Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
July 8, 2021
7 P.M.

Attending: Heidi Fiedler, David Franke, Tom Unger and Christine Stivers of Systems Design Engineering, Eugene Orlando, Jr. of Orlando Law Offices, and Diane Hollenbach

Absent: Claude Beaver

Guests: Donna Culp, Richard Wick, Eric Bauman, Jim Keiser, Dan Miller, Keith Shuman

Zoom Guests: Katelyn Gruber, Debbie Didyoung

David Franke called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to waive the reading of the June 10, 2021 meeting minutes and approve them as presented. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members present voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to approve the June 2021 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members present voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

REPORTS

Engineer

Redner's Quick Shop and Car Wash Final Land Development Plan

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to accept the developer's letter extending the review period for the Redner's Quick Shop and Car Wash Final Land Development Plan until December 10, 2021. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members present voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Street Project – The annual street paving project contracts have been signed. The next step will be the preconstruction meeting.

Letter of Credit and Escrow Releases

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the Township Manager to sign the developer's letter of credit and escrow release letter for Berkshire Builders for $842.11. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members present voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Stream Bank Presentation – Christine Stivers of Systems Design Engineering, Inc. presented a conceptual layout for the Willow Creek between East Wesner Road and W. Walnut Tree Drive. The area has been accessed. The initial area is on private land which will require an easement. There is erosion and siltation. Ms. Stivers suggested that a gravel bar be removed and the slopes repaired near the W. Walnut Tree culvert and channel deflectors installed along the length of the

stream project. SDE will meet with Berks Nature and the Berks County Conservation District to narrow down the areas to improve. Dave Franke asked about dredging the stream, the limitation and how much sediment could be removed. Tom Unger stated there are limitations. SDE is suggesting applying for a general permit and permitting could take until the end of the year. Maintenance can be performed now for a length of fifty feet from the culvert. Planting trees will be investigated and depends on the velocity of the water. Donna Culp of W Wesner Road asked how this project will impact the flow at Route 73. Tom Unger felt that the township would be addressing erosion issues and not increasing the flow. Heidi Fiedler stated that Larry Lloyd said the Garcia property could be made into a basin area. Dave Franke asked if the road crew would do the work, and if we were working in the stream when the water was low. Tom Unger was not certain if the road crew would perform the work, and there will be restrictions based on trout stocking.

Solicitor
Yard Waste Drop Off Agreement – Mr. Orlando reported that the agreement for the existing drop off site is in the property owners' hands for review.

Application for Zoning Changes – The solicitor, engineer and manger worked on creating the application for zoning changes. The application is in the hands of the Folinos and their counsel.

99 Dries Road Property Maintenance – Mr. Orlando researched the owner of 99 Dries Road. The owner has passed away, and an estate has been opened. The executor's contact information will be provided to the manager; so, the code enforcement officer can send another notice of violation.

New Law on Meeting Agendas – Information will be forthcoming on the new law signed by the Governor that changes the format of meeting agendas.

Manager – The manager provided a written report and informed the Board that the State Police would be performing a safety inspection of the building in July.

Hope Drive Block Party - The Board of Supervisors agreed to allow the upper horseshoe section of Hope Drive to be blocked off to traffic August 15 from 2p.m. to 8p.m for a block party as long as all residents in the block party area were notified in advance of the street closure and that emergency vehicles were allowed access at all times for emergency response.

Sand Blasting Fuel Tanks – Keith Shuman requested approval of a quote from Onimus Welding and Fabrication for $1,460 to sandblast the fuel tanks prior to painting. Heidi Fiedler requested pictures of the fuel tanks in the municipal parking lot. Item tabled.

W Walnut Tree Drains – Keith Shuman requested purchasing eight "C-Tops" for drains on West Walnut tree Drive at a cost of $215 each. Heidi Fiedler requested a picture of each drain and asked when the report on all the drains in the township will be completed. Mr. Shuman ~~felt~~ stated it would be completed in August. Discussion was held on photographing each drain and

attaching it to the GIS system after a drainage overlay is uploaded to the current GIS system. Tom Unger will look into this and come up with a plan to implement.

BUSINESS

Truck Financing Lease Agreement

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adopt Resolution 24-2021 authorizing the manager to sign the Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Tax Exempt Leasing Corp for a loan in the amount of $90,113. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members present voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Yard Waste Site – Diane Hollenbach reported that the Maidencreek Township Authority had authorized the property next to the municipal complex be donated to the Township for a yard waste drop off site.

Stop Sign Request at East Wesner Road and Schaeffer Road – The Board reviewed a letter requesting a three way stop at East Wesner Road and Schaeffer Road to deter speeding. Tom Unger stated that stop signs are not installed to control speeding. The Board asked the Police Chief to put the speed sign up in that area. The police department has been using the speed sign at various places in the Township and the majority of cars are not speeding. The Board of Supervisors instructed the manger to send a response that included an explanation as to why the Board was denying this request.

America 250 Resolution – Tabled

Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adopt Resolution 25-2021 Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement that covers all traffic signals in the township. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members present voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Annual MS4 Update – Diane Hollenbach stressed the various deadlines that must be met for the MS4 program and told the board that all the information was kept in a notebook that anyone could use if needed. She then reviewed the six minimum control measures and commented that an emphasis on the reporting illegal discharge was a large part of the education in 2021. A model ordinance was distributed and the need for its adoption by 2022 was discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Heidi Fiedler asked the status of the request to return funds from Northern Berks Regional Police Department. Dave Franke stated that the Commission would incorporate it in the budgeting process. The department will be hiring officers soon and just hired an administrative assistant. The Commission is working on many things and the payout of excess cash will be at the end of the year. Donna Culp of W Wesner Road, Blandon asked if the Board was discussing percentages. Dave Franke explained that the Commission was looking at percentages for next year and looking at man hours. Heidi Fiedler stated that there was well over $600,000 on hand and felt that $100,000 could go back to the municipalities. Dave Franke felt the Commission

should proceed cautiously because there are a lot of expenses that are part of the transition such as training, adding programs to the CODY system, revising Standard Operating Procedures.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adjourn the July 8, 2021 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. David Franke seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hollenbach