Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
January 9, 2020

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

Guests: Debbie Didyoung, Katelyn Gruber, Cody Rhoads, Donna Kulp, Francis Scott, Dan Miller, Dan Brown, Keith Shuman, David Kostival – Reading Eagle, Scott Eaken, Josh Meck, Andrew Miller, Peter Pritz

Heidi Fiedler called the January 9, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisor to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Maidencreek Township municipal building and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag. Ms. Fiedler made the public aware that the meeting was being videotaped by Dan Brown of Ridge Road, Shoemakersville.

MINUTES & FINANCES

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the December 12, 2019 minutes of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors as presented. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the January 6, 2020 reorganization minutes of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors as presented. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to approve the December 2019 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Kulp, W Wesner Road, Blandon asked what the status is on the Hometown Heroes banners. Diane Hollenbach responded that the poles were finally approved by Met-Ed in December and we are getting in the installer's schedule.

Dan Brown, Ridge Road, Shoemakersville express disappointment in the situation with the police commission. Mr. Brown attended Ontelaunee Township's January meeting and asked them to reconsider their statement of withdraw from the police department. Mr. Brown was concerned about future policing of the area around Lake Ontelaunee. Due to the detour for the West Shore Drive Bridge closure, reaching that area of the Township takes longer. Mr. Brown did not feel that his area would be well served if Maidencreek Township had its own department. Mr. Brown added that Ontelaunee Township is concerned Maidencreek Township is not paying their fair share. To him it seems this is more about personalities then professional responsibilities. Mr. Brown asked Maidencreek Township to act responsible and work things out. Heidi Fiedler thanked Dan for his comments. She added that Maidencreek Township is committed to having the best department, ensuring officer safety and the safety of the public.

The Township currently pays $1.2 million a year and believe we do pay our fair share. Ms. Fiedler invited Mr. Brown to attend the Police Commission meeting on Monday, January 13th.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Tom Unger, P.E., Systems Design Engineering, Inc.
Mr. Unger reported that the Planning Commission is still reviewing a draft gun range ordinance. He also reviewed Penn DOT regulations on stop signs and stop bars. A stop bar does not need to be aligned with the stop sign. The stop bar can be moved forward so vehicles creep up to the stop bar from the stop sign.

Letter of Credit/Escrow Release Letters
A motion was made by Claude Beaver to authorize the manager to sign the Letter of Credit release letter for GSP Properties in the amount of $277,567.62. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Eugene Orlando, Jr.
TreeTops Escrow
Mr. Orlando examined the township records in regards to the TreeTops Developer's Improvements Agreement escrow. There was a draw down on the letter of credit years ago to address improvements the developer had not installed. These defaulted items have been addressed. Items needing attention now do not originate from the original maintenance period. The appropriate action is to return the escrow to the named developer.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to return the TreeTops Subdivision Developer's Improvements Agreement Escrow to 1988 Corp in the amount of $29,357.82. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Ordinances – Mr. Orlando asked if the Board was ready to schedule the hearings for the Traffic Ordinance and Fireworks Ordinance. David Franke asked the Fire Chief to review the Fireworks Ordinance. Both were tabled to the February meeting.

The Authority has asked the Supervisors to defer action on the ordinance needed to increase the term of the Authority.

Right to Know Appeal – Mr. Orlando filed a response to Ontelaunee Township's Right to Know Appeal and as a result, the appeal was withdrawn. The matter is concluded.

320 Main Street, Blandon – Judgement has been obtained against the property and the judgement was entered in the prothonotary's office. There is nothing further to do unless the Board wishes to pursue collection. Judgements when enter remain in priority for a period of five years. After five years, it loses its priority in regards to other creditors.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Diane Hollenbach
Diane Hollenbach provided a written report.

Road Crew Report

Tarp for Dump Truck

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to purchase an electric tarp for the GMC 8500 Dump from EM Kutz for a cost of $2,345.00. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Keith Shuman – CDL A License – Diane Hollenbach congratulated Mr. Shuman for obtaining his CDL A and asked the Board to increase Mr. Shuman's hourly rate in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to approve a rate of pay for Keith Shuman of $30.11 per hour for 2020. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Zoning

Diane Hollenbach stated that a Board member had approached her about putting out requests for proposals for Zoning Officer and Uniform Construction Code Inspector. This is the last professional service that has not been put out for proposal in the last three years

A motion was made by David Franke to advertise for proposals for Township Zoning Officer and Uniform Construction Code Official. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Letter to Jason Valick

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to sign a letter thanking Jason Valick for his service on the Zoning Hearing Board. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Planning Commission Annual Report

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to accept the Planning Commission Annual Report. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Resolution 12-2020 Thanking Joseph Rudderow III for his Service

A motion was made by Claude Beaver to adopt Resolution 12-2020 recognizing Joseph Rudderow III for his service to the Township. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Executive Session 7:25 p.m. to 8:27 p.m. for personnel and litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by David Franke, to adjourn the January 9, 2020 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Diane Hollenbach, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer