Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
July 14, 2022
7 P.M.

Attending: David Franke, Heidi Fiedler, Joshua Meck, Hunter Ahrens, Christina Hafer, Eric Frey, Esq. of E. Kenneth Nyce, and Tom Unger of Systems Design Engineering, Inc.

Guests: Eric Bauman, Anthony Spero, Jarrett Gibboney, Donna Bissinger, Scott Zimmerman, Donna Culp, Mike Schittler, Robin Fink, Dennis, Fink, Aaron Rogers, Heather Schoen, Lee Turner.

Attending on Zoom: Brooke Meck, Debbie Didyoung, and several other residents.

David Franke called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to amend the agenda to add an opening pledge to the flag, public comments, and police report. Joshua Meck seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to accept the minutes for June 9, 2022. Joshua Meck seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

A motion was made by Joshua Meck to accept the minutes for June 27, 2022. Heidi Fiedler 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 June Treasurer's Report and approve the Check Request List for June and July bills. Joshua Meck seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Bauman, 208 Wales Way - Stated at the June Police Commission Meeting the township representative shared an issue that there is about $780,000 in various bank accounts for the Police Commission and requested approximately $200,000 be returned to the municipalities. Mr. Bauman commented it is premature due to the year not being half over. The Police Commission is looking to hire new officers, purchase additional cars, and other bills. The budget for the Police Commission is smaller than Maidencreek Township. Mr. Bauman asked if the representative was speaking for the entire board. He also commented this should not be brought up in every Police Commission Meeting.

Heidi Fiedler addressed the comment, stating the $700,000 is in reserve beyond the operating costs for the Police Commission's monthly expenses. The Police Commission does not have the costs that the municipalities have.

David Franke stated the Police Commission should not have to address returning excess money until the end of the year. He added this was decided a year ago that it would not be addressed until the end of the year. Dave Franke added the Police Chief is doing a great job, everything is running smoothly. Anything could happen at the Police Department creating additional expenses. Mr. Franke commented that we should not be moving money back and forth.

Joshua Meck said the Police Commission could discuss this issue in November.

Lee Turner, President of the Fleetwood Area Library – Mrs. Turner shared that the Fleetwood Area Library serves Maidencreek Township Fleetwood Borough, and Richmond Township. On behalf of the Fleetwood Area Library, Mrs. Turner wanted to thank Maidencreek Township for their support. The Fleetwood Area Library will not receive County and State funding without the support of municipalities. Fleetwood Area Library falls below the levels of funding. The library goes out into the communities with programs educating everyone in the service area. The library has a director who goes out into the community to bring several types of programs and resources to educate all those in the service area. The Fleetwood Area Library is very viable, with many programs, in one month over 6200 items were checked out. The library needed updating and the renovations cost $680,000 and the library is still $15,000 short. The Fleetwood Area Library will have fundraisers to help pay it off.

REPORTS

Police Report
Chief Keiser gave the Northern Berks Regional Police Department June report. Chief Keiser reviewed the June activity report, which will be on the Department's Facebook page.
The Northern Berks Regional Police Department should soon receive the bodycams and in-car cameras are on backorder. Chief Keiser reminded everyone that National Night Out is August 2, 2022, at Schuylkill Valley High School. Fleetwood and Hamburg Police Departments will be joining, as well as the local fire departments.

Engineer
Accept extension of time for Trinity Bible Fellowship Land Development. The plan expires on August 11, 2022. Planning Commission has recommended the Board reject the plan if no extension or approval by August 11, 2022, due to the timing of the Board Meeting on the same day. A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to reject the plan if a time extension is not received or the plan is not approved by August 11, 2022. Joshua Meck seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Subdivisions and Zoning Issues. The Maidencreek Associates warehouse filed their planning module exemption form to be submitted to DEP for sewage only. A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize the manager to sign the module exemption form. Joshua Meck seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

The Pennsylvania DEP Growing Greener. The grant applications were submitted.

Bids were Awarded for the Paving Project to Asphalt Maintenance. Keith Shuman is looking to proceed for August 2022. Mr. Shuman shared that he has everything mostly under control and will be ready.

Discussion of 2023 Recycling Contract. **TABLED**

Yard Waste Facility Construction. **TABLED**

Solicitor
Eric Frey stated the warehouse has received Tom Unger's review letter on both the land development and the conditional use application. Mr. Frey anticipates they will attend the Planning Commission Meeting in August. If they change the plans in response to the letter, they will not be in front of the board until September.

Park and Recreation
No discussion

Public Works
Discussion on road work. Keith Shuman stated the road work is about 75% complete. He estimated about five to six more paving days which is in line with the schedule for the August date. Mr. Shuman commented everyone has done a great job getting the work done to meet the deadlines.

Township Manager
Hunter Ahrens apologized to everyone for the zoom meeting issues and added that he will have that tightened up for the next meeting. He stated the bills are getting paid, he met with the Chief of Police, Detective Sergeant Wood, the Fire Chief, and several other members of the community. Mr. Ahrens commented that things are moving forward on what the board would expect for the efficient operations of the township.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adopt Resolution 16 of 2022 setting the township manager, Hunter Ahrens salary at $62,400. Joshua Meck seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

BUSINESS

Physical and Security Improvement for the Municipal Building and the Community Park. The township is putting more cameras up at the park due to vandalism and securing the township building. The township received quotes for cameras and magnetic doors. Remote system for the park that is DVR recorded so the police have access to the recordings. Updating the fire equipment in the township building. A motion was made by Joshua Meck to go forward with Redner's not to exceed $20,800 for the Security of the Park and Municipal Building. Heidi Fielder seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion Passed.

Pure Metals repaired and rebuild the drain on W. Wesner Road. The cost would be more than $2,000.00. A motion was made by Heidi Fielder to procure with Pure Metals not to exceed $3,000.00. Joshua Meck seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion Passed.

Sinkhole near 420 Troy Drive. The sinkhole was beyond eight feet deep and 8 to 10 inches wide. A motion was made by Joshua Meck to accept the emergency declaration on Resolution 17 of 2022. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion Passed.

Resignation of Greg Wolfe, Heavy Equipment Operator. A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to accept the resignation of Greg Wolfe with regret. Joshua Meck seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion Passed.

320 Main Street Encroachment Issue. Joshua Meck and Dave Franke stated they had an executive session with the property owner giving him 60 days to resolve the issue. Mr. Meck and Mr. Franke said there is some improvement with the property.

Recycling contract Renewal. David Franke stated that work should be started on it now for alternative bids. The Board had a consensus with the Township Manager and began to draft the Recycling Bid.

Change in Cellular Carrier. **TABLED**

The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:23 pm for litigation issues and employment issues.

The Board returned to the meeting room at 9:08 pm.

The Board recessed back into Executive Session at 9:08 pm.

The Board returned to the meeting room at 9:09 pm.

A motion was made by Joshua Meck to amend the agenda for the Township Manager contract. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion Passed.

A motion was made by Joshua Meck to vote on Township Manager's contract. 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 July 14, 2022, meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Josh Meck seconded the motion. All members voted “Aye.” The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer
Township Secretary