

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
May 14, 2015

Present: Claude Beaver, David Franke, Joseph Rudderow III, Eugene Orlando, Jr. – Orlando Law Offices, Charles Jones – Great Valley Consultants, Diane Hollenbach – Township Manager

Guests: Jim Schoellkopf, Chris Kline, Rebecca Geller, Dave Zwicky, Cody Rhoades, Karl Bolognese

Joseph Rudderow III called the May 14, 2015 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building.

MINUTES & FINANCES

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the April 9, 2015 regular meeting. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to approve the April 2015 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Chairman to sign the Improvements invoice payment request for Small Storage in the amount of \$922.90. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

2015 Road Work

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the bid of the 2015 Roadwork to include Guldin Road, a portion of West Wesner Road, a portion of Schaeffer Road and a portion of West Shore Drive (from Ontelaunee line to bridge). Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

West Shore Drive Bridge – Charlie Jones of Great Valley Consultants reported that he had reviewed the latest West Shore Drive Bridge inspection and requested details on the project from Penn DOT. Penn DOT reported three options were now on the table – complete removal, partial rehabilitation to allow low-level use (pedestrians and emergency services) or complete rehabilitation. The Township would be expected to take possession of the bridge after rehabilitation. If the bridge was removed, Ridge Road and Kemmerer Road would become permanent detours. Joe Rudderow asked if the Township takes the bridge, could it be closed in the future. Mr. Jones answered it will be the Township's bridge so the Township could take it down in the future. Mr. Rudderow asked if the City of Reading would have any say in what the Township does with the bridge. Mr. Jones stated they will have a right to review any work the Township would propose. Great Valley Consultants did not recommend the Township taking possession of the bridge and taking on additional liability but would support the Township in whatever decision was made. David Franke was concerned about the additional time added to

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emergency response when the detour was used. The Board asked Mr. Jones to get more details if possible from Penn DOT and the issue will be revisited in June.

Route 222 Round About Review – Charlie Jones of GVC reviewed his comments with the Board. Penn DOT has classified the Rte. 222 corridor in Maidencreek Township as a Suburban Corridor Community Arterial. This should be classified as a Regional Arterial as it connects Lancaster to Allentown. The Suburban Corridor allows less expensive design options such as eleven-foot lanes instead of twelve-foot lanes and eleven-foot median instead of sixteen foot. Mr. Jones explained that he still did not have actual traffic counts with location and time taken. Penn DOT is using a 1% growth factor, which is regional and is not specific to Maidencreek Township. Mr. Jones could not find that they looked at development in Maidencreek Township or the surrounding communities.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the engineer to prepare a letter expressing engineering concerns and the Board's concerns in regards to the Route 222 Round About Project and send it to Federal, State and County representatives. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR REPORT

Tabled Items

A motion was made by David Franke to remove tabled items – Chestnut Street and Crossing at Maidencreek from the Solicitor's Report. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Zoning Ordinance Revision – Mr. Orlando advised that questions to the map and draft ordinance had come up prior to advertising and these issues were being cleaned up. The hearing would be pushed back to July or more realistically August.

Verizon Wireless – Verizon Wireless will be attending the July meeting to discuss placement of a cell tower on the Township's property. They currently have a zoning variance scheduled to place a cell tower on 220 Buena Vista Road.

220 Buena Vista Rezoning – Dave Zwicky discussed future growth at his facility at 220 Buena Vista Road. Mr. Zwicky ideally would like the property rezoned Industrial but can make Special Intensive Agriculture work for the uses he has planned.

A motion was made by David Franke to ask the Planning Commission to review the rezoning request for 220 Buena Vista Road. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously. The Solicitor and Engineer were dismissed for the evening.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Claude Beaver reported that the Road Crew had spread 100 yards of mulch in the tot lots and took down two mulberry trees at the Community Park Tot lot. In addition, potholes were patched. A letter was received from a resident at 407 Acer Drive describing an incident that happened in March where a tree from the Township recreation area fell and hit his electric

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service and home. The road crew removed the trees they could safely cut down on the TreeTops Tot lot. The remaining trees will need to be removed by a professional.

Truck #7 needs transmission work. Mr. Beaver asked to purchase two road plates $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 8' x 10'. UGI has several patches that are sinking and have not repaired them. Mr. Beaver requested a short executive session for personnel.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Road Master to obtain an estimate for the repair of Truck #7. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made to authorize the purchase of two road plates with the cost not to exceed \$2000. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

David Franke made a motion to authorize the Road Master to send a letter to UGI about concerns with recent work on Hill Road and advise UGI that if the road cut patch and sinking roads are not fixed within forty-eight hours, the road crew will proceed with the work and bill UGI. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously. Chris Kline stated that there are draft ordinances that require utilities to escrow money prior to cutting the road and money is released only upon the inspection and approval of the Township Engineer.

Mr. Beaver suggested that he be authorized to enter onto private property where the property is not being maintained in order to mark the location of items that stick out of the ground. This will help the Township if the Board authorizes Township mowing of the property in the future. The Board suggested that Mr. Beaver call 811 instead to have utilities marked or take pictures from the street.

MANAGERS REPORT

Diane Hollenbach reported that quotes were received for the 2016 calendar. The lowest quote was from The Standard Group for \$4,320.

Claude Beaver made a motion to authorize the printing of the 2016 calendar with the cost not to exceed \$4,320. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hollenbach distributed Comcast Cable's request for a franchise agreement renewal to solicitor Orlando prior to the meeting. Two more stop signs will be replaced with larger stop signs at intersections along Route 222. Joseph Rudderow commented that the speed limit along Route 222 had been changed and reduced speed limit ahead signs installed.

A motion was made by David Franke to request Northern Berks Regional Police do speed enforcement along Route 222 and Route 73 in the Guldin Road area. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Any resolution to be considered by the Berks County Association of Township Officials is due by June 30th. The annual recycling grant was submitted and Mrs. Hollenbach reported she

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is working on another idea for an additional recycling grant to fence the yard waste drop off site and give access to residents via electronic key card. The Maidencreek Township Authority adopted a no cash policy at its last meeting. Mrs. Hollenbach provided the same information to the Supervisors for them to review. The Board advised her to meet with PLIGIT regarding the acceptance of credit cards. An update was given on the MS4 report and future MS4 requirements. Joseph Rudderow expressed concerns about the safety of the intersection of Route 222 and Pleasant Hill Road. David Zwicky asked for the Township's help in cutting back the vegetation at Pleasant Hill Road and Maidencreek Road. Mr. Zwicky asked for traffic control help from the road crew.

A motion was made by David Franke to write a letter to the property owner at the intersection of Pleasant Hill and Maidencreek Road to inform him of the proposed work and ask for consideration in entering upon the property. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

David Franke reported that he believes the Blandon Ambulance will be switching to quarterly meetings.

PARK AND RECREATION

Mrs. Hollenbach reported that the safety surface was installed at the Community Park. Community Day will be held on Saturday, May 23 from 3 to 10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

OLD BUSINESS

Authority Appointment – The Board will continue to interview candidates.

Adopt Revised Personnel Rules and Regulations – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS – None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Rudderow expressed condolences to Ruscombmanor Township upon the passing of Supervisors Richard Seidel.

A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Claude Beaver, to adjourn the May 14, 2015 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm. **An executive session was held after the meeting for personnel issues.**

Township Secretary May 14, 2015

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Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Orlando Law Office, Solicitor
Charles Jones, Great Valley Consulting, Engineer
Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., SEO
Planning Commission
Park & Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates
Joan London, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager
JoAnn Schaeffer, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary
Dan Becker., Kozloff Stoudt, Authority Solicitor
Greg Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Authority Engineer
Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Company Chief
Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police