Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
September 12, 2019

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

Guests: Dan Miller, Keith Shuman, Francis Scott, Ken Withers, Daniel Hoch, Diane Dreibelbis, Lee Turner, Brenda Eaken, Scott Eaken, Richard Wick

Claude Beaver called the September 12, 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 Heidi Fiedler to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the August 8, 2019 regular 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 Joseph Rudderow III to approve the August 2019 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adopt Resolution 17-2019 setting the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the employee pension at $20,000. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Withers of 403 Schaeffer Road, Blandon made the following statements. While Schaeffer Road is a nice smooth surface, he believes the road was raised six inches. The centerline and edge line were painted in a way that moved the center of the road and eliminated the bike lane. There is asphalt over a manhole. The speed limit needs to be reduced between Gallagher Road and East Wesner Road. The engineer will investigate.

Lee Turner, Fleetwood Library thanked the Board of Supervisors for the 2019 donation. The Fleetwood Library has achieved the Gold Star Award for libraries their size. The library plans to move into first floor space in the Fleetwood Community Center to be more visible and ease of access. A committee for a capital campaign is being assembled to raise $400,000 to $500,000.

Daniel Hoch, Fleetwood Library thanked the Board of Supervisors for increasing their donation from $1.00 per capita to $1.25 per capita. To hit the next level of Berks County's funding formula, the library would need a $2.50 per capita donation. The Supervisors were asked to consider increasing the annual donation.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Planning Commission – Mr. Unger reported that his office is working on draft ordinances for gun ranges and pets for the October Planning meeting.

Melrose Place – Tom Unger reported that the developer is working on the punch list items. The developer is in the process of applying for a new NPDES permit after leaving it expire.

Sinkhole repair in Meadowbrook – The sinkhole is repaired with a reverse filter and concrete and Wexcon has submitted a bill for $3,364.77.

Letter of Credit/Escrow Release Letters

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the manager to sign the Letter of Credit release letter for GSP in the amount of $953.10. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the manager to sign the Letter of Credit release letter for Melrose Place in the amount of $2,006.56. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

2019 Road Work

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize and hold application for payment #1 in the amount of $248,472.13 to Ronnie C. Folk Paving. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

5 G Ordinance – Mr. Unger presented the revisions to page 15 of the draft ordinance requiring underground cabinets in residential areas where underground utilities exist. The draft ordinance will be sent to the Berks County Planning Commission for their review. They have forty-five days to complete their review.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to advertise a public hearing for November 14, 2019 on the 5G Zoning Ordinance amendment. Ms. Fiedler withdrew her motion. There was continued discussion on holding the 5G ordinance until the three other zoning ordinance amendments for fireworks, pets and gun ranges were ready for adoption. The Board reached a consensus that the 5G amendment had been on hold a long time and to not wait any longer.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to advertise a public hearing for November 14, 2019 beginning at 7 p.m. on the 5G Zoning Ordinance amendment with the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to follow. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Eugene Orlando, Jr.

Farm 4 Letter of Credit – Mr. Orlando reported that Kevin Manmiller, representative of Giorgio Foods confirmed the agreement to terminate the Letter of Credit and Improvement Agreement was satisfactory. Tom Unger had almost completed the review of the existing conditions plan and must make a site visit. The Board will take action once a signed agreement is returned by Giorgio Foods. The matter was tabled until October.

Treetops Trust – The review of the Treetops Trust will be left on the solicitor's agenda.

Met Ed Hometown Heroes Agreement – Mr. Orlando emailed a redlined agreement to Met Ed. They are reviewing the proposed changes.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Diane Hollenbach

Diane Hollenbach reported that no proposal was received for the Animal Control RFP. Safety Net Sanctuary will be contacted for a contract.

ROAD CREW REPORT

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the purchase of a set of heavy-duty tracks for the mini excavator from Stoney Creek Rentals with the cost not to exceed $1,605. Joseph Rudderow III 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 authorize the purchase of three sets of ear protection/communication headsets from Triangle Communication with the cost not to exceed $2,100. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Keith Shuman, Road Crew foreman, reported that the basketball courts at the Community Park have been sealed. The job went well.

ZONING REPORT

A hearing date has been set with the District Justice for 320 Main Street. The grass and weed complaint at 332 Cassidy Court is waiting for the owner to make a plea.

PARK AND RECREATION

Dog Park – A resident has requested lighting in the dog park. The Board of Supervisors felt that lights would be intrusive on the neighbors. Regulations state that the dog park is open from dawn to dusk. Adding lights would mean the dog park would be open 24 hours.

Blandon Fire Company Play Structure

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize the purchase of the Kids Builder play structure from Little Tykes under the Costars Contract in the amount not to exceed $23,996.00. 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 purchase of plastic edging from Little Tykes in the amount not to exceed $3,632.85. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to set Trick or Treat Night on October 31st from 5 to 9 p.m. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Executive session was held from 7:55 to 8:31 p.m. on acquisition of real estate.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Heidi Fiedler, to adjourn the September 12, 2019 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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Diane Hollenbach, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer