor Road – Asked if there were any significant changes made to the meeting policy. Chairman Harkins stated two small changes are highlighted in yellow and posted on the website.

Introduction to Walter’s Services – Plan for Fink Location and Servicing the Area

Steve Walters and his brother, Scott Walters from Walter’s Services introduced themselves to the board of supervisors and the residents.

Approve C2P2 DCNR Grant Resolution for Dolan Park Phase 2. 2024-13

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve C2P2 DCNR Grant Resolution for Dolan Park Phase 2. 2024-13, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

Approve DCED GTR Grant Resolution for Dolan Park Phase 2. 2024-14

MOTION By Vice Chairman Shellenhamer to approve DCED GTR Grant Resolution for Dolan Park Phase 2. 2024-14, seconded by Supervisor Kirkpatrick, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Manager Miller explained that the two Resolutions authorize himself and the grant writers to act on behalf to submit the grant.

Approval of Road Program Bid Award

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve Road Program Bid Award, seconded by Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Engineer, Bill Rudy stated there were 6 bids received. Pennsy Supply was the lowest bid at \$396,759.25, which came in under budget. Mr. Rudy reviewed the list of roads to be completed.

Approve Towing Ordinance 425

MOTION Tabled. Supervisor Kirkpatrick to motion for Solicitor Sanders to update the ordinance to have the salvage license written into the ordinance and advertised, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Brian Rehbein, 928 Pleasant Drive – Stated his concern of the draft ordinance that salvage license was taken out. Under abandon vehicles it states that a salvage license is necessary. His concern is that when there is a salvage license there is a paper trail through PennDOT which is necessary. Supervisor Kirkpatrick stated he will withdraw his motion to approve the towing ordinance and it will be tabled until the next meeting with the salvage license being placed back on the ordinance.

Approve Resolution 2024-15 Towing Fees

MOTION Tabled.

DISCUSSION

Approve to Permit the Police Association to Purchase Retired Officer Romine’s Service Weapon

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve to permit the police association to purchase retired Officer Romine’s service weapon, seconded by Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

Approve Redlined Comcast Agreement to be Sent to Comcast

MOTION By Supervisor Schwartz to approve Redlined Comcast Agreement to be sent to Comcast, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to pay the bills, seconded Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

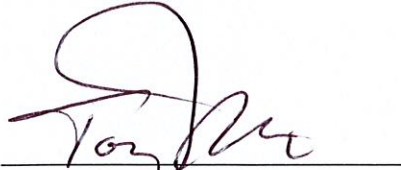
DISCUSSION None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Miller, Secretary

