

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Business Meeting
Monday, July 20, 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 Polaski, Secretary Yeast, and ten interested persons.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting on July 7, 2015, as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.
Vote: 3/0

7/7/2015 MINUTES

Chairperson Agostine reported receipt of correspondence dated July 15, 2015 from Bill Jerin, Manager of External Affairs for FirstEnergy Service Company requesting relief from zoning fees for a construction project to expand the Erie South Substation on Old French Road.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Agostine, seconded by Church, to direct Solicitor Sennett to review the request and the references cited in the FirstEnergy letter which Mr. Jerin claim authorizes relief.
Vote: 3/0

FIRST ENERGY
REQUEST FOR
RELIEF FROM
ZONING FEES

Solicitor Sennett asked Mr. Jerin if he should consult with FirstEnergy Counsel. Mr. Jerin responded; yes and further submitted an additional letter with his Counsel's contact information. Supervisor Church expressed opposition to waiving all fees for construction without documentation of costs or project description. Church would like to receive a breakdown of project construction costs. Agostine explained that no relief from fees has been awarded to any other utility.

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to approve the June 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. (\$866,078.91 expensed)
Vote: 3/0

JUNE 2015 TREAS.
REPORT

Engineer Polaski, reported that Engineer Jonas has almost completed his recommendation for speed limits on various roads in the Township.

SPEED LIMIT
ORDINANCES

Motion by Church, seconded by Agostine, to table authorization for advertisement of the speed limit ordinances until Engineer Jonas presents his report to the Board.
Vote: 3/0

Zoning Administrator Miller reported that the Waste Management Subdivision Plan #1 is a parcel of Right-of-Way presented to the Township for road realignment of Zwilling Road. It has been reviewed and recommended for approval by both Erie County Planning Department and Summit Township Planning Commission.

WASTE MGMT.
SUBDIV. PLAN #1

Motion by Church, seconded by Lee, to approve the Waste Management of PA Subdivision Plan #1 for Parcel ID No. (40) 14-89-12.
Vote: 3/0

Zoning Administrator Miller reported that the Waste Management Subdivision Plan #2 is also a parcel for Right-of-Way on the opposite side of Zwilling Road. It has also been reviewed and recommended for approval by both Erie County Planning Department and Summit Township Planning Commission.

WASTE MGMT.
SUBDIV. PLAN #2

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to approve the Waste Management of PA Subdivision Plan #2 for Parcel ID No. (40) 14-91-10.
Vote: 3/0

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Zoning Administrator Miller reported that the Eldaberry Woods Phase I Subdivision has been reviewed and recommended for approval by both Erie County Planning and the Summit Township Planning Commission. Discussion ensued regarding Township process of obtaining a sewer construction bond, and allowing the sale of lots but not to issuing zoning permits until the sewer system is operational and a connection permit is issued.

ELDABERRY
WOODS SUBDIV.

Motion by Church, seconded by Lee, to approve the Eldaberry Woods Phase I Subdivision, parcel ID No. (40) 19-83-36.04 (in part).

Vote: 3/0

Zoning Administrator Miller reported that Engineer Jonas has inspected the sidewalk at 8830 Martha Way, and further recommends release of their Sidewalk Bond.

SIDEWALK BOND
8830 MARTHA WAY

Motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to release the Sidewalk Bond for 8830 Martha Way to Greenland Homes in the amount of \$994.

Vote: 3/0

Solicitor Sennett reported that he is awaiting Board directive regarding the Perry Hi-Way Company (PHHC) information letter he provided, and the Facility Use Policy.

SOLICITOR:

- Facility Use Policy
- PHHC letter

Engineer Polaski reported that a construction meeting for the Dorn Road ADA ramp project is scheduled. Engineer Jonas is finalizing traffic studies for the proposed speed limits. The PADot Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) application for the project at New Road is being prepared and the final plans will be ready for Board review.

ENGINEER:

- Dorn Rd.ADA
- Speed Limits
- New Road

Supervisor Lee reminded the audience of the Residents Weekend beginning on Friday, July 24th and encouraged attendance.

SUPERVISORS:

- Residents Weekend

Paul Bardwell, 2839 Hershey Road, expressed concern that a recent ambulance response for his wife took 24 minutes. Mr. Bardwell added that he has spoken with Jon Spaulding, President of PHHC, a representative from Emergycare, and an Albion Emergency response representative. Extensive discussion ensued with the Board explaining that they are aware of this situation and have recently met with PHHC to discuss options. Solicitor Sennett has also researched and prepared a letter with a sample contract for PHHC to possibly employ full-time ambulance personnel. Chairperson Agostine explained this is a complicated issue. Atty. Sennett added that the Board is investigating funding sources, employee status, labor relations, and the sample contract. These issues need to be analyzed, made a decision and a plan coordinated with PHHC. Supervisor Church explained that this issue has come up frequently during his entire 12-year term and this year is the closest the Board has come to resolving it. Agostine further warned Mr. Bardwell that, even in the event that the Township can maintain full-time emergency personnel, with "mutual aid" agreements, it cannot be guaranteed that PHHC personnel would be exclusively responding to Summit Township resident calls.

PUBLIC INPUT

- Ambulance Response

Thomas Greene, 8555 Dundee Road, asked why Emergycare will not respond to calls in Summit Township. The Board could not answer this question, and suggested he contact Emergycare.

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Supervisor Lee also explained that if we "hire out" Emergycare for ambulance service then PHHC loses revenue from billing for those calls, which ultimately hurts the Fire Department.

Bob Greene, 2843 Hershey Road, expressed appreciation for the continued efforts from the Board, and explained that ambulances are dispatched from the "next nearest" facility.

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, asked if the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority has been approached for funding since the Casino initiates a large number of the calls. Supervisor Church responded that funding is not the problem; it is the lack of volunteers. Agostine also added that PHHC has encouraged volunteers with multiple incentive programs.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion by Lee, seconded by Church, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast
Recording Secretary
07/23/2015