Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
March 14, 2019

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

Guests: Francis Scott, Scott Gisler, Keith Shuman, Dick Shuman, Ken Withers, Deanna Crampsie, Tim Keith

Claude Beaver called the March 14, 2019 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

Minutes

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the February 21, 2019 regular meeting. Heidi Fiedler 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 February 2019 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Gisler of Maidencreek Township questioned why the Board of Supervisors had not signed the roundabout maintenance agreement when the only item left in the agreement was lighting. Claude Beaver responded that the Board asked the engineer to check if the lighting was excessive. Joseph Rudderow III added that proper lighting in the roundabouts is a safety issue.

Deanna Crampsie and Tim Keith of Fleetwood Youth Football informed the Board that Park and Recreation had approved their use of the Community Park Fields for football in the Fall. Diane Hollenbach stated that the matter was not before the Board of Supervisors this evening because there were questions on parking, lights and the number of participants. Mrs. Hollenbach asked that someone from the organization contact the Township office to set up a meeting.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Tom Unger, P.E., Systems Design Engineering, Inc.

Roundabout Lighting Review – Penn DOT is using the Federal Highway Administration guidelines for lighting intersections. The roundabout lighting design meets those guidelines. There is no more than ten percent design overage. The wires will be in conduit and the streetlights will have LED bulbs.

2019 Street Projects – Mr. Unger reviewed the list of streets to be paved in 2019. Schaeffer Road will get a scratch and wearing course from East Wesner Road to the beginning of the roundabout project. Bewley Lane and Lakeview Drive will be milled, sealed and get a wearing course. Wyatt Drive and Hoch Road will be patched. June Avenue and Excelsior Drive will get base repair. The road crew will continue to crack seal. Mr. Unger reported that prices have been a little high this year. The price of stone is creeping up.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the preparation and advertisement to receive bids at the April 11, 2019 Supervisor meeting. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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 $3,740.28. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Eugene Orlando, Jr.

Round About Maintenance Agreement – Mr. Orlando asked the Board if they were ready to take action on the roundabout maintenance agreement. Joseph Rudderow III stated he had no more questions. The Board has been diligent and thorough and reduced the measurable legacy costs. Mr. Orlando stated that the agreement comes with numerous agreements that we will want to attach and suggested that the Board adopt the resolution authorizing the signing of the agreement but hold the signing of the agreement until the exhibits are finalized and approved by the engineer. Heidi Fiedler stated that she was opposed to the roundabouts, especially the one at Schaeffer Road. She also opposed maintaining the roundabouts.

Joseph Rudderow III stated that signing the agreement preserves the work the Board has done. If the Department of Transportation changes their mind and doesn't install the roundabouts, then the agreement is superfluous.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to adopt resolution 13-2019 authorizing the signing of the Penn DOT Roundabout Maintenance Agreement with the proviso the Agreement not be signed until the exhibits attached are satisfactory to the engineer. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, Joseph Rudderow III and Claude Beaver voted, "Aye." Heidi Fiedler voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

12 Chestnut Street Storm Water Easement – There has been no response from the property owner's attorney. The Board removed the item from the solicitor's agenda.

269 Spirit Court, Blandon – The Board deferred to executive session.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Diane Hollenbach

Maidencreek Church – Diane Hollenbach informed the Board of an upcoming project at Maidencreek Church. The church received a zoning determination allowing their elevator project to proceed without land development due to the fact the elevator and bathrooms were accessory to the existing use. Dick Shuman added that the church is used for many organizations and activities besides church groups such as voting and senior citizen meetings, and the project will make the church handicap accessible. Tom Unger added that there is no increase in impervious surface and the stormwater is minor.

Bridge Closure – Diane Hollenbach reported that the bridge on Route 73 would be closed for repairs at the end of April. Penn DOT reviewed the closure and reduced the time from sixty (60) days to thirty (30) days. The Board has been given the option of keeping Schaeffer Road closed during the Route 73 closure to stop truck traffic from using Schaeffer Road illegally. Heidi Fiedler stated that she wants one lane on Route 73 open at all times like Penn DOT did on Route 322. Mrs. Hollenbach added that Penn DOT has stated that keeping one lane one will cost an additional $250,000, which they do not have, and make the project last seventy-five (75) days instead of thirty (30) days.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to send a letter on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to Penn DOT District 5 requesting one lane on Route 73 stay open during the repair of the bridge on Route 73 over the Willow Creek because the Board of Supervisors is concerned about the fire company and ambulance being able to respond to emergencies. Heidi Fiedler asked if Mr. Rudderow would amend the motion to hold the roundabout maintenance agreement until the detour was established. Joseph Rudderow stated that he did not want to tie the roundabout maintenance agreement to the detour plan. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Road Crew Report

Mower Purchase – Keith Shuman provided additional prices for zero turn mowers. Claude Beaver liked the safety aspect of the rear discharge mower.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to purchase an Exmark Lazer Z LZX rear discharge gas mower in the amount of $12,742.10. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Sale of Equipment – The Board asked Mr. Shuman to come up with a reserve price on the items he wishes to sell. The items will be sold on Municibid.

BUSINESS

Resolution 14-2019 - 5G Rapid Rollout

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to adopt Resolution 14-2019 expressing concerns about the rapid rollout of 5G infrastructure, the need for independent safety studies and asking for support of local control over placement of 5G facilities within municipal borders and authorized the manager to send the resolution to the Berks County United States Congressmen and Congresswomen. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Leaf Vac Purchase

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the purchase of the Spartan Leaf Pro in the amount of $88,000 with the cost covered through a PA DEP recycling grant. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Animal Control Survey – The Board agreed that they would be willing to provide services previously provided for dogs and cats and at a maximum would spend fifty cents per capita.

Mobile Dog Groomer Request to set up in Dog Park – Mr. Orlando stated that soliciting is not allowed in Township parks; therefore, no one is allowed to run a business in a township recreation facility.

Executive session was held from 8:15 to 9 p.m. on litigation and personnel.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Heidi Fiedler, to adjourn the March 14, 2019 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Diane Hollenbach, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer