Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
June 9, 2016

Present: Claude Beaver, David Franke, Joseph Rudderow III, Eugene Orlando, Jr. – Orlando Law Offices, Tom Unger– Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Diane Hollenbach – Township Manager

Guests: Cody Rhoads, Patricia Bealer, Silas Bealer, Karl Bolognese, Vicki Solberg, Claudia Rudderow, Karen Chandler, Jim Schoellkopf, Daniel Miller

PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE 240 and 241

Joseph Rudderow III called the July 14, 2016 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES & FINANCES

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by David Franke to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the June 9, 2016 regular meeting. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List

A motion was made by David Franke to approve the June 2016 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vicki Solberg of 317 Sofia Blvd. updated the Board on progress to rectify her grading issue and informed the Board she had hired an attorney. Ms. Solberg believes that the property was not graded properly, the berm should be removed and topsoil should be added to her lot. She handed out a drawing of the changes she believes need to be made to her grading and asked what the specifications were for returning topsoil to the lot. Eugene Orlando, solicitor for the Township commented that he had communication from Andrew George of Kozloff Stoudt inquiring whether the Township was in a position to assist. Information we had been provided in the past has looked like this situation is a private property issue and the Board only has power over a violation of an enforceable ordinance. He asked the Manager if she had additional information. Ms. Hollenbach stated that Mr. Marco Folino has stated that Ms. Solberg agreed to have the driveway grade changed from 7-10% to 3% in order to accommodate a wheelchair. Mrs. Solberg disagreed and stated that she had agreed to have the home lowered by one foot and did not know this would affect the grading of the lot. She added that she is hiring an engineer to look at the lot in more detail.

Mr. Rudderow commented that the Board is only in the position to hear an update and will wait to hear future updates of discussion between her and the developer.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Zoning Ordinance and Map Revision – Tom Unger of Systems Design Engineering Inc. reported comments were received from the Berks County Planning Commission on the draft zoning ordinance. The Planning Commission will discuss the comments on August 3rd and bring recommendations to the Supervisors.

W Walnut Tree Drive Storm Water – Tom Unger advised that plans are being prepared for the W Walnut Tree Drive pipe repair. A meeting was held with the manager regarding easements.

2016 Road Work – The contracts have been signed. The preconstruction meeting is scheduled for July 21st at 11 am with the work to begin July 25th.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR REPORT

Ordinance 240

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Ordinance 240 to allow the Township to participate in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Ordinance 241

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Ordinance 241 to allow for up to a 25% collection fee on delinquent earned income and local service tax bills. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Zoning Ordinance and Map Revision – Gene Orlando explained that the Board had set a date for a public hearing for the adoption of the draft zoning ordinance and map. Based on the comments received from the Berks County Planning Commission and the recent passing of the medical marijuana bill, the draft ordinance should be reviewed. The Commission may want to consider a zoning district and performance standards for the new Commonwealth Statute. Mr. Rudderow thanked attorney Orlando and supported a delay in adopting the zoning ordinance for the Planning Commission review of industrial hemp and medical marijuana.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to rescind the advertising of a public hearing on July 19, 2016 and request the Planning Commission review the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to the Berks County Planning Commission letter and medical marijuana. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

MANAGERS REPORT

Diane Hollenbach provided a written report to the Board. The Authority Well #6 project is underway. A short bore well has been drilled that produces 380 gallons per minute. Work on Well #7 will start in about a week. This has been a very high producing site. Karl Bolognese added that the property has a plentiful supply of water and he is happy with the harmony between the Authority and Township and hopes it continues.

Mrs. Hollenbach reminded the Board that the Blighted Property Hearing for 115 Grove Road would be held July 26th.

ROAD CREW REPORT
A report of the month's activities was presented to the Board. Ms. Hollenbach reviewed equipment requested by the road crew. Some could be covered by a recycling grant but if put into the grant, the Board would be required to make the purchase. Ms. Hollenbach asked for guidance from the Board on the following:

- Leaf vac - $35,000
- Loader - $150,000
- Brush cutter attachment - $55,000
- 2017 Tandem Dump - $107,833 with the up fit costing an additional $73,463
- Closed trailer for job site equipment storage - $5,100
- Body for Truck #7 with lift gate - $10,104 ($7,250 if Township installs)
- Tarp and Arm for Truck #4 - $4015

Mr. Beaver stated that the dump truck would not be used that often. Ms. Hollenbach pointed out that the truck would give the Township another big truck during major snows and would also be used for recycling under the grant. Mr. Rudderow stated that the mower was a priority and asked what other item was a priority. Ms. Hollenbach felt that the new bed for #7 was the item of next importance and the closed trailer.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the purchase of a truck bed with lift gate for Truck #7 and trailer. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously. Mr. Franke suggested that the manager look at State Surplus for a dump truck.

NEW BUSINESS
Line Striping
A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the chairman to sign the joint line striping contract with A-1 Traffic Control Products for a combined total of $33,261.00. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

For the Good of the Order
Mr. Beaver stated that he had three complaints that there was no flagger on Lee Spring Road when the road crew was working at 55 Lee Spring Road. One lane was blocked and two cars almost connected on a blind curve. One worker was on the excavator and one was looking in the hole. Ms. Hollenbach stated that residents with complaints should call the Township office so that the complaint can be checked right away or if Mr. Beaver could call when he receives the complaint it would be helpful. Mr. Beaver responded it was 5:30 at night.

Joseph Rudderow asked if a letter could be sent congratulating the Kopfer family on being named Berks County Outstanding Farm Family.

A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Claude Beaver, to adjourn the July 14, 2016 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Township Secretary,

Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Solicitor
Thomas Unger, Township Engineer
Planning Commission
Park & Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates
Joan London, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager
JoAnn Schaeffer, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary
Daniel Becker, Authority Solicitor
Greg Unger, Authority Engineer
Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Company Chief
Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police