

MINUTES

**SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
520 PARK DRIVE
BOILING SPRINGS, PA. 17007**

MARCH 14, 2019

PRESENT: BRYAN GEMBUSIA, TOM FALEY, RICK REIGHARD, DUFF MANWEILER, RON HAMILTON – SUPERVISORS, Cory Adams – Manager, Jarrett Sweeney – Assistant Manager, Tim Duerr – Zoning Officer, Sandy Quickel– Recording Secretary, Brian O’Neill – Engineer, Todd King – Acting Solicitor, Jerry & Velma Miller, Amanda & Lewis Jones, John Weidner, Michael Coyle, Doug & Helen Gale, Tim Berndt, Cathy Reisinger, Elizabeth Eaken, John Benoit, Letty McDonough, Michael Wadel, Carol Shetter, Drew Uhler, Phyllis Zimmerman – “The Sentinel”.

Chairman Gembusia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gembusia led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Gembusia announced that the meeting is recorded and to silence any cell phones.

MINUTES: 01/28/19 (Regular Meeting):

Ron made a motion to approve the minutes. Rick seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Doug Gale, 31 Derbyshire Drive, commented that Advanced Disposal did not get his recycling cart, but he did receive a call about it.

Elizabeth (Sue) Eaken, 29 Appalachian Trail Road, said Advanced Disposal did not empty the recycling carts. She asked if there are other companies that could collect the trash. She also noted that the trash bill gets mailed to Chicago. Rick said that five trash companies expressed interest in bidding, but ultimately only two companies bid on the contract. Bryan said that the Township will begin to impose penalties since they did not call the residents to notify them of the cart replacements.

John Weidner, 323 Zion Road, asked if the fire department receives any money from any citations issued for illegal burning. Ron replied yes.

Sue Eaken, 29 Appalachian Trail Road, said the street sign for Appalachian Trail Road does not have the word “Road” on it. She also said that the potholes on that road are getting larger. Bryan told Ms. Eaken that that road is not a public road. Ms. Eaken claims that the Township has resurfaced the road in the past. Brian O. said the road was never dedicated to the Township.

Cory said that the Township cannot maintain private roads, and if it was maintained in the past, it should not have been. Duff suggested researching this issue.

Velma Miller, 34 Fairview Street, brought up the issue at 36 Fairview Street. Cory stated that the Codes Department has been monitoring the issue. The next step is to begin the blighted properties process through the County. Mrs. Miller said she thinks the property has been sold again.

Amanda Jones, 32 Fairview Street, said that years ago, the County said someone was living at 36 Fairview Street, and that they couldn't do anything about it. Cory said no one is living there now. Mrs. Jones said that this problem has been on-going for 9 years. Bryan G. asked Tim to check into a high grass complaint at this property.

#2019-0001 NETHERBY PHASE 4A – Final Subdivision:

Michael Wadel was present for this plan. The applicant is requesting to subdivide 28 lots for a single family development located on Lindsey Road.

Modification: Landscape Plan certified by a Landscape Architect. Duff made a motion to approve the modification. Rick seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Rick made a motion to approve plan #2019-0001, subject to staff comments. Tom seconded, and stated that residents that live in this development are happy and have no complaints about it. The vote in favor was unanimous.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

There was no report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Brian has visited the Petersburg Road bridge project since the contractor has sent in a payment application. All of the items they are requesting payment for have been completed. Some of the items still need additional work to be done. The maintenance and protection of traffic is said to be 100 percent complete, but the traffic protection must be maintained throughout the project, and the detour signs still need to be removed. Other items need time to determine if they meet specifications. Brian recommended withholding a ten percentage retainage until the project is completed. Tom made a motion to approve the payment application #1 in the amount of \$216,248.85 to Crilon Corporation for the Petersburg Road Bridge project. Duff seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous. This will leave a remaining balance of \$63,946.10.

As part of the Westmooreland subdivision and Land Development Plan, the applicant is redesigning the stormwater management to address comments from DEP as part of the NPDES permit. The Ordinance requires the volume be increased for the 2-year/24-hours storm be infiltrated. As part of that process, they have eliminated the required infiltration and are asking for a waiver. Ron made a motion to approve a waiver request of Section 1008.A.1 for Westmooreland Subdivision plan #2017-0007. Rick seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Brian noted two issues that need to be address on the Connector Road project. One is that the requirements for the driveways that connect to Fairview Street should be right-in/right-out. The second issue was their recommendation that the Township acquire an easement near East Springville Road to deal with a sight distance issue. Rick asked if the width of the easement is enough to take care of the problem. Brian replied yes. The Engineer (Dawood) has made the requested changes on the driveways, but they have not acquired the easements yet. Duff made a motion to approve the revised traffic impact study with site access onto Fairview Street as right-in/right-out driveways, subject to obtaining and recording a sight easement on York Road at East Springville Road. Tom seconded. He stated said this project has been going on for years and is not sure if it will happen. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Chairman Gembusia announced that an Executive Session was held from 5:00 – 6:00 pm to discuss personnel, real estate, and possible litigation.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

The report was accepted, as submitted. The report showed results from the March 11, 2019 Zoning Hearing Board cases.

MANAGER REPORT:

The Township will be applying for a DEP 902 grant to support the recycling program. The application is for over \$300,000 to hopefully go towards a new leaf vacuum and a new front-end loader. Rick made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-08 submitting the 902 grant to DEP. Duff seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

In the past, the Township has partnered with Cumberland County on their bridge inspection program. HRG has been their inspector and would continue to inspect the Township bridges. Tom made a motion to approve participating in the County’s Local Bridge Inspection Program. Ron seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Ron made a motion to hire Brent Greist as Parks & Facilities Technician at \$13.25/hour. Rick seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Staff is recommending raising the spending cap of \$500 (on most credit cards) to \$750. Sometimes staff has maxed out their spending limit and then has to use Jarrett’s card for a purchase. Duff made a motion to raise the P-Card spending limits to \$750. Ron seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

There have been discussions with the State Police about installing traffic cameras at some key intersections in the Township. The Police feel that these cameras can assist in addressing speeding and to aid in the solving of crimes. Rick made a motion to authorize staff to put out RFPs for traffic video cameras. Tom seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

The Day at the Lake will be held on August 10, 2019. A request to close Front Street from midnight until the event is over was submitted. Tom made a motion to approve the road closure, as requested. Rick seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Cathy Reisinger, Lindsey Road, commented on the camera issue and questioned where does government stop in controlling everything. She doesn't care about what other municipalities do. Bryan G. agreed with her, but said the Township is only getting quotes for the cameras. Duff said the areas targeted would be commercial areas if cameras are installed. Rick suggested prioritizing the list of intersections.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Carol Shetter, 47 Gutshall Road, asked if she could use the smaller recycling cart instead of the larger one that was dropped off. Cory said she should have received the smaller cart since she is a tag customer.

John Weidner, 323 Zion Road, questioned the need for a street light at the old Craighead Bridge on Zion Road. Brian O. asked him if there is one at the new bridge. Mr. Weidner replied no.

Amanda Jones, 32 Fairview Street, stated that trucks are driving over the new area where the water/sewer lines were installed on Fairview Street. She said someone moved the "No Trucks" sign, and that a local paving company is travelling over the road.

Letty McDonough, 1636 Leidigh Drive, asked if Bucher Hill Road will be closed. She said that trucks get stuck when turning off of Rt. 174 and go down Bucher Hill Road. She suggested placing signs on Boiling Springs Road directing traffic. Duff said there is a sign near Allenberry. Ms. McDonough also asked if the Township has a street sweeper and if Leidigh Drive will be swept. Cory said the streets will be swept when it is clear that there will be no more snow. It usually is done in April.

SUPERVISORS' DISCUSSION:

Rick said to make sure the Appalachian Trail Road sign has the work "Road" on it.

Junior Township Supervisor, Drew Uhler, stated that spring sports are now in session.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Ron made a motion to pay the bills, as submitted. Duff seconded, & the vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Duff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Tom seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

ATTEST:

**SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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