

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
July 14, 2011 7:00 pm

Present: Claude Beaver, Roy Timpe, Joseph E. Rudderow III, Eugene Orlando– Orlando Law Office, Tom Unger– Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Diane Hollenbach – Manager, Johanna Mattera – Recording Secretary.

Guests: Robert Hanna, Craig Momose, Angelo Corrado - Corrado Development, Zach Moore, Henry M. Koch, David McNeal - Reading Eagle, Brian Felker, David A. Tranquillo and Bill Miller.

Claude Beaver called the July 14, 2011 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:03 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building and asked that we take a moment of silence for the passing of Terry Manmiller. Mr. Hanna thanked the Board for having the moment of silence for Mr. Manmiller.

MINUTES & FINANCES

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2011 as presented. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report and Bill List

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to approve the June 2011 Treasurer’s Report and Bill List. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Police Report

The Northern Berks Regional Police responded to 354 assignments in Maidencreek Township in the month of June. This resulted in 38 citations. The traffic fines for Maidencreek for the month of June were \$1,476.11 and non-traffic fines were \$404.61, totaling \$1,880.72. The total number of patrol hours was 772.45 for the month.

The police department is advising the community to keep their car doors locked. There have been several incidents of vehicle break-ins.

Maidencreek Township Authority – July 2011 MTA Monthly Report was presented to the Board.

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

Subdivision Review Status Checklist and Subdivision Reviews
Coil Storage Room Addition Preliminary Land Development Plan

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to grant a waiver of Section 186.47.C(3) and 186.51 of the Code of Maidencreek Township to allow twenty-five

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foot streetlight pole heights instead of twenty foot poles with the condition that the fixtures are full cut off. Hearing no questions on the motion all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III to grant Preliminary Plan approval on the Coil Storage Room Addition Preliminary Plan letter dated July 8, 2011. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Coil Storage Room Addition Final Land Development Plan

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to grant a waiver of Section 190-27 of the Code of Maidencreek Township to waive the financial security requirement with the condition that the site lighting will be inspected by the Township Engineer or the Building Inspector to verify that the lights are installed and function per the diagram prior to the issuance of the coil storage addition's certificate of occupancy. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to grant approval to the Coil Storage Room Addition Final Plan. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Projects

2011 Annual Street Project – Mr. Unger advised that the work was completed. Ms. Hollenbach also advised that there were no complaints from the residents.

FEMA - Mr. Unger advised that FEMA does have our Floodplain Ordinance for review.

Hill Road Final Wearing Course - Mr. Corrado is asking the Board for an extension of one year regarding the final wearing course on Hill Road per the land development plan. Mr. Bill Miller of Hill Road commented on the poor condition of the road. The Board advised Mr. Unger to go with Mr. Corrado to inspect the road.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, authorizing the Solicitor to investigate the Improvements Agreement for the Crossing at Maidencreek with an eye to implication of the extension. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Subdivision Improvement Agreement LOC

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joe Rudderow III, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Subdivision Improvements Agreements LOC/Escrow release letters in the amount of \$1,437.38. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR

Ingot Drive/June Avenue

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded Joseph Rudderow III, authorizing the Township Manager to sign the Application for Exemption and authorizing Township Manager and the Solicitor to pursue obtaining the tax exemption from the Berks County Board of

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Assessment Appeals. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Joint Municipal Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Orlando reported that the Joint Comprehensive Plan could be adopted by Resolution after advertising and a public hearing. The Board did not yet have the final draft from the Berks County Planning Commission and tentatively scheduled the hearing for the September meeting.

MANAGERS REPORT

Manager's Report – Ms. Hollenbach has submitted the Managers Report for the Board's review.

Increase the mileage rate to 55 ½ cents per IRS mile effective July 1, 2011

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to increase the mileage rate to 55 ½ cents per mile as indicated by the Internal Revenue Census. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Community Park Basketball Court Fencing

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, authorizing the expenditure of not to exceed \$5,300.00 for additional fencing at the Community Park Basketball Court to keep the basketballs from hitting cars in the parking lot. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Weed and Grass Violations

Ms. Hollenbach updated the Board on the following properties, 447 E. Wesner Road, 228 Genesis Drive & 541 Guldin Road

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, authorizing the Road Crew to mow one time the following three properties; 447 E. Wesner Road, 228 Genesis Drive and 541 Guldin Road and pursue reimbursement of the cost from the owners of the properties. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Resident asking for Stop Sign at Hoch Road and E. Wesner Road – The Board advised Ms. Hollenbach to contact the Farmer of the property to see if they could cut down some the corn to improve visibility.

Street Sweeping – Ms. Hollenbach asked the Board if the Township could rent a street sweeper to redo the roads. The contractor did a poor job and residents have been complaining about the amount of cinders left on the road. The Board did not approve the expenditure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Tranquillo - Questioned the Township giving permits for the demolition occurring across the street and stated that he has not seen the Supervisors, engineer, manager or anybody out to inspect it. He also stated that a drain on Buena Vista Road near the demolition had a hole

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beside it. The Board advised Mr. Tranquillo that someone from the Road Crew would check the drain.

Mr. Bill Miller – asked that the empty field at the Corrado Development on Hill Road be cut.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Hearing Board Appoint

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to accept Mr. J. Richard Thren's resignation letter from the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried. The Board asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Thren.

Resolution 16-2011 Appointing a Member and Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, adopting Resolution 16-2011 appointing J. Richard Thren to the Zoning Hearing Board and Mr. Zack Moore to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate. Mr. Thren will be fulfilling the unexpired term of Mr. Shuman until 12/31/2012 and Mr. Moore will be fulfilling the unexpired term of Mr. Thren until 12/31/13.

Resolution 17-2011 Meadowbrook Street Lights

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to adopt Resolution 17-2011 energizing six streetlights in the Meadowbrook Subdivision. Hearing question on the motion, the members voted as follows: Joseph Rudderow III and Roy Timpe voted, "Aye" and Mr. Beaver "Abstained". Motion carried.

Change Phone and Internet Service.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, authorizing the switch of the phone and internet service to Service Electric Cablevision. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried. The Township phone number will stay the same and the Township will save about \$77 per month.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to adjourn the July 14, 2011 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

The Board went into executive session at 8:27 pm to discuss personnel issues.

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Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Orlando Law Office, Solicitor
Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Engineer
Planning Commission
Park & Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates
Paul Herbein, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager
JoAnn Schaeffer, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary
Robert Hobaugh, Jr. Esq., Stevens & Lee, 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