Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
March 11, 2021

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

Guests: Anthony Spero, Scott Eaken, Donna Culp, Josh Meck, Robert Wood, Jr., Eric Bauman, Brad Congelio, Heather Schoener, Keith Shuman

By Zoom: Jamie Kilyk, Sean Showalter, Harry Dietz, Kim Berger, Debbie Didyoung, Katelyn Gruber, Cody Rhoads, James Patterson

PUBLIC HEARING

Claude Beaver opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Attorney Orlando.

Public Hearing Ordinance 253

Eugene Orlando, Jr. placed the Board Exhibits for the public hearing on the record. They were:
B1 Proof of Publication in the Reading Eagle on February 18, 2021.
B2 Transmittal letter to Reading Eagle forwarding the full text of the ordinance.
B3 Transmittal letter to the Berks County Law Library evidencing the fact that an attested copy of the ordinance was sent to the Berks County Law Library.
B4 Attested copy of the ordinance with the stamp of the Berks County Law Library attesting they received the ordinance February 19, 2021.

Mr. Orlando read the title of the ordinance into the record. An ordinance of the Township of Maidencreek, Berks County, Pennsylvania amending the Code of Ordinances (Ordinance 223) to adopt and approve amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of Maidencreek Township Authority, as proposed by resolution of the Board of said Authority; setting forth the proposed amendments, authorizing said Authority and the proper officers thereof execute, verify and file appropriate Articles of Amendment and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith. Mr. Orlando explained that this ordinance extends the term of the Authority for fifty years until January 2070 and corrects the address of the Authority. There were no comments on the ordinance from the public. There were no comments on the ordinance from the Board. Mr. Orlando stated that since there are no other comments, the regular meeting was advertised to convene immediately after the hearing and the Board would be taking action on the ordinance during the meeting. Mr. Orlando turned the hearing back to the Chair at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Claude Beaver called the March 11, 2021 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisor to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Maidencreek Township municipal building, and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag. Mr. Beaver announced there was an executive session held March 1, 2021

from 9am to 4pm for litigation and personnel. The supervisors were pleased that the results of the executive session resulted in a positive vote by the Police Commission.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to ratify the vote to rescind the dissolution of the Northern Berks Regional Police Department. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to return the employment applications to the police officers that applied for the Maidencreek Police Department. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

MINUTES & FINANCES

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the February 11, 2021 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 Heidi Fiedler to approve the February 2021 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Eaken of Berk road, Shoemakersville thanked the Board of Supervisors for remaining steadfast and taking the time to work on rescinding the dissolution. You made the officers and their families very happy.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Tom Unger, P.E., Systems Design Engineering, Inc.
Mr. Unger reported that all plans are current.

Planning Module

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the township secretary to sign the Kopfer Planning Module and transmittal letter. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adopt Resolution 20-2021 to submit the Kopfer Subdivision Planning Module to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Redner's Highway Occupancy Permit Application – Mr. Unger will be contacting the developer's engineer to submit signed and sealed plans for review prior to the Township executing the Highway Occupancy Permit.

Storm Water Committee – Mr. Unger reported that the storm water committee met Monday. The Board of Supervisors reviewed photos of the stream movement, sediment and bank erosion in the

vicinity of W Walnut Tree Drive bridge. David Franke asked if riprap or gabion baskets could be used. Mr. Unger stated that it would depend on what was allowed by the Department of Environmental Protection. The Board directed the staff to look for grants for stream bank stabilization and restoration.

No Parking on Route 222 – Mr. Unger has requested guidance from Penn DOT on the parameter of the traffic study required.

James Patterson of Spirit Court asked if anyone was in his backyard. Tom Unger responded that his property was surveyed for a profile as discussed in the Fall. Mr. Patterson added that the people on Spirit Court and Cornerstone Drive would appreciate the same work being done for them that the township is discussing on W Walnut Tree Drive. He asked what was discussed in regards in regards to that. Tom Unger stated that the road crew had removed debris and dead trees already. Mr. Patterson stated that every time it rains a second stream forms and approaches the back yards. Claude Beaver explained that the Penn DOT bridge at Route 73 impedes the water. Mr. Patterson expressed frustration with the Board and felt his issue was being ignored.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Eugene Orlando, Jr.
Maidencreek Township Authority Articles of Incorporation – Mr. Orlando stated that an ordinance needs to be adopted by the township to change the Maidencreek Township Authority's Articles of Incorporation to extend the term of the Authority until January 21, 2070 and change the Authority's address.

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Ordinance 253 amending the Articles of Incorporation of the Maidencreek Township Authority. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Diane Hollenbach
Diane Hollenbach provided a written report.
Uniforms – The Board agreed that the road crew could switch their uniform pants to jeans and cargo shorts for the summer at $1 per person per week additional.

Primary Election Day – Mrs. Hollenbach updated the Board on four candidates running for Supervisor in the May Primary. She asked the Supervisors to think about what they wanted to do as the union contract allows for Primary Election day as a day off if the Supervisors approve it.

BUSINESS
Letter from the Maidencreek Township Authority – The Maidencreek Township Authority updated the Supervisors on upcoming capital projects and asked if there were any joint projects the Supervisors wished to do. The Board did not have any projects in mind.

Red Knights Request for Letter to Penn DOT – Mike Berger explained the purpose of the memorial ride to honor Erik Hirner and asked the Supervisors for a letter giving permission to have the ride and block a few intersections for about five minutes. Fire police will be helping with traffic control. The letter is needed by March 20th. Mr. Orlando stated that the Township needs the exact route and a certificate of liability insurance naming the township as additional insured. The route was provided through email and recited again at the meeting.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the township manager to issue a letter to the Red Knights granting approval to have the Erik Hirner Memorial Ride conditional upon receipt of a certificate of insurance naming Maidencreek Township as additional insured, receipt of written route and the route does not change, and that Penn DOT ultimately consents to the ride. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Scott Eaken of Berk Road, Shoemakersville commented that this was being done correctly by going through Penn DOT for a permit and this ride seems better organized than any ride he has seen previously. Hearing no further questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Truck #6 Replacement

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the purchase of 2021 Ford F550 from Manderbach Ford in the amount of $47,761. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and commented that she was glad to see the paperwork and the purchase order submitted pending board approval. Hearing no further comments on the motion, it passed unanimously.

ATC Controller Replacement Traffic Signal at Park Road and Excelsior Drive

A motion was made by David Franke to approve the replacement of the controller on the traffic light at Park Road and Excelsior Drive with a McCain ATC Controller by Telco Inc in the amount of $5,200. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Police Update – David Franke appreciated all the boards and Albright College for providing a space for everyone to come together and open the lines of communication. He reiterated that there has never been a problem with the officers and the dissolution of the department was about finances. He informed the public that the Chief is retiring and the Commission will be looking for a replacement. In the meantime, Detective Sergeant Wood is Officer in Charge. Heidi Fiedler stated that she was happy the Commission came back together for the benefit of the community and was appreciative of the time the public put in to the matter. Claude Beaver asked if the Board wished to give the police chief applications to the Commission. David Franke stated that the Commission is willing to look at our resumes but will still be advertising for the chief of police position. Gene Orlando stated that the Maidencreek applicants should be checked with for their consent to forward their resumes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler, seconded by David Franke, to adjourn the March 11, 2021 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

An executive session was held for potential litigation from 7:44 p.m.to 8:30 p.m.

Diane Hollenbach

Diane Hollenbach, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer