Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
October 11, 2018

Attending: Claude Beaver, Joseph Rudderow III, Heidi Fiedler, Eugene Orlando, Jr. – Orlando Law Office, Tom Unger, P.E. – Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Diane Hollenbach – Manager

Guests: Jim Schoellkopf, Jr., Scott Miller, William Colby, Francis Scott, Lois Geist, Kevin Tobias, Ed Byers, Stanley Bean, Val Lacis – Reading Eagle

Claude Beaver called the October 11, 2018 meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Maidencreek Township Building, 1 Quarry Road, Blandon and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES & FINANCES

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the September 13, 2018 meeting. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to approve the September 2018 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Audit engagement letter – Heidi Fiedler stated that she wants an unqualified audit and feels the Township should switch to the accrual basis of accounting. Diane Hollenbach stated that a switch to accrual-based accounting would require the appraisal of all Township assets – roads, bridges, parks, buildings, equipment and then their depreciation in the accounting. This will be very expensive and the budget handed out this evening would need to be redone. Heidi Fiedler stated that she feels the accrual-based systems will be more transparent. Ed Byers and Stanley Bean agreed. Joseph Rudderow III suggested getting quotes on the annual Township audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Byers of 185 Faith Drive, Blandon asked the Board if they had run out of money since work had stopped on the Schaeffer Road Bridge. Tom Unger stated that this was a County project and that the contractor was waiting on an approval from PennDOT due to a change in the construction method for three of the bridge piles. The bridge is tentatively scheduled to be open by Thanksgiving.

Lois Geist, Chair of the Fleetwood Library Board thanked the Board for their past support and requested the 2018 donation.

Stanley Bean of 189 Calcium Road, Fleetwood told the Board of Supervisors that vehicles are not stopping at the stop sign on Maidencreek Road since the Calcium Road Bridge is closed. He

spoke to the Chief of Police who told him to go to the Supervisor meeting because the police department doesn't have enough manpower. Joseph Rudderow III stated that Mr. Bean should be reporting the issue to the police department because the Chief has stated he does not want the municipal employees taking complaints and reporting them. In spite of that, the Board instructed the Manager to reach out to the Chief and Penn DOT on the issue.

Ed Byers of 185 Faith Drive, Blandon told the Board that he feels that Route 222 should be widened to four lanes without roundabouts. The Board advised Mr. Byers to speak with his State Representative and State Senator.

An executive session was held from 7:17 p.m. to 7:36 p.m. for disposition of real estate.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Tom Unger, P.E., Systems Design Engineering, Inc.
The GSP Properties Plan requires a time extension if they do not receive approval at this meeting. There were no other plans under review.

GSP Properties Final Plan – William Colby, attorney for GSP Properties requested the Board grant the easement for storm water under Colonial Court. Eugene Orlando, Jr., Township Solicitor stated that the Township was inclined to cooperate but Article 15 of the Second-Class Township Code requires solicitation of sealed bids. Mr. Colby asked if the Board was not inclined to hold a special meeting would they be prepared to act on the GSP Properties Plan at the November meeting. Chairman Beaver stated he believed so. Mr. Colby presented the Board with a written extension of time for the review period.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to accept the time extension until November 9, 2018 from GSP Properties, North Bethlehem LLC for the Business Park at Maidencreek plan review period. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize the Solicitor, Manager and Engineer to solicit sealed bids for the storm water easement across Colonial Court. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

2018 Road Work – Tom Unger reported that the road work and parking lot were completed. The contractor is cleaning up some punch list items.

Letter of Credit/Escrow Release Letters

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Credit release letters for Melrose Place in the amount of $2,685.84. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Grove Road/Main Street Intersection – Mr. Unger reported that if the Board wanted to pursue No Parking on Main Street at the intersection of Grove Road that five to six parking spaces would be lost on Main Street. Jim Schoellkopf Jr. commented that the car that was causing the problems has moved. After some discussion, the Board took no action.

Comments from the Board – Heidi Fiedler asked for an update on the West Shore Bridge project. Mr. Unger responded that the Board looked at putting in two or three pipes to correct the issues but the PA Department of Environmental Protection wants one pipe. The road crew will tackle concrete repairs as time and weather permits. The bridge should be inspected by Penn DOT next year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Eugene Orlando, Jr.
Roundabout Maintenance Agreement – Mr. Orlando advised that he had not heard from Penn DOT if they were willing to continue negotiations.

Berkshire Builders – Mr. Orlando's office is working on the Developer's Improvements Agreement.

Enforcement Notice 232 W Walnut Tree Drive – The land owner has appealed the District Justices decision. Chris Garrell in Mr. Orlando's office is completing the Township's complaint for the Berks County Court of Common Pleas. Heidi Fiedler asked how long the process would take. Mr. Orlando explained there was no way of knowing. Cases like this have sometimes taken a few years. Heidi Fiedler stated she was abstaining from the motion because this was her neighbor. Joseph Rudderow III asked for the solicitor's opinion. Mr. Orlando stated that supervisors are not required to abstain from action against their neighbors but there is no harm if they do.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize the Solicitor to proceed in the matter of 232 W Walnut Tree Drive, Blandon. Claude Beaver seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, Claude Beaver and Joseph Rudderow III voted, "Aye." Heidi Fiedler abstained. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Diane Hollenbach
Animal Rescue League – The Board discussed the proposed contract the Animal Rescue League sent. The contract is open ended and is not something the Township can sign as it is written. Diane Hollenbach asked the Board for permission to try to negotiate with the Animal Rescue

League. Heidi Fiedler stated that she would be open to hearing from someone else who could provide the service such as a local kennel.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize the Solicitor and Manager to contact the Animal Rescue League to see if they would be willing to work on a more agreeable contract. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PA Department of Environmental Protection NPDES Permit Denial – Heidi Fiedler asked if the letter received October 5th from the PA DEP had been addressed yet. Diane Hollenbach stated that a meeting needs to be set up with the PA DEP. A few of the items in the letter had been decided differently at a previous meeting between the Township and the PA DEP, and the DEP gave the review of the Township's permit to someone who had not been involved in the discussion.

BUSINESS

Berks County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to adopt Resolution 21-2018 Berks County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Traffic Ordinance

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an amendment to the Traffic Ordinance for the newly accepted roads in the Melrose Place Subdivision and advertise a public hearing for 7 p.m. on November 8, 2018 with the Board of Supervisors meeting to immediately follow. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Claude Beaver asked the Engineer to look at the location of the stop sign at Sofia Blvd and Park Road.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Heidi Fiedler, to adjourn the October 11, 2018 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Diane Hollenbach, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer