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

Attending: David Franke, Joshua Meck, Eric Bauman, 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, Aaron Rogers, Anthony Spero, Gavin Milligan, Nancy Runyon, and other guests.

Attending the Zoom: Brooke Meck and other guests.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

Joshua Meck motioned to approve the November 14, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the November 19, 2024, Budget Meeting Minutes, Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Heidi Fiedler, 432 W Wesner Road, said there was a mistake in the resolution for the budget. Diane Hollenbach said she was aware and it has been corrected.

REPORTS

Northern Berks Regional Police – David Franke went over the November 2024 Activity Report for Northern Berks Regional Police Department.

Charles L. Voorhies wanted to know how many citations for the brake retarder ordinance. Mr. Franke said they don't break down the citations, instructing him to call the Police Department for that information or attend the Police Commission meeting. Ms. Fiedler asked if they could request that from the Police Department. Mr. Franke reiterated they do not break down for each citation and file a Right-To-Know request with the Police Department.

Engineering & Zoning Reports – Pamela Stevens

Pamela Stevens stated there was nothing for the Planning Commission meeting for January 2025 and could be canceled. Jojaz and Crossing at Maidencreek were given a time extension until March. There is no update on the subdivision checklist, Stormwater and basin inspections are ongoing, and work with Diane Hollenbach on which basins will be put into the program. There is no update on the watershed grant. Ms. Stevens said she is meeting with Charlie Paris on December 18th to close out the liquid fuels for the audit. Cornerstone Bridge replacement is moving forward by Grant Stahl, the SDE engineer working on the project. Cable Services and UGI road openings are continuing coordination with the Township Manager.

Authorize the Engineer to prepare the specifications and bid documents for the construction of a maintenance garage.

Joshua Meck elaborated on the salt shed and storage building progress including paving, moving the salt to the shed, and working with the engineers for the storage building. The yard waste site will have another gate so it will be one way in and one way out. Ms. Fiedler asked if there was a total cost. Mr. Meck said it should not exceed 1,500,000.00.

Joshua Meck motioned to authorize the Engineer to prepare the specifications and bid documents for the construction of a maintenance garage. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Solicitor – Eric Frey, Esq.
The solar and warehouse ordinances are in the process of completion for the next step, sending them to the Planning Commission. Verizon has started the application process.

Public Works – Keith Shuman
Approval of FPT Infrastructure quote for $1,607.40 to purchase mastic to seal where driveways meet new paving on East Wesner Road.

A motion was made by Eric Bauman to approve the FPT Infrastructure quote for $1,607.40 for the purchase of mastic to seal where driveways meet new paving on East Wesner Road. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Park and Recreation – Aaron Rogers
The Christmas Decorating contest and will be voting for a winner next week. The Park & Recreation Board would like to continue the contest including Halloween next year. Nancy

Runyon has a caroling crew on Sunday in some of the neighborhoods. Aaron Rogers said he has someone coming to the next Park & Recreation meeting to show the equipment for the All-Inclusive Playground. Pamela Stevens will attend the meeting to help with the engineering design of the playground.

Manager – Diane Hollenbach
Diane Hollenbach said preparation for the audit has started for the new year.

OLD BUSINESS
Adopt Resolution 25-2024 setting the 2025 Tax Rate.

Eric Bauman motioned to adopt Resolution 25-2024 setting the 2025 Tax Rate for General Purposes at 2.6000 Mills, Fire Purposes at 1.0000 Mills, and Ambulance Purposes at 0.5000 Mills. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.
Ms. Fielder commented on the motion saying it is a burden on the taxpayers. The Board addressed her concerns.

Adopt Resolution 26.2024 approving the 2025 Annual Budget.

Eric Bauman motioned to adopt Resolution 26-2024 approving the 2025 Annual Budget. Joshua Meck seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS
Schedule the Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 6, 2025, at 4 pm.

Joshua Meck motioned to approve advertising of the Reorganization meeting for Monday, January 6, 2025, at 4 pm. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Approve CDL A increase of $0.75 per hour for Tyler Nolt effective November 25, 2024.

Joshua Meck motioned to approve CDL A increase of $0.75 per hour for Tyler Nolt effective November 25, 2024. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Discussion on annual fire inspections for commercial and industrial properties.
Diane Hollenbach provided the Board with Muhlenberg Township's Fire Prevention ordinance and asked the Board to review it and will discuss it in the new year. Several industrial buildings in the Township should be required to have fire inspections including the new warehouse. Diane Hollenbach said she would send the ordinance to the Fire Chief, Dan Miller.

Authorize letter regarding private fire hydrant inspection to Maidencreek Township Authority.

Joshua Meck motioned to authorize the manager to send a letter regarding private fire hydrant inspection to Maidencreek Township Authority. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

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

Approve annual donation to Northern Berks EMS for $30,000.00.

A motion was made by Joshua Meck to approve an annual donation to the Northern Berks EMS for $30,000.00. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

David Franke thanked the Blandon Fire Company and Northern Berks EMS for servicing the Township for the past year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joshua Meck and seconded by Eric Bauman. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer
Recording Secretary