SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Regular Business Meeting Monday, April 3, 2017

Chairperson Agostine called the regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 6:02 p.m. following salute to the flag. Supervisors Lee and Welka were present, as were, Solicitor Sennett, Zoning Administrator Miller, Engineer Jonas, Secretary Yeast, and six interested persons.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting on March 20, 2017, as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

3/20/17 MINUTES

Vote: 3/0

There was no correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to approve the March 2017 Expenditures, with the exception of check #31831, as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

MARCH. 2017 EXPENSES

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Lee, seconded by Agostine, to approve payment for check #31831, dated March 30, 2017 to Henry T. Welka & Assoc., LLC in the amount of \$800. Supervisor Lee explained that this payment is for copies of plans related to Fossil Run.

Vote: 3/1/0 Agostine - Yes Lee - Yes

Welka - Abstain, due to relationship with Welka & Associates

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to award the Comprehensive Plan Consultant contract to Environmental Planning and Design (EPD) from Pittsburgh.

AWARD EPD AS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSULTANT

Mike Pace, 770 W. Townhall Road, expressed concern that the American Planning Association (APA) of which EPD is a member may have an agenda for regionalization that is contrary to what Summit Township residents realize. The Board assured Mr. Pace that EPD is staffed with good engineers, and while their name utilizes the word "environmental", the environment is not its sole interest. All consulting firms across the USA belong to the APA. The different facets (i.e. landscape architects, community planners, and urban designers) needed to develop a comprehensive plan will be addressed by our own residents. The Board further assured Mr. Pace that a new Comprehensive Plan will not do away with Summit Township's individuality. Agostine explained that Summit Township had received (10) responses to the advertised request for quote. The Board of Supervisors and staff pared it down to (4) possibilities, who were then interviewed and ranked by 16 members of the Steering Committee, resulting in the selection of EPD.

Zoning Administrator Miller added that the consultants will be told what Summit Township wants to achieve, and EPD will help to write a document to achieve those goals. It will be our sole responsibility, as the municipality whose name is on the plan to enforce it.

Tom Church, 9165 Footmill Road, noted the value of a Comprehensive Plan as a tool when controversial re-zoning requests are put before the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion ensued regarding how the Comprehensive Plan will tie in with our Zoning Ordinance that will also need amending. The Board expressed its confidence that this comprehensive plan will be an exciting and positive process for Summit Township to achieve agreed upon goals.

Vote: 3/0

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Engineer Jonas reported that bids were received for 2017 gravel purchases. The apparent low bidders are:

2017 GRAVEL BIDS

#57 Gravel - ACA Sand and Gravel \$8.85/ton

Bank Gravel - James Glover - \$5.75 per yard

2RC Gravel - Groundwork Resource - \$10 per yard

Motion by Lee to award the 2017 gravel purchases per the listing referenced above.

Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to award the 2017 gravel bids per the above referenced list conditioned upon approval of product in gravel pits.

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to hire Tim Caulfield for seasonal labor with the road crew and parks at a rate of \$10 per hour.

TIM CAULFIELD HIRED AS SEASONAL LABOR

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, asked if the two seasonal laborers from last year will be retained also. The Board responded, yes. Mr. Caulfield will assist with flagging and will cover for Mitch Wolfe when he is driving a "chase" vehicle. The (3) personnel will also rotate weekends at the parks, as Amber Kirik will have less hours due to personal limitations.

Tom Church, 9165 Footmill Road, expressed concern for the safety of an 18-year old while flagging. Supervisor Lee added that Mr. Caulfield will receive flagger training.

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to appoint Pat McGuire as Director of the Summit Summer Rec Program.

Vote: 3/0

PAT MCGUIRE SUMMER PROGRAM

SEASONAL LABOR

RATE INCREASE 3%

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to increase the salary of Pat McGuire, the staff of the Rec Program and the existing seasonal labor rates of pay by 3%.

Vote: 2/0/1

Agostine - Yes

Welka - Yes

Lee - Abstain, as Mitch Wolfe is his nephew.

Zoning Administrator Miller reported that Aldi's notified Summit of their intent not to renew Stormwater Letter of Credit, which triggered Engineer Jonas to inspect the system. Based upon the inspection, Engineer Jonas recommends reducing the Bond amount from \$47,157 to \$18,637 in order to complete the system.

ALDI STORMWATER BOND REDUCTION

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee to reduce the Aldi Stormwater Bond to \$18,637 for 2222 Downs Drive, Parcel ID No. 40-1-16-87.

Vote: 3/0

Zoning Administrator Miller reported the Lamar Stormwater System was inspected by Engineer Jonas on March 23rd, he found no deficiencies, and based upon this inspection recommends release of the Bond in full.

LAMAR STMWTR. BOND RELEASE

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to release the Lamar Stormwater Bond in the amount of \$141,295 for 8235 Oliver Road, Parcel ID No. 40-16-72-2.

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Supervisor Welka questioned if the area has been seeded. Engineer Jonas responded that there are no significant deficiencies, the seed is down and starting to grow, and a valve needed to be turned off in order to allow the pond to fill. Miller added that a Greenspace Bond is still in place to ensure the site is appropriately vegetated.

Vote: 3/0

Solicitor Sennett reported that the Township received notice of real estate taxes "Paid Under Protest" by Wegman's. Secretary Yeast questioned how to proceed. Per the Tax Statute, a separate account must be established for 25% of the tax paid, and held until the assessment appeal is resolved.

SOLICITOR:

Taxes Paid **Under Protest**

Engineer Jonas reported that a meeting has been scheduled for May, 18, 2017 with the PUC and the Railroad to discuss the closing of the railroad crossing on Footmill Road.

Engineer Jonas reported that soil borings at the bridge abutments on Old French Road are

ENGINEER:

- Footmill Rd.
- Old French Rd. Bridge Design

required to determine the type of soils and capacity in order to design the structure. The driller is scheduled for next week during Easter break to limit the traffic disruption. The road will be closed for one day. Supervisor Welka explained that this is the bridge just south of Townhall Road on Old French Road.

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, questioned information from a newspaper article regarding the recent legislative hearing for gaming funds. Discussion ensued with Supervisor Agostine explaining that initial infrastructure costs were paid with restricted funds, but on-going infrastructure costs including \$1.3 million to the Summit Township Sewer Authority (STSA) have been funded through the Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority with non-restricted funds. Mr. Chojnacki asked how much Summit Township receives as Gaming Funds. Supervisor Agostine responded \$1.8 million per year (\$1.2 from the PA Fund and \$600,000 from ECGRA).

PUBLIC INPUT

Tom Church, 9165 Footmill Road, commended Supervisor Agostine on her presentation at the hearing referenced above, adding that Summit Township was "well represented".

Tom Church, 9165 Footmill Road, made mention of the abandoned car in the Township parking lot. The Board responded that the State Police have been called, it will be removed tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Vote: 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast **Recording Secretary** 04/05/2017