Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
May 9, 2019

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

Guests: Mike Rodino, Donna Culp, Cody Rhoads, Corey Mutter, Ari Myers, Josh Allen, Gaynelle Bloh, Francis Scott, Keith Shuman

Claude Beaver called the May 9, 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 April 11, 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 April 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

Francis Scott, 122 Spirit Court, Blandon asked the Board is the Board authorized someone to talk to other police departments at the last meeting and asked if the township was pulling out of Northern Berks Regional Police. The Board advised that there had been no such action and he should attend the Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting.

Corey Mutter, 53 Spirit Court, Blandon was concerned about the Maidencreek Township Authority well pumping causing flooding and mosquitos. Diane Hollenbach explained that the Authority is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to pump for six hours a day for six months. The well water is being tested to see if it is under the influence of surface water. Mr. Mutter was advised that the Authority Board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.

REPORTS

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

Grove Road Subdivision – Tom Unger stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision which creates two lots along Grove Road. Mr. Unger did not recommend the waiver of lot pins.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to grant a waiver to Section 190-15 of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances for Location Map Scale to allow the scale of 1" = 800'. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to grant a waiver to Section 190-32.B.1.a of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances for Minimum Cartway Width as the existing cartway is adequate for traffic volumes. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to grant a waiver to Section 190-37.A.3 of the Maidencreek Township Code of Ordinances for Lot Depth to Width Ratio as lots are designed to comply with lot width and area requirements. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to grant conditional final plan approval to the Grove Road Subdivision Plan conditioned upon satisfaction of the April 29, 2019 Systems Design Engineering, Inc. review letter, which is incorporated by reference, and execution of an improvement agreements with financial security. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried. Mike Rodino questioned if it was unusual to require financial security for swales and stone pits. Mr. Unger responded that the Township does this for all subdivisions.

2019 Street Projects – Mr. Unger stated that four bids were received for the 2019 road work and Ronnie C. Folk was the lowest responsible bidder at $268,772.60.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to accept the 2019 road bids. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to award the road bid to Ronnie C. Folk in the amount of $268,772.60 conditional upon review by the engineer and solicitor. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and asked if the engineer was familiar with the contractor's work. Mr. Unger stated that he was and that Folk Paving was doing more work since EJB Paving was bought by New Enterprise. The contractor is qualified and does good work. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously. The Board reviewed cost estimates for 2020 road work and decided to carry any State Liquid Fuel money from 2019 into 2020 instead of bidding a second project.

5G Ordinance – The Planning Commission is reviewing changes to the zoning ordinance for 5G facilities.

Letter of Credit/Escrow Release Letters

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Credit release letters for GSP in the amount of $1,910.85. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Eugene Orlando, Jr.

269 Spirit Court, Blandon - Mr. Orlando reported he was in contact by email with attorney Garner who represents 269 Spirit Court, Blandon. The homeowner is asking for a temporary

easement on Township open space to allow their shed to remain on Township property. The Board advised that their position on this matter has not changed. Mr. Orlando will communicate that to Mr. Garner.

409 Acer Drive, Blandon – Mr. Orlando reviewed the TreeTops Subdivision Plan and the current Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Mr. and Mrs. Allen had requested that they be allowed to remove the sidewalk on the stub street Sycamore Lane. The practical dynamic is that it does not appear that the stub street will be extended into the next property. However, the plan does require the sidewalk. Mr. Orlando suggested that an agreement could be recorded that requires the sidewalk to be put in by a future property owner if required by the township. The Board agreed that they would be in favor of such an agreement if it was created and paid for by the property owner.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Diane Hollenbach

Audit Request for Proposals

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to advertise for proposals for the annual township audit for 2019, 2020, and 2021. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Health Plan

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the manager to distribute information on a proposed health plan change to the employees for their review. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Road Crew Report

Summer Help – The Board asked the manager to research what rate other municipalities are paying summer helpers.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to hire Owen Fenerty at a rate of $8 per hour as seasonal temporary help beginning May 13, 2019. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Zoning Officer's Report

The property at 106 Koller Road has a steep driveway with three-foot-deep ruts that channel storm water and gravel onto Koller Road. This causes icing in winter and large deposits of stone in the summer. The Zoning Officer delivered a notice of violation by constable and the homeowner is unwilling to fix the situation. The homeowner suggested the township fix the problem and lien the property. The supervisors were concerned about this dangerous situation. Keith Shuman, road crew foreman felt that a belt diverter would work well with very little material. Mr. Shuman will prepare a quote for the June meeting.

BUSINESS

Equipment Auction

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to accept and award the bleacher and railing bid listings #21819518 for $2060 and #21819600 for $1305 both to Steven Wright and accept and award the Tiger Cheetah Mower bid listing #21819141 for $561 to Michael Edmiston. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to relist the 2005 8-foot Fisher Procaster with a lower reserve price to be determined by the road foreman and manager. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Willow Creek Greenway Project Grant Resolution

Diane Hollenbach stated the township is applying for a grant to purchase 2.25 acres of land along the Willow Creek between W Walnut Tree Drive and East Wesner Road. The project will help with flood control, stream bank erosion and improve fishing along the stream. The grant requires a resolution authorizing submittal of the grant and designating authorized signers.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adopt Resolution 15-2019 A Resolution of the Township of Maidencreek, Berks County, Pennsylvania authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Willow Creek Greenway Project to the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler authorizing the solicitor to prepare a sales agreement for 2.25 acres of land at 232 W Walnut Tree Drive, Blandon. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

MS4 Annual Review – Diane Hollenbach presented the Public Education and Outreach Program. No changes were made to the target audiences but the education for agricultural properties was changed to "Agriculture and Your Drinking Water." Additional education will be sent to homeowners with on lot sewage systems entitled, "Protecting Your Drinking Water." Next the Public Involvement and Participation Program was reviewed. Maidencreek Township will need to sponsor some type of stream clean up event.

Executive session was held from 8:17 to 9:08 p.m. on litigation and personnel.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to adjourn the May 9, 2019 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Diane Hollenbach, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer