Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
December 9, 2021
7 P.M.

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

Guests: Donna Culp, Eric Bauman, Jim Keiser, Anthony Spero, Josh Meck, Richard Wick, Dan Miller, Jim Schoellkopf, Jr., Keith Shuman, Mike Schittler, Sal Folino, Stefano Folino, Heather Schoener, Kyle Hawver, Joe Rudderow III Zoom Guests: Katelyn Gruber, Brian Wise, Cody Rhoads, Jim Cecchini, Vickie Solberg

Claude Beaver called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 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 November 11, 2021 meeting minutes and the following statement she made to page 1, paragraph 6, "During a board discussion on longevity payments, Heidi Fiedler stated that Diane Hollenbach received a longevity payment in 2020 without board approval." David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to waive the reading of the November 18, 2021 special meeting minutes. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Heidi Fielder to adopt Resolution 32-2021 Real Estate Tax Rate. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Rudderow III thanked Claude Beaver for his sixteen years of service. He stated it was a pleasure working with Claude. Claude will be remembered for his hard work and dedication and always had the taxpayers' best interests in mind. Jo wished Claude the best of luck with his retirement.

REPORTS

Police Report

Chief Keiser reported that in Maidencreek Township there were 280 calls for service, 86 citations issued, 79 warnings issued, 147 vehicle stops, and 2 arrests. There were 18 crashes; 7 were reportable and 11 were nonreportable. 5,100 miles were driven, and 809.56 hours spent in Maidencreek Township for the month of November which equaled 26.99 day hours. The Department is participating in No Shave November and will be extending it to Don't Shave December. The officers will pick a charity to donate the $25 each officer pays to participate. The new police secretary will start in the beginning of the year.

Engineer

Redner's Quick Shop and Car Wash Land Development Plan Time Extension

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to accept the review period time extension for the Redner's Quick Shop and Car Wash Land Development Plan until March 15, 2022 offered by the developer's agent. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Jojaz Land Development Plan Time Extension

A motion was made by David Franke to accept the review period time extension for the Jojaz Land Development Plan until March 10, 2022 offered by the developer's agent. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Berkshire Builders Escrow Release Letter

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the manager to sign the letter of credit/escrow release letter for Berkshire Property Management Company in the amount of $172.85. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Solicitor

Purchase of 324 Main Street, Blandon

A motion was made by David Franke adopting Resolution 33-2021 purchasing real estate from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and authorizing the township manager to conclude the transaction on behalf of the township. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

61 Lake Shore Drive, Fleetwood

A motion was made by David Franke to amend the agenda to include adoption of Resolution 34-2021 authorizing the township manager to conclude the acquisition of 61 Lake Shore Drive. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

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Survey of 324 Main Street, Blandon

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the manager to get quotes for the survey of 324 Main Street. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Manager – The manager provided a written report.

Drop Box for Tax Collector

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the purchase and installation of a red drop box for the tax collector to receive payments in at the municipal building. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed. The tax collector will have all the keys to the drop box.

Purchase of Crack Seal

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the purchase of four skids of crack seal for a cost of $4410. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

BUSINESS

Supervisor Pay Increase – Diane Hollenbach explained that this item was requested to be on the agenda and that members of the Board of Supervisors that would vote for the ordinance increasing the Board of Supervisors salary from $1200 to $2500 annually would not be able to receive the increase until they were re-elected.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize advertisement of the proposed ordinance increasing the Board of Supervisors pay to $2,500 annually. David Franke stated that he would not second the motion because he felt that being a supervisor is about service to the community. Claude Beaver agreed with David Franke and the motion died for a lack of a second.

2022 Budget Adoption – The Board agreed to spend ARPA funds on a generator for the fire company emergency management shelter in the amount of $15,000 and $18,000 for intubation tubes for the Ambulance.

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Resolution 35-2021 approving the 2022 Budget. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Part Time Equipment Operator

A motion was made by David Franke authorizing the advertisement of a part time equipment operator position. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

High Density Residential Development – Claude Beaver asked if the Planning Commission was finished working on the changes. Heidi Fiedler stated that there is public support for no residential development in the C1 zoning district. Tom Unger explained that the C1 zoning district does not lend itself to high density residential development and you wouldn't want to give up commercial land for low density residential development. The Planning Commission would like to look at an ordinance amendment addressing medium density residential or mixed use. Heidi Fiedler agreed with the engineer's assessment; felt that any residential is not appropriate and does not want to devote more township dollars to pursue this.

Sal Folino, attorney for the landowner of the Melrose Place Commercial Subdivision stated that 55 and older townhouses are permitted by conditional use and asked if this use will be eliminated. Mr. Unger was not proposing taking it out of the C1 zoning. Mr. Folino asked if 55

and older townhouses are okay, how are they different from high density development. Mr. Unger stated that 55 and older communities do not have the same traffic volume or the same burden on the school district. Sal Folino read the attached letter into the record regarding Supervisor Fiedler's involvement at Planning Commission meetings in the review of the proposed zoning overlay district.

Heidi Fiedler stated that she was opposed from the beginning. Other residents opposed this on their own. Systems Design Engineering did their own investigation. She was opposed to spending any more time or money and would not recuse herself from the vote. Mr. Unger stated that he had no correspondence or contact with Supervisor Fiedler and prepared the review letter independent of the Board. Claude Beaver stated that the Board is not obligated to do anything with the overlay district. The Planning Commission is still working on it. Let them finish their job. David Franke agreed.

RAWA Funding Support Request

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the manager to send an email of support for the Reading Area Water Authority's securing funding through the ARP program to improve the Lake Ontelaunee earthen dam. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Berks County Bicycle and Transportation Plan – The Board had no comment on the Berks County recreation plan.

Affidavit of Completion and Termination of the Developer's Improvement Agreement for 311 June Avenue, Blandon – Gene Orlando explained that the improvements at 311 June Avenue were completed in 1998 and the escrow released in 2007. The improvements agreement allows for the owner to request an affidavit of completion, which is needed for the settlement of the property.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign the Affidavit of Completion and Termination of the Developer's Improvement Agreement for 311 June Avenue, Blandon. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Resolution Recognizing the Service of Claude Beaver

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adopt 36-2021 Recognizing the service of Claude Beaver. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, Claude Beaver abstained. Heidi Fiedler and David Franke voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adjourn the December 9, 2021 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. David Franke seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Hollenbach