

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Business Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2015

The regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Agostine at 6:21 p.m. immediately following the 2015 Organizational meeting.	CALL TO ORDER
Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to award a 2% wage increase for Township employees. Vote: 3/0	WAGES
Motion by Church, seconded by Lee, to approve all employee paid time off according to the current Personnel Code. Vote: 3/0	PAID TIME OFF
Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to adopt Resolution #2015-06 that all eligible employees are entitled to pension and insurance benefits according to the Township Pension and Insurance Plans. Pension to be set at \$6500 per employee for 2015. Pension payments to be made quarterly to the pension trustee. Vote: 3/0	RES. #2015-06 PENSION BENEFITS HEALTH & LIFE & DISABILITY INS.
Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to adopt Resolution #2015-07 to provide Supplemental Insurance for 2015, at \$1,600 per employee per year per the Personnel Code. Vote: 3/0	SUPPLIMENTAL INSURANCE
Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to set the 2015 mileage reimbursement at the recommended IRS rate, currently 57.5¢. Vote: 3/0	MILEAGE RATE
Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to approve the December 2014 expenditures as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Vote: 3/0	DEC. 2014 EXPENSES
Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to approve expenses for attendance to the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Annual Convention on April 19-22, 2015. Vote: 3/0	PSATS CONVENTION
Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to use the 2015 County Liquid Fuels funds for Road Maintenance Materials.. Vote: 3/0	2015 CO. LIQUID FUELS
Motion by Church, seconded by Lee, to adopt Ordinance #2015-01 establishing an "All-Way" stop at the intersection of Frank and Glenmar Avenues. Vote: 3/0	ORD. #2015-01 ALL- WAY STOP FRANK/GLENMAR
Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to reaffirm Ordinance #2014-05 establishing an "all-way" stop at the Frank Avenue and Johnson Road.	ORD. #2014-05 ALL- WAY STOP FRANK/JOHNSON
Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, expressed concern that the Engineer had previously determined that there was not enough volume at these specific intersections to warrant a stop sign. Engineer Jonas explained that volume is only one factor that can determine the necessity of a stop sign. Atty. Sennett further explained that the Board of Supervisors has general power to consider the health and safety of residents when deciding whether to install traffic controls. Vote: 3/0	

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Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Erie Area Council of Governments (EACOG) supporting applications to ECGRA for grant funding.

Vote: 3/0

MOU TO EACOG

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to release the Road Bond for Old French Road to Salem Hardwood, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500.

Vote: 3/0

SALEM
HARDWOODS
ROAD BOND

Zoning Officer Hudak reported that the Best Western Land Development Plan (LDP) had been tabled at the last Business Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for further Board review. Hudak reminded the Board that this plan has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Summit Township Planning Commission, Erie County Planning and Engineer Jonas.

BEST WESTERN
LDP

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to approve the Best Western LDP for 8033 Oliver Road, Parcel ID No. (40)16-72-4.01.

Agostine questioned if a note had been added to the plan to verify that the developer is accepting responsibility to construct a road shown on the portion of the property affected.

Engineer Jonas confirmed that (2) notes have been added to this plan. One that the developer will construct the marginal access street indicated on the rear of property when deemed necessary. Second, that when the marginal access street is constructed, the Oliver road driveway will be abandoned and connected to the marginal access street.

Supervisor Church expressed his reluctance to vote without further discussion with the developer to determine if the marginal access street indicated on the LDP could be constructed at this time. Josh Lydic, representing the Best Western Development responded that the substantial costs to construct a street along the property line had not been factored in when this development was in the planning stage.

Supervisor Agostine further explained her position and history behind the marginal access street in question. Previous Board of Supervisors had opportunities to resolve this issue, but instead approved the subdivision and land development plans that delayed forcing the construction until development warranted it. Agostine added that when the opportunity to connect developments arises, it is her opinion that the Township may be responsible to construct a portion of the this marginal access street.

Vote: 2/1

Agostine - Yes

Lee - Yes

Church - No

Solicitor Sennett reminded the Board that he has not yet contacted the Sewer Authority Solicitor with the Sewer Connection Ordinance Amendment, he is awaiting Board directive.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Sennett reported that the PA Supreme Court has denied Summit Township's petition to consider the Hessinger Case on appeal.

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Engineer Jonas reported that the Stormsewer System Inspection Report for the Township facility is complete and has been submitted for Board review.

ENGINEER

Engineer Jonas reported that a Public Input Session for MS-4 issues should be scheduled during a Business Meeting. He will research if it needs to be advertised.

The Board wished the residents a Happy New Year.

SUPERVISORS

Joe Kuzma, 8550 Old French Road, asked the Board to repeat the motion concerning "employee paid time off". Agostine responded that employee paid time off is approved per the Personnel code.

PUBLIC INPUT

Cloyd Rose, 804 Weber Lane, requested Board consideration For Summit Township to fund \$3 million to the Summit Township Sewer Authority to develop a pump station on property purchased on Route 97. Mr. Rose further suggested this funding could be generated by charging an additional "tipping" fee at the landfill. Chairperson Agostine responded that Mr. Rose has approached this Board in the past with this same request. It is now appropriate for the Summit Township Sewer Authority to make a formal presentation to this Board with details. Supervisor Church further suggested that STIEDA may be the proper funding source to approach for a commitment of funds.

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, asked for an explanation of "supplemental" insurance approved as part of the employee benefits. Agostine explained that it is a dollar amount awarded to each full-time employee per year, administered by office staff to be used for medical costs not covered by insurance, i.e. co-pays, deductibles.

Supervisor Church explained the Board's justification of awarding a 2% wage increase for employees. With a substantial increase in the cost of health insurance and to avoid employee participation in the cost, this Board chose to limit the wage increase to 2% vs. the typical 3-4%. A more substantial increase in the Pension contribution was awarded to compensate employees for the loss in wage increase. Supervisor Agostine added that the pension costs are 70-75% reimbursed by the State of Pennsylvania.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Church, seconded by Lee, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast
Recording Secretary
01/14/2014