Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
October 14, 2021
7 P.M.

Attending: Claude Beaver, Heidi Fiedler, David Franke (by telephone), Tom Unger of Systems Design Engineering, Eugene Orlando, Jr. of Orlando Law Offices, and Diane Hollenbach

Guests: Donna Culp, Eric Bauman, Jim Keiser, Anthony Spero, Josh Meck, Richard Wick, Dan Miller, Jim Schoellkopf, Jr., Keith Shuman

Zoom Guests: Katelyn Gruber, Debbie Didyoung, Jim Cecchini, Cody Rhoads

Claude Beaver 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 September 9, 2021 meeting minutes and approve them as presented. Claude Beaver seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REPORTS

Engineer

Tom Unger of System Design Engineering, Inc. updated the board on outstanding projects. A new planner is joining his firm, and he will be completing the review on Melrose Place Overlay request as well as the Act 50 review. The paving project is complete but the final paperwork is not complete. Work continues on the permit for West Walnut Tree bridge. The model storm water ordinance from the PA DEP is being reviewed. The GIS map of the storm water system is complete and will be put on the MTA GIS system.

Blandon Meadows Parkway Stream Bank Complaint – Mr. Unger looked at the stream at 346 and 350 Blandon Meadows Parkway. The stream is flooding the back yards which are in the 100-year floodplain. The Township could clean up debris but dredging the creek will take a permit. Mr. Unger advised that he does not think the Township should get involved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Josh Meck, Fleetwood Area Association of Baseball stated that he had public comment. Baseball will remove the bating cage in November. Mr. Meck thanked the board for use of the facility.

REPORTS (continued)

Solicitor

Blandon Fire Company Tax Exempt Financing

Eugene Orlando reported that the resolution needed to approve tax exempt financing for the Blandon Fire Company truck debt requires a public hearing.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the solicitor to advertise a public hearing to consider the fire department's financing of a ladder truck on November 11, 2021 at 7 p.m. Dave Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed. Mr. Orlando advised that the advertisement must be posted at the township building, the Fire Department and on each of the websites.

61 Lake Shore Drive, Fleetwood – Mr. Orlando drafted a resolution for the transfer of the property from the Authority to the Township and distributed it to the board for review.

232 West Walnut Tree Drive – Mr. Orlando reviewed the bankruptcy and notice of violation and advised the code enforcement officer that the violation was established, there was no appeal and a complaint could be filed with the District Justice to establish a penalty.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the solicitor and code enforcement officer to proceed with the filing of a complaint before the district justice to pursue fines. Claude Beaver seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, Claude Beaver and Davide Franke voted, "Aye." Heidi Fiedler abstained. Motion passed

Yard Waste Agreement – no action.

Manager – The manager provided a written report.

Freightliner M2106

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the purchase of 2022 or 2023 Freightliner M2106 for $82,225. Dave Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed. The fit out of the truck will be specified and priced next year.

Mastic Melter – Keith Shuman, road crew foreman, explained that he would like to rent a mastic melter which will seal edges of asphalt and patch alligator cracks in roads. Heidi Fiedler asked how long the repair would last. Keith Shuman stated they tested it on Barlet Road three years ago and it is still holding up. Claude Beaver asked how thick the overlay would be and if the material could be feathered so the plow doesn't catch on the edge. Keith Shuman answered ½ inch to ¾ inches thick and the product could be feathered.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the rental of the Crack Pro Mastic Machine for $5,338.20 for one week. Heidi Fielder seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Police Budget

Heidi Fiedler stated it appears that there is $750,000 in the Northern Berks Regional Police Department bank accounts. She would like to see money returned to the municipalities. She asked that the representatives to the Commission ask for the money back during the budget

process. David Franke stated that it has been discussed, and the Commission is going to do the budget first and then see what is left to refund at the end of the year. The police department needs a cushion to begin the next year.

BUSINESS

Appoint Zoning Hearing Board Member

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler adopting Resolution 29-2021 appointing Joseph Rudderow III to the Maidencreek Township Zoning Hearing Board until December 31, 2022. Dave Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

2022 Addendum to the Recycling Contract

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2022 Addendum to the Recycling Contract with an annual price of $133,158.68. Dave Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed. This is a five percent increase.

2022 Animal Control Contract

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the manager to sign the 2022 Animal Control Contract with Safety Net Sanctuary for an annual cost of $2,000. Dave Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Authority Office Requirement Letter – The Board of Supervisors were not opposed to jointly planning a building and sharing resources and cost; however, the main concern is cost.

2022 Budget Meeting

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the manager to advertise the 2022 Budget meeting for November 18, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building. Dave Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

West Wesner Road Drain – Keith Shuman brought the deterioration of the W. Wesner Road trench drain to the Board's attention. The concrete is in good shape but the metal plates are deteriorating. His plan is to get new angle and rebar into the concrete apron, install bracing across the drain and replace the sixteen individual grates with three grates. Mr. Shuman suggested this would be a good spring project for the road crew. W. Wesner Road would need to be closed during the project for three to four days during working hours.

A motion was made by David Franke to allow the road crew to make the repair on West Wesner Road trench drain. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adjourn the October 14, 2021 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. David Franke seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hollenbach