



Pocopson Township

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Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes Monday, October 27, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

In attendance: Supervisors – Ricki Stumpo, Georgia F. Brutscher, Barney Leonard; Mark Knightly, Public Works Director; James W. Hatfield, P.E., Township Engineer; Richard Jensen, Zoning/Code Official.

Attendance: 12

1. Call to Order: Stumpo called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. McKay Conditional Use Application/2055 West Street Road – Tax Parcel 63-4-145.7: Board approved and signed the Decision prepared by the Township Solicitor.

3. Authorize advertising of EIT/NPT Ordinance Amendment: Stumpo noted public budget work sessions were held on October 7th and on October 21st. It is the judgment of the Board that anticipated revenues for 2015 will be insufficient to meet expenses. The Board intends to substantially increase funding support for fire department and emergency services operations; expand the Public Works program; improve Township facilities. The current EIT/NPT is 0.2%. Board discussed estimated revenue if EIT/NPT increased at 0.4% and 0.5%. Stumpo stated that commitments to increase funding in the areas noted will extend beyond the 2015 budget. She stated that changing the rate of the EIT/NPT requires an ordinance change, which in turn requires that the Board give notice of intention to adopt such an ordinance.

MOTION: Brutscher moved, Leonard seconded, to authorize advertising of an EIT/NPT Ordinance Amendment increasing the EIT/NPT in 2015 from 0.2% to 0.5%; motion unanimously approved.

Public Comment – Terry Gumperr of Lenni Drive asked the Board to consider a floor limit on the amount of income. He also expressed displeasure with the lack of communication regarding the current tax rate. He cited a number of negative encounters with Keystone Collections Group, particularly with their recent efforts to collect unpaid taxes.

4. Announcements: Leonard will meet with the County Commissioners on October 29th to discuss the County increasing their fair share of funding support for emergency services. Stumpo directed the Secretary to proceed with organizing a meeting requested by Longwood Fire Company to meet with elected officials from the townships and boroughs served by Longwood. Leonard and Brutscher attended the BVA Annual Dinner on October 22nd and reported on the expected merger of the BVA with Red Clay Valley. Stumpo attended the PennDOT Route 926 Bridge historical review meeting on October 22nd. She

reported that the project is in working design stage with another meeting slated for December. She asked the Secretary to organize a meeting with PennDOT representatives and the businesses in Pocopson Township that will be affected by the bridge closure. Leonard noted that state representatives should be included in the meeting. Stumpo noted that the Board met in Executive Session on October 13th to discuss a personnel matter.

5. Public Comment: Santhosh Kanjula and other residents from Pratt Lane located in The Preserve at Chadds Ford (“Residents”) appeared before the Board to discuss a residential burglary, general criminal mischief, and 911 response for the community. The Residents asked the Board to confirm that their addresses are properly registered with the County 911 Emergency System as they have experienced delays in response by the Avondale State Police. Board noted that there should not be any delay in 911 response time by emergency providers. Stumpo will contact the County 911 coordinator and the Township will assist the HOA in organizing a meeting with the State Police Community Coordinator and Troop Commander. Residents are frustrated by nuisance incidents in the community that occur late at night. The HOA will consider steps to alleviate the nuisance.

6. T&T Pancoast Driveway Permit Plan/Grading Application: no action taken and the matter tabled for a future meeting.

7. Scaleby Farm Dedication:

a. Resolution 2014-XX Authorizing the Acceptance of Certain Roads – Scott Megill appeared before the Board regarding the offer of dedication for public improvements. Hatfield reviewed his October 23, 2014 Comment and Review Letter regarding the updated punchlist status report. Megill submitted additional Amended Scaleby Farm Trail Plans for Board signature in compliance with the County recordation procedures. Hatfield reviewed the dedication documents that have been approved by his office and the Township Solicitor. He explained the legal descriptions and deed preparations that have been provided with regard to the Locust Grove Road right-of-way. Board noted the October 20, 2014 email from Township Landscape Architect Gary Burcham which outlines deficiencies in the landscaping, and therefore, his recommendation to not accept the project for dedication at this time. Knightly stated that while the liquid fuels deadline is September, PennDOT representatives will work with the Township to adjust the lane miles for roadbeds accepted after the deadline.

MOTION: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to reject acceptance and dedication of the public improvements for Scaleby Farms at this time, based on the recommendations received from Township Consultants dated October 20, 2014 and October 23, 2014; motion unanimously approved.

8. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Report: Jensen continues to meet with representatives from The Barn at Spring Brook Farm as they proceed with completion of the tasks in accordance with the Conditional Use Decision. Zoning Hearing Board met on October 23rd to hear Appeal Nos. 4-2014 and 5-2014. Jensen is tracking tasks to be completed by Marlborough Valley Corn Maize, LLC, in accordance with the Zoning Hearing Board Decision. Zoning Opinion Letters were issued for the veterinarian office on Street Road and for the property on Street Road subject of an upcoming real estate auction.

Jensen is responding to a number of concerns under the Nuisance Ordinance Chapter of the Township Code.

9. Public Works Report: Knightly noted that chipping service for residents started today. Locust Grove Road will be striped with a centerline but not with white lane lines.

a. Resolution 2014-19 Co-Op Salt Bid – *Motion:* Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve Resolution 2014-19 accepting the Oceanport, LLC bid for approximately 300 tons of road salt at a price of \$58.78 per ton as the lowest responsive bidder identified by the Southern Chester County Co-Op; motion unanimously approved.

10. Old Business:

a. Appointment of Task Force to Review Municipal Engineer RFPs: *MOTION:* Brutscher moved, Leonard seconded, to appoint the following residents to serve on a task force to review the RFPs: Laoussa McNemar, P.E., Erik Hoet, and Rob Fenza; motion unanimously approved.

b. Temporary Construction Easement/Red Bridge Lane bridge scour project –Red Bridge Farms HOA representative signed the easement on October 22nd.

Motion: Leonard moved, Brutscher seconded, to approve signing the Temporary Construction Easement for the Red Bridge Lane bridge scour project as prepared by and recommended by the Township Solicitor; motion unanimously approved.

c. Pocopson Park Proposal – Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee Chairman approved submission of the proposal to the Board for final disposition, the matter having been discussed by the PRT Committee on October 9th. Board approved proposal for recreation components for Pocopson Park in the amount of \$87,896.00 per quote dated 10/8/2014 submitted by a Co-Stars Vendor, Recreation Resource USA, Kennett Square.

11. New Business:

a. Resolution 2014-20 Appointment of Alternate Building Code Official – *MOTION:* Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve Resolution 2014-20 appointing Richard Jensen as Alternate Building Code Official for specific projects identified therein and any other building code inspection tasks identified by the Board; motion unanimously approved.

b. Approval of SWM BMP for 605 Clarks Lane: *MOTION:* Brutscher moved, Leonard seconded, to approve signing the Stormwater Management Best Management Practices Maintenance Agreement as reviewed and recommended by the Township Engineer; motion unanimously approved.

12. Correspondence: Board signed thank you letters to elected officials who participated in Founders Day and a letter to the Baily Family for their continued support of the event.

13. Treasurer's Warrants: Stumpo moved, Brutscher seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for October 14-27, 2014 recommended for payment by the Treasurer;
General Fund: 18 bills paid totaling \$20,055.23; 6 debit card charges totaling \$416.68;
Township Facilities: 3 bills paid totaling \$91,418.61; motion unanimously approved.

14. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes dated October 13, 2014; motion unanimously approved.

15. Adjournment: At 9:02 P.M., Brutscher moved, Leonard seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion unanimously approved.

Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary

Ricki Stumpo, Chair