SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Regular Business Meeting Monday, May 18, 2015

Chairperson Agostine called the regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. following salute to the flag. Supervisors Church and Lee were present, as were Solicitor Sennett, Zoning Administrator Miller, Engineer Jonas, Secretary Yeast, and eight interested persons.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to approve the minutes of the Public Work Session, the Regular Business Meeting, and a Public Hearing held on May 4, 2015, as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

5/4/2015 MINUTES

Vote: 3/0

There was no correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to approve the April 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. (\$266,152.49 expensed)

Vote: 3/0

APRIL TREAS. REPORT

Motion by Agostine, seconded by Church, to approve amendments to Resolution #2015-07 Supplemental Insurance Plan.

insurance plan has been added.

RES. #2015-07 AMENDED SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE PLAN

Solicitor Sennett explained that, due to the Affordable Care Act prohibiting the limitation of benefits, it was determined that the Township Supplemental Insurance Plan was in violation. To remedy the situation, language has been added to Resolution #2015-07 integrating the Township Health Insurance Plan with the Supplemental Plan. Atty. Sennett further explained that reimbursement for insurance premiums is now excluded. Provisions for terminated employees to either opt-out or provide proof of membership in another qualified health

Supervisor Church expressed concern that an employee benefit is being eliminated and/or strings attached. Atty. Sennett explained that the requirements are mandated by the Affordable Care Act. Agostine added that of the various options offered to correct the situation, integration with our current health insurance plan had the least effect on this benefit. Discussion ensued.

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to authorize of bid advertisement for the 2015 Seal Coat program. Bids to be opened on June 12, 2015 at 2:00 with a possible award at the Regular Business Meeting on June 15, 2015.

2015 SEAL COAT BID AD

Vote: 3/0

Chairperson Agostine reported that the wages for Nate Miller were never adjusted with his recent promotion to Zoning Administrator.

NATHAN MILLER WAGE INCREASE

Motion by Agostine, seconded by Lee, to increase Nathan Miller's pay rate to \$23.00 per hour, retroactive to 5/4/2015.

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, asked what Marj Hudak's wage rate was. Agostine responded, \$23.48 per hour; adding that Nate has assumed the same duties as Marj, plus additional responsibilities including maintenance of the website, and administration of the GIS system. Mr. Chojnacki expressed his concern that the Township is too generous to new employees. Supervisor Church added that Nate's college degree is specific to this job, and maintained that it is a fair increase.

Vote: 3/0

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Solicitor Sennett reported that the only change proposed for the Mandatory Sewer Connection Ordinance is in paragraph 2 and adds that documentation of Private On-Lot Disposal System is required from a State Certified Sewage Enforcement Officer "or home inspector, who is registered or licensed under Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, or Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act." Atty. Sennett added that this issue was raised by a resident expressing concern for the lack of State Certified Sewage Enforcement Officers (SEO) ORD. 2015-02 SEWER CONNECTION ORD.

Motion by Church, seconded by Lee, to adopt Ordinance #2015-02 amending Ord. 2011-01 Vote: 3/0

Motion by Agostine, seconded by Lee, to approve the proposal presented by Ross Blake Associates, Inc. to improve our Highway Department Performance.

ROSS BLAKE HR **PROPOSAL**

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, asked for an explanation of this proposal. Agostine responded that there has been on-going difficulty between members of the Township Road Crew, and has persistently gotten worse over the last 5-7 years. Supervisor Lee and Agostine had attended a seminar presented by Ross Blake, and felt that professional expertise in human resources may be worthwhile. Mr. Blake further quantified the possible financial costs at \$19,000 - \$38,000 due to lost work time and low productivity. Agostine added that it can be difficult to work for (3) bosses.

Gladys Wood, 8045 Hamot Road asked if other townships have qualified HR professionals on staff. Agostine responded that she is unaware of any, but possible the larger townships, i.e. Millcreek Township.

Vote: 3/0

Zoning Administrator Miller reported that the original Stormwater System for Interstate Mitsubishi has been inspected by Engineer Jonas, who recommends release of the remaining \$29,705.50.

INTERSTATE MITSUBISHI STM WTR. BOND **RELEASED**

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to approve the release of Interstate Mitsubishi Stormwater Financial Security for 6969 Edinboro Road in the amount of \$29,705.50 Vote: 3/0

Zoning Administrator Miller reported that J & E Interstate LLC expansion increases parking and doubles the size of their stormwater facility. Miller further noted that the current apartments, a legal, non-conforming use, will be changed to commercial space for vehicle prep and maintenance.

J & E INTERSTATE AMD. LDP

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to approve the J & E Interstate, LLC Amended Land Development Plan (LDP) for 6969 Edinboro Road, Parcel ID No. (40) 1-9-2.01. Vote: 3/0

Zoning Administrator Miller reported that the Joanne E. Dauer Subdivision requires Board authorization on the Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

J. DAUER SUBDIV. **SEWAGE FACILITIES** PLANNING MODULE

Motion by Church, seconded by Lee, to authorize Chairperson Agostine to signs the Joanne E. Dauer Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Parcel ID No. (40) 24-106-3.06.

Vote: 3/0

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Zoning Administrator Miller reported that New Realty Company has submitted a rezoning request for 1-1/2 acres on the western property border of 8670 Peach Street.

NEW REALTY CO. REZONING REQUEST

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to authorize advertisement for a Public Hearing to hear input regarding the New Realty Company rezoning request on June 15, 2015 with possible action during the Regular Business Meeting immediately following.

Vote: 3/0

Solicitor Sennett reported that a proposed Facility Use Policy and Pet Policy have been presented to the Board for review.

SOLICITOR:

- Facility Use Policy
- Pet Policy

Engineer Jonas reported the he is in the process of obtaining the GP11 Permit for the Old French Road Bridge, specifications are being prepared for the Robison Road/Hessinger Drive re-paving project and ADA curb ramps for (3) intersections along Dorn Road. Preliminary plans to replace the culvert on New Road at the intersection of Route 19 are proceeding. The weight and speed limits throughout the Township will be surveyed by an intern from Urban Engineers per a listing provided by Secretary Yeast.

ENGINEER:

Projects update

Supervisor Church mentioned a timely article in the newspaper regarding volunteer fire personnel and difficulties in retaining volunteers. Church added that this Board has had recent discussion with Perry Hi-Way officials and are trying to assist.

Supervisor Lee added that Emergycare and neighboring volunteer companies currently take up the slack if Perry Hi-Way has no responders available. Lee expressed concern that there may come a day when this is a more urgent matter.

SUPERVISORS:

 Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Personnel

Supervisor Agostine echoed the seriousness of this matter.

Olaf Aavik, 7468 Edinboro Road, asked if PennDOT has authorized funding for improvements to the intersection of Rt. 99 and Hershey Road. Supervisor Agostine responded that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has both this intersection and 5-Points scheduled for funding over multiple years. Agostine further reported that Supervisor Lee is our representative to the MPO and the intent is to request priority be given to the Hershey Road/Rt. 99 improvements. Supervisor Lee explained that the installation of turning lanes on Hershey and Rt. 99 are being discussed as improvements to quickly alleviate traffic congestion.

PUBLIC INPUT

• Rt. 99 and Hershey Rd. intersection

Larry Jones, 2540 Laurie Drive asked if the Board had discovered who was responsible for the traffic counters on Hershey Road recently. Supervisor Agostine reported that Secretary Yeast had a notice from PennDOT that listed Hershey Road as one of various roads scheduled for traffic counts.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Vote: 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast Recording Secretary 05/20/2015 **ADJOURNMENT**