Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
March 13, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Attending: 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, Anthony Spero, Aaron Rogers, Mike Schittler, Michael Meleta, Nancy Runyon, Logan Gerould, and other guests.

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

Joshua Meck let the audience know that David Franke is not in attendance tonight. Mr. Franke attended an educational dinner at Albright College.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the March 13, 2025, Agenda. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the February 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS**

Heidi Fiedler, 432 East Wesner Road, commented that she supports the maintenance of Township property relating to the Chestnut Street Drainage issue and stated Willow Creek near East Wesner Road still has erosion, which will cause stormwater issues.

Charles L. Voorhies, 284 West Walnut Tree Drive, asked if the allocation of $50,000.00 for engineering and design for the municipal building changes is for cost factors or if it will be built. Joshua Meck said it's the initial phase for preliminary plans and will elaborate when we reach that part of the agenda.

**REPORTS**

**Northern Berks Regional Police** – Joshua Meck reviewed the Northern Berks Regional Police Activity Report. Mr. Meck stated there was a collision involving a police vehicle that was totaled and hit and run on Route 222 traffic stop with the police vehicle hit at a high rate of speed from behind. Both officers are okay, and the perpetrator was apprehended.
Charles L. Voorhies asked if it is true that only one officer is assigned to Maidencreek Township. Joshua Meck stated that there are typically two officers in a twenty-four-hour cycle. Mr.

Voorhies asked if there was an update on the break-ins, and Mr. Meck said there are no updates at this time and NBRPD is still working on tips.

**Engineering & Zoning Reports – Pamela Stevens**

Reaffirm approval of the Gloria Gerhard Subdivision Plan.

Pamela Stevens stated they did not get the signatures needed on time.

A motion was made by Eric Bauman to reaffirm approval of the Gloria Gerhard Subdivision Plan. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Consideration of a waiver to Section 190-14.A (2) plan scale to allow 1" = 80' for the Jojaz Land Development Plan.

Pamela Stevens said the Planning Commission supported the waiver request.

A motion was made by Eric Bauman to waive Section 190-14. A (2) plan scale to allow 1" = 80' for the Jojaz Land Development Plan. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Authorize advertisement of the 2025 Road Project.

Pamela Stevens conveyed that the 2025 Road Project work is the balance of East Wesner Road and Golden Drive.

A motion was made by Eric Bauman to authorize the advertisement of the 2025 Road Project. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Authorization to allocate up to $50,000 for engineering and design for municipal building changes.

Joshua Meck explained they are looking at options for renovations of the Township building and collaborating with the Water Authority on a new building. This is to get preliminary plans and a budget, and compare the costs. This new building will not include a garage; the garage and shop will be built on the present property. Mr. Voorhies asked about ADA requirements, and Joshua Meck said there would only be a garage. They also want to add a bay for the Fire Company in the plans for the new building.

A motion was made to authorize not to exceed $50,000.00 for the engineering and design of the municipal building changes. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Chestnut Street Drainage.
Pamela Stevens explained the options that were discussed with Keith Shuman and Grant Stahl. They concluded it would be expensive. Joshua Meck suggested shutting the road down permanently and said there was no opposition to the idea at this time. The Board discussed the idea as an alternate decision with the pros and cons.

Adopt Grant Resolution.

A motion was made by Eric Bauman to adopt Grant Resolution 16-2025 Small Water and Sewer Grant. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Melrose Commercial Basin Inspection Response.
Logan Gerould, 101 Lidia Lane, expressed his concerns about the basin and how the drains are clogged, and his fear of flooding. He stated that the most likely issue is the runoff from upstream, with too much water running into Melrose Place. He asked if there were other options. Diane Hollenbach and Tom Unger had a meeting with PennDOT and tried to get Norfolk Southern to attend, but they were not present. The Board discussed the problems in the area, and they are looking into options for this issue, including the plans for the Crossing at Maidencreek. Eric Frey weighed in, saying there are a lot of issues and concerns, the basin would have to be maintained consistently, and it has been turned over to the Melrose Place HOA.

**Solicitor – Eric Frey, Esq.**
Consider the adoption of the Supervisor Salary Ordinance.

A motion was made by Eric Bauman to adopt the Supervisor Salary Ordinance. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Consider the adoption of the Fire Prevention Ordinance.
The Fire Prevention Ordinance was tabled until the April 10th meeting.

Consider the adoption of the Fire Prevention Fee Schedule.
The Fire Prevention Fee Schedule was tabled until the April 10th meeting.

Mr. Frey stated that the 320 Main Street property has been cleaned up, and a fence was built on the Township property.

**Public Works – Keith Shuman**

Pamela Stevens stated that Cornerstone Culvert plans are signed and approved. The Township is waiting for the LSA Grant.

Joshua Meck said the road crew built a bridge at the Community Park walking trail that was washed away in the July 9th flood. They plan to put some shrubs around the bridge.

The road crew plans to stain the Main Street fence, and then the shrubs will be planted.

Street Sweeping will be from April 7th to April 18th.

Joshua Meck stated there is a lot of trash at the Community Park, asking the community to help keep our parks clean so we all can enjoy the area.

The bathrooms at the Community Park are now open.

The walking trail near Limestone Village needs to be addressed at the berm to divert water from that area.

**Park and Recreation – Aaron Rogers**

Joshua Meck said they had quotes for the fence around the pickleball court and would take donations to offset the cost of $3,500.00.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve $3,500.00 for the purchase of fencing to be installed at the Community Park Pickleball Court by Township Roadcrew. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Aaron Rogers said they will have Movie Night showing Moana 2 at the Maidencreek Church on March 28th at 6 pm.

Earth Day clean-up at the parks is scheduled for April 22nd, starting at 4 pm. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.

The Flea Market/Craft Show will be held on May 3rd, from 8 am to 1 pm. The Craft Show will take place under the pavilion. They will host another in the fall.

The Adult Field Day is postponed due to a lack of interest.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Acceptance of Planning Commission Annual Report.

Eric Bauman motioned to accept the Planning Commission Annual Report. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of the Stratix Systems Quote for $2,125.70 for configuration and purchase of an additional wireless access point.

Diane Hollenbach spoke about the quote and met with Stratix and the Water Authority. The Board decided to table moving forward on this purchase.

Approval of Fromm Electric Quote for $3,027.42 for materials to run electricity to the new salt shed.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the quote for $3,027.42 from Fromm Electric to run electricity to the new salt shed. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Authorize opening a Recycling Fee Bank Account at Fleetwood Bank and Board to sign all required paperwork.

Eric Bauman motioned to authorize opening a Recycling Fee Bank Account at Fleetwood Bank, and the Board to sign the required paperwork. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Authorize opening a Fire Tax Bank Account at Fleetwood Bank and Board to sign all required paperwork.

Eric Bauman motioned to authorize opening a Fire Tax Bank Account at Fleetwood Bank, and the Board to sign all required paperwork. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Authorize opening an EMS Tax Bank Account at Fleetwood Bank and Board to sign all required paperwork.

Eric Bauman motioned to authorize opening an EMS Tax Bank Account at Fleetwood Bank, and the Board to sign all required paperwork. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Authorize the Manager to close the Truist Bank Recycling Fee and Fire Tax Bank Accounts and transfer money to the corresponding accounts at Fleetwood Bank.

Eric Bauman motioned to authorize the Manager to close the Truist Bank Recycling Fee and Fire Tax Bank Accounts and transfer money to the corresponding accounts at Fleetwood Bank. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Charles L. Voorhies, 285 West Walnut Tree Drive, questioned the Wi-Fi system for Zoom, saying it is against the law because it's coming from a private website. The Board and Eric Frey said the recordings are used for meeting minutes, and it is not a requirement of the Township. Eric Frey said it was a courtesy of the Township when COVID was an issue, and not against the law, not to have Zoom and recordings made public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eric Bauman and seconded by Joshua Meck. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer
Recording Secretary