Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
September 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Attending: David Franke, Joshua Meck, Eric Bauman, Diane Hollenbach, Eric Frey, Esq. of E. Kenneth Nyce Law Office, Pamela Stevens of Systems Design Engineering, Diane Hollenbach, Township Manager, and Christina Hafer, Recording Secretary.

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman), Dan Miller, Fire Chief at Blandon Fire Company, Donna Culp, Anthony Spero, Jesiah Newsome, Nancy Runyon, Aaron Rogers, Marcus Shellenberger, Gavin Milligan, Michael Meleta, and other guests.

Attending the Zoom: Brooke Meck.

David Franke called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

David Franke asked everyone to stay standing for remembrance of September 11th.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Joshua Meck motioned to approve the September 12, 2024, Agenda. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the August 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT – No comments

REPORTS

Northern Berks Regional Police – David Franke reviewed the August 2024 activity report. National Night Out has been rescheduled for September 24th from 5:00 pm to 8 p.m.

Engineering & Zoning Reports – **Pamela Stevens**

Motion to accept the letter of withdrawal for the Jojaz Subdivision Plan.

Joshua Meck motioned to accept the letter of withdrawal for the Jojaz Subdivision Plan. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the time extension for the submittal of the Jojaz Final Land Development Plan until December 13, 2024.

Joshua Meck motioned to accept the time extension for the submittal of the Jojaz Final Land Development Plan until December 13, 2024. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to grant conditional plan approval for the Gloria Gerhard Estate Final Subdivision Plan conditioned upon compliance with the Systems Design Engineering August 30, 2024, review letter which is incorporated by reference.

Eric Bauman motioned to grant conditional plan approval for the Gloria Gerhard Estate Final Subdivision Plan conditioned upon compliance with the Systems Design Engineering August 30, 2024, review letter which is incorporated by reference. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the following waivers for Heeby's Surplus Land Development Plan.

Joshua Meck motioned to approve the following waivers, §190-22 allowing the developer to combine the preliminary and final plans, §190-32.L(3) and §190-34 to waive the requirements for curb and sidewalk, and §190-36 allowing steel pins instead of monuments for Heeby's Surplus Land Development Plan. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to advertise the Solar Ordinance for adoption.

Joshua Meck motioned to advertise the Solar Ordinance for adoption. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to approve geotechnical investigation for Cornerstone Bridge replacement through Earth Engineering $6,550.00.

Joshua Meck motioned to approve a geotechnical investigation for Cornerstone Bridge replacement through Earth Engineering for $6,550.00. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to approve payment to Schlouch for 109 Fleming Street sinkhole remediation $4,788.00.

Joshua Meck motioned to approve payment to Schlouch for 109 Fleming Street sinkhole remediation for $4,788.00. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Consider action as needed on the salt shed project. SDE reviewing specifications. Authorization was given previously to purchase.

Pamela Stevens said Tom Unger is reviewing the specifications as the structural engineer on behalf of the Township. Joshua Meck said they approved not to exceed $100,000.00 at the last meeting. The concerns were about the height of the building and added another row of blocks with an updated cost of $76,764.00.

Adopt resolution for Act 537 Plan Revision for the Deerfoot Winery Planning Module.

Joshua Meck motioned to adopt resolution 22-2024 for Act 537 Plan Revision for the Deerfoot Winery Planning Module and a waiver letter for the hydro study. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Solicitor – Eric Frey, Esq.

An executive session will be held after the meeting for litigation matters on 320 Main Street and response for the warehouse where the developer filed a petition for bond.
An executive session was held at last month's meeting.

Public Works – Keith Shuman

Approve emergency repair of stormwater pipe on East Wesner Road by Ambrous Company LLC for $19,340.00.

Joshua Meck explained the reasons for the repair on East Wesner Road and was able to locate a metal pipe but will need another storm drain with additional costs.

David Franke motioned to approve the emergency repair of the stormwater pipe on East Wesner Road by Ambrous Company LLC for $19,340.00 plus $10,860.00 additional costs. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Approve the purchase of a sign inventory system from Jamar Technologies for $ 2,660.00 with bond money.

Joshua Meck and Keith Shuman said the new system will track signs, streetlights, and storm drains, with a database to track many things.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the purchase of a sign inventory system from Jamar Technologies for $2,660.00. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Approve plow and spreader purchase with a cost not to exceed $11,157.00 with bond money.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the purchase of a plow and spreader with a cost not to exceed $11,157.00. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Approve repair and sandblasting/painting of Peterbilt truck for $5,762.50 with bond money.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve repairs and sandblasting/painting of the Peterbilt truck for $5,762.50. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Approve the purchase of a paving roller with bond money.

David Franke motioned to approve the purchase of a paving roller. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Approve the purchase of a 40'x40' Britespan shelter through Sourcewell with bond money.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the purchase of a 40'x40' Britespan shelter through Sourcewell near the Yard Waste Site. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Approve hydro vac of East Wesner Road pipe Onimus LLC $3,285.88.

Joshua Meck motioned to approve Onimus LLC to hydro vac East Wesner Road pipe for $3,285.88. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Approve mini excavator repair at Stauffer Repair Shop for $3,500.00.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the mini excavator repair at Stauffer Repair Shop for $3,500.00. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Approve purchase of skid loader $75,765.25 with bond money.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the purchase of a skid loader for $75,765.25. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Park and Recreation – Aaron Rogers

Discussion/appointment of Park and Recreation Board Member with term ending 12/31/2027.

Marcus Shellenberger introduced himself to the Board, giving a summary of himself and his family and expressing why he would like to serve on the Park and Recreation Board.

Joshua Meck motioned to appoint Marcus Shellenberger to the Park and Recreation Board with a term ending 12/31/2027. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Accept Anthony Spero's resignation from the Park and Recreation Board.

The Board thanked Anthony Spero for serving on the Park and Recreation Board and would like to send a letter of appreciation to him.

Eric Bauman motioned to accept Anthony Spero's resignation from the Park and Recreation Board. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Discussion/appointment of Park and Recreation Board Member with term ending 12/31/2026.

David Franke motioned to appoint Raquel Bonilla to the Park and Recreation Board with a term ending 12/31/2026. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Michael Meleta, 207 Genesis Drive, thanked the Board for the garbage cans that were placed near the Pickleball Court. Mr. Meleta asked if he could have permission to use two of the Pickleball Courts for clinics using Team Reach, charging $20.00 a person. The Board has legal concerns with a for-profit clinic and will not give permission to charge anyone on Township property. Mr. Meleta spoke about how he would like the wall to be painted and is in contact with the Fleetwood Area School District art teacher about helping out. There is an issue with the wooden wall and the Board discussed the fence around the Pickleball Court with Mr. Meleta.

Manager – Diane Hollenbach

Diane Hollenbach said the Township has received the draft NPEDS permit which will be advertised by the DEP and Pennsylvania Publication for 30 days, after that it will become official and the annual report was filed by SDE. Ms. Hollenbach is working with Service Electric and PenTeleData on the cameras and they will work directly with Stratix. It will be about $72.00 a month due to needing a modem in the office. Diane Hollenbach also spoke at the Lion's Club and updated them on the Township. Redner's warehouse has spoken with the Authority about doing a bakery, meat packing, and vegetable washing at the warehouse and SDE will have to see if this is a change of use, land development, and a commercial kitchen permit will be needed.

Joshua Meck said PennDOT is mowing the basins. Diane Hollenbach said they designed them to get an NPEDS permit and put in hydraulic soils and special grass so they can not use a regular mower. They hired four people who go from one end of the county to the other and do it by hand and would only be able to take care of it once a year. She thanked Mr. Meck for contacting PennDOT.

OLD BUSINESS

Authorization to contact Penn DOT to perform a study for the installation of left turn arrows on Route 222.

David Franke agreed to authorize contacting PennDOT for left turn arrows at Route 222 turning onto Route 73. There was an accident that spilled fuel onto the road which could create a problem with fuel getting into the storm drains and then into the nearby waterways. Diane Hollenbach explained that PennDOT said when the roundabout project was completed the

Township could ask for a traffic study at the intersection of Route 222 and Route 73 to see if it warrants left turn arrows. She said we would contact Dave Maloney's office to write a letter of support to PennDOT. The Board continued to discuss the problems at this intersection to make it safe.

Decision regarding switching to 95-gallon recycling containers provided at no charge by JP Mascaro. If the Board agrees, a motion is needed to amend the recycling ordinance.
The Board discussed the pros and cons of switching to larger containers and decided not to go with the change.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Polling Place Agreement.

Joshua Meck motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the Polling Place Agreement. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution 23-2024/2025 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation.

Joshua Meck motioned to adopt Resolution 23-2024/2025 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the final release of the WD Zwicky Letter of Credit from 2003.

Joshua Meck motioned to approve the final release of the WD Zwicky Letter of Credit from 2003. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Direction on 2025 Animal Control Contract. Safety Net Sanctuary is raising the price to $1.50 per capita.
Diane Hollenbach said this will be a significant increase and Safety Net Sanctuary does not handle cats. She will get an activity report from last year to see how much the Township has had to use them.

Set Trick or Treat Night on October 31, 2024, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
The Board agreed to set Trick or Treat night on October 31, 2024, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Blandon Fire Company Safe Halloween is on October 25, 2024, from 6:00 pm.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Motion to approve the bills and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

A motion to approve the bills and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Joshua Meck and seconded by Eric Bauman. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to refund $63.65 to Pennoni for the Younker Sketch Plan.

Joshua Meck motioned to refund $63.65 to Pennoni for the Younker Sketch Plan. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

David Franke stated there would be a brief executive session after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eric Bauman and seconded by Joshua Meck. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. The Board went into executive sessions until 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer
Recording Secretary