

May 6, 2013

Chairman Dennis Macheska called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on May 6, 2013 at 7pm on Hickory Lane. Also present were supervisors Dave Bird, William (Bud) Brown, solicitor Ed Scacchitti, and secretary Sarah Griggs. Twenty – eight individuals signed the sign in sheet.

The minutes from the previous supervisors meeting were read. Bud Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Under Public Comment: The Township received a compliment on the bulletin board at the township building.

Bill Auriemma stated that he dislikes the public comment part of the agenda being at the beginning and would like it moved back to the end of the meeting. Dennis Macheska stated that the board would take it under consideration. Ed Scacchitti stated again that it was his idea. He explained that the monthly work sessions are to discuss the agenda for the upcoming supervisors meeting. No one shows for these meetings so by moving the public comment to the beginning it allows residents to discuss matters before the supervisors vote on them. Ed stated that there was a hearing for an ordinance before the months work session and no residents showed for it.

Bill Auriemma questioned the board if there is any thought of getting the land owned by the township appraised and put it up for sale. Dave Bird stated that the township is looking into ways to make money on the property. The township is currently leasing some of the property to Grace Industries and PPL. The leasing of the property has paid for the new roof that was put on the barn. Dave stated that the township is currently looking into solar energy as a way to make money on the property. Bud Brown added that the property next to the townships property is for sale for 2.1 million dollars and has not sold yet. Bill Auriemma questioned if the townships property is tax free. Dennis Macheska replied that yes it is tax free. Bud Stan stated that he believes that the property is a wonderful investment for the township. And it will be worth more money twenty years down the road.

Bud Stan questioned the board if they are aware of the exposed gas pipe on his property that occurred in a flood in 2006. He stated that the gas company met with him two days prior with plans to start the repair project. Dennis Macheska stated that the township is aware of the situation.

Hank Rowinski questioned an agenda item regarding Ransom Recreational Shooting Sports LLC requesting a formal ruling on six items regarding plans. Bill Auriemma questioned if the matters should go before the Planning Commission first. Ed Scacchitti agreed that the matters should go before the Planning Commission first. Kathy Rowinski questioned if engineer John Seamans has looked into the matters. John Seamans stated that yes he is still looking into the matter. Andy Massimilian questioned how the Planning Commission is going to review the items when they are legal questions. Ed Scacchitti stated that the Planning Commission has their own solicitor.

Art Harshman questioned what plastics the township recycles. Sarah Griggs replied that the township takes all numbered plastics except the small flimsy plastics for example strawberry containers. Art questioned if the township has revisited the possibility of driving down North & South Lakeview to pick up recyclables. Dave Bird

stated that the township would have to see if it is possible to turn the truck around and that would determine if they could drive down the roads to pick up the recyclables.

Hank Rowinski questioned if the township could talk to Waste Management about having a container placed at the end of his road for garbage pickup do to bears getting into the garbage. Dave Bird stated that he talked to John Hambrosh about containers being placed in the township. If the residents would be willing to pay for the containers Waste Management would pick them up. Hank stated that he does not own the property at the end of the road but if Waste Management would be willing to back up the road he would build something. Bud Brown stated that he would look into it.

The township received a compliment for fixing the holes on Evergreen Drive.

Randy Buckas stated that he had a complaint with Bob Lukasiewicz. He explained that Bob knocked on his door asking for a vote and then complained that his barn is too close to the road. Randy stated that his barn was there before he bought the property. Randy questioned Bob if he was strong arming while asking for a vote. Bob Lukasiewicz read a letter stating that Randy Buckas was not violating the zoning of the township due to his barn being there for many years. Randy questioned Bob as to why if there wasn't a problem did he bring it up to his wife. Randy stated that he was bringing this matter to the attention of The Board of Supervisors because he doesn't want anyone else being strong armed. Bob stated that there was a misunderstanding. Bud Brown questioned Randy if the barn was there when he bought the property. Randy stated that yes it was. Bud explained that the barn is grandfather in.

Dennis Macheska stated that PPL's construction contractor has hired Securitas, a security company, to monitor the equipment and job sites at night. The security officers are uniformed and their vehicles are marked. The security officers may park their vehicle on the PPL right of way and may travel to different locations on the project route during the night.

The township received the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Examination Report from the Auditor General for January 1, 2011- December 31, 2011. No deficiencies of instances of noncompliance were found.

The township received a thank you letter from Abington Senior Center for the recent donation of \$1000 from the township.

The township received the engineers report and the annual groundwater monitoring report CD for the first quarter 2013 for Alliance Landfill. No violations were detected.

Dave Bird made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Bud Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Bud Brown made a motion to enact The Soliciting & Peddling Ordinance and Resolution establishing the permit fee. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dennis Macheska read the treasury report stating the general fund balance was \$999,674.49 and liquid fuels account balance was \$1,269,792.11. Recycling for April totaled 4.62 tons. Mays recycling dates would be May 16 & 17.

Dave Bird presented the road report stating that the township will not be doing a lot to the roads until the heavy truck traffic is no longer in the area. Dave stated that the township has been getting truck traffic complaints and he asked Rion Stan of the state police commercial vehicle enforcement team to speak to the residents. Rion stated he has been talking to Dave a lot about safety complaints. He stated that the state police

have been stopping the truck traffic and inspecting the trucks. Rion praised the township on a great job establishing the weight limit ordinance. Rion stated that Dave contacted him about the truck traffic on Evergreen drive. He stated that the state police will be able to start enforcing on Evergreen Drive the following week. Rion stated that the residence of the township can help by getting license plates or name of trucks in violation and can call the state police with them. He stated that they cannot do much about the speed. They only do the inspections. South Abington Police is responsible for the speed enforcement.

Dennis Macheska advised that Kathy Zielinski's sentencing trial was moved to May 13, 2013 at 9:30

Dennis Macheska stated that the township received the new 2014 Freightliner truck and are putting the 2006 Chevrolet 5500 truck up for bid. The bids will be opened at the work Session on May 29, 2013.

Dennis Macheska advised that the roof on the Greenspace Barn is complete. Spring cleanup days were May 10th and 11th. The next regular township meeting will be June 3 at Mt Dewey Community Hall.

Being there no further business Dave Bird made a motion to adjourn. Bud Brown seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Griggs