

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2009

Mr. Harlan G. Shober, Jr. – Chairman called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday December 15, 2009. At this time he asked all present to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Attending this evenings meeting were Supervisors A. William Kiehl, Richard W. Metzler and Mr. Shober. Additionally in attendance were James Liekar-Solicitor; Samuel R. Stockton-Township Manager; Edward Jeffries-Public Works Director; Harold Ivery, Jr.-Planning/Zoning Officer and Wendy Williams-Recording Secretary.

VISITORS TIME:

Rea Jones
445 Welsh Rd
Washington, PA. 15301

Mr. Jones showed concern of the Township's use of the Ullom Road Property as a shooting range and tractor pull area. Residents are now using it as a walking trail and bike trail.

Michael Yeager
29 Ullom Rd
Washington, PA. 15301

Lives across the street from the Ullom property and objects to the proposed shooting range. Mr. Yeager expressed concern about water being drawn from a tributary for gas drilling operations. He also people disposing tires and speeding on the road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve the minutes of the public hearing of December 1, 2009 amending the Ordinance concerning fences.
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 1, 2009. Motion carried.

For the record (referring to Mr. Altieri's comments provided at the December 1, 2009 meeting) the scheduled workshops for the 2010 budget Tuesday October 20, 2009; Wednesday November 4, 2009 and November 17, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., were advertised in the Observer October 15, 2009 (referring to a proof of publication from the Observer).

Also, in 2008 the Fire Departments allocation went from \$74,000 to \$80,000. Allocation had doubled.

STAFF REPORTS:

Township Manager – Samuel R. Stockton

Arranged and attended meetings on 2010 health care.

Took several complaints on gas well flaring. Called Jim Cannon of Range Resources for information on the flare.

Placed ad for police officer.

Joe Yankovich of Congressman's Murtha's Office returned my call concerning the 313 money for the Canton/Chartiers Joint Sewage Project. He stated the money is committed to the project and will be available in 2010. He could not tell me when in the year it is available, but will find out and contact me.

Met with Gary Bistarki who stuccoed the Fire Station. He will measure the building and submit a cost estimate. Project cannot begin until spring, but the price submitted will hold until then. Materials and labor has 12-year warranty.

In contact with Larry Gasparato of PENNVEST. Arranged a conference call on December 9th at 2:30P.M. to discuss the application.

Police Department furnace is repaired.

South Strabane will take 3 traffic signals in the Meadowlands Interchange Project and Chartiers Township will have one. South Strabane will notify PA DOT and the signal permits will be drafted accordingly.

Received application for minimum use driveway from PA DOT for the Ullom Road Property.

Called Joe Puce Awards and will go to his place of business tomorrow to select a plaque for Ted Sankey.

Arranged and attended a meeting with the Fire Department.

I have contacted seven banks for proposals for a possible loan for the Route 18 Joint Sewage Project.

Correspondence of Note

Mark West Liberty and Midstream and Resources L.L.C. has notified the Township they will be applying to PADEP for an Air Quality Plan Approval to install two natural gas heater a stabilizer and depropanizer for condensate and additional natural gas depropanizer. Anyone wishing to view the application may do so by making arrangements with PA Department of Environmental Protection Southwest Regional Office, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Trollinger Consulting Group, uniformed pension administrators, notified the Township, that the established procedure of pension cost of living adjustments are based on the percentage change in the applicable Consumer Price Index from October 2008 to October 2009. All the changes in the relevant indexes are negative. The Social Security Administration will not be granting COLAS for the same reason. As a result monthly benefit amounts will remain the same as 2009.

Range Resources has notified the Township of their intent to submit a water management plan to DEP for the withdrawal of water for gas exploration. Two of the proposed water withdrawal points are interconnections with PA American Water. The water withdrawal locations were mapped.

Announcements

The Municipal Offices will be closed December 24th 25th and 28th 2009 and reopen on December 29th and will be closed January 1st 2010, and reopen January 4th

Public Works Director – Edward Jeffries

Trucks – The bucket truck and the 2007 F350 are getting inspected. Need 3 tires for the 2002 F550 at a cost of \$228.38 plus \$24.00 dollars to mount total is around \$656.14.

Ditched a small area on Paxton Road near the first house on the left.

Paved-Potholes all around the Township. Installing gravel in the alleys in Allison and Moninger area.

Storm Drains – Repaired a storm drain at the corner of Barnickel and Arthur Road. Working on a storm drain on Wylie Avenue.

Trees – Due to heavy winds last week the crew was out twice last week cleaning up trees on Ryburn Road, Washington Avenue, Arthur Road and Paxton Farm Road.

Street Signs – Repairing Street signs in the township Thorne Street, Small Street, Short and Pike Street.

There is a water problem on Reed Avenue we are looking for a solution.

Mr. Metzler reported that he had talked to Mr. Trapuzzano, Thorne Street – There is no berm on Thorn Street and the road is eroding. Mr. Metzler asked if this could be placed on the schedule for road repairs. The alley has been raised over the years due to construction on the lots behind Mr. Trapuzzano’s residence causing water runoff into his lot. He asked if there could be a solution to improve the storm drain installed in the area.

Planning/Zoning Officer – Harold Ivery, Jr.

No Report

Solicitor – James Liekar

No report

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Mr. Shober: No report

Mr. Kiehl: No report

Complimented the Public Works Department during the ice storm over the weekend.

Mr. Metzler:

Mr. Metzler expressed his concern of outside storage (National Pump & Compressor, 2453 West Pike Street, Houston, PA. of pipe and does not meet the fence ordinance. Mr. Metzler requested that the Zoning Officer monitor the property for compliance with ordinances.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize payment of invoices (General Fund: Checks 24125 – 24182: \$158,983.67; Light Fund: Checks 1362-1364: \$4,934.34; Fire Hydrant Fund: Check 1366: \$43.06; Sewer Fund: Checks 2264-2268: \$2,482.95; Interceptor Capital Improvement Fund: Check 1070: \$370.52; Liquid Fuels Fund: Check 1372: \$66.36; Municipal Improvement Fund: Checks 1348-1350: \$9,439.57; Total All Funds: \$176,329.47). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 3rd Quarter 2009 Non-Resident EIT refunds in the amount of \$21,453.33. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adopt the 2010 Tentative Budget (no increase). The Tentative Budget has been duly advertised and was available for public review for 20 days. Motion carried

Resolution No. 2009-10:

General Fund:	\$2,8 7,000
Arnold Park Fund:	25,827
Parks & Recreation Growing Greener Fund	683,832
Friends of Chartiers Community Park	3,985
Municipal Improvement Fund	329,371
Arden Force Main Fund	86,800
Operating Reserve Fund	175,030
Liquid Fuels Fund	469,380
Fire Hydrant Fund	59,524
Light Fund	104,500
Sewer Fund	1,758,929
TOTAL:	<u>\$6,504,178</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve Resolution No. **2009-09** a request from Canonsburg Elks Lodge No. 846 to move liquor license.

Roll Call: Mr. Kiehl: yes; Mr. Mr. Metzler: yes; Mr. Shober: abstain
(Mr. Shober is a Trustee of the Lodge) Motion carried 2-0-1.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to table approving the fence ordinance until January 4, 2010. Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize the Manager to place reorganization legal notices for appropriate Boards for 2010. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to appoint the following residents representing Chartiers Township as members to the Chartiers-Houston Library Board: Kenneth Britten (term of office January 2008 to December 31, 2011) and Joseph Dudas (term of office January 2010 to December 31, 2013). Motion carried.

A motion was by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler approve all three Supervisors to attend the PSATS Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show held in Hershey PA from April 18-20, 2010. Cost is \$140.00 per person plus room and travel, if necessary. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve the Indenture for the transfer of the Chartiers Interceptor to Canonsburg Houston Joint Authority. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to support Houston Borough's request for a letter of support for the Houston Community Park Improvements Local Share Account Application. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve a request from the Parks and Recreation Board to spend up to \$2,000.00 for a public address system. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to accept the Patsch Family Land donation subdivision and deed of 13.5 acres. (School District requests a copy of the subdivision and deed). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve Resolution No. **2009-12**. This resolution is required to authorize electronic access to PENNDOT Systems to file annual Liquid Fuels Reporting Forms. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve the 2010 Tax Levy. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2009-11:

Tax for General Purposes	9 mills
Street Light Improved	\$.32
Unimproved	.08
Fire Hydrant	00089 mills
Real Estate Transfer	½ %
Earned Income	½%
Local Service Tax	\$ 52.00
Mechanical Device	\$100.00
(Poker Machines)	\$300.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried

Richard W. Metzler
Secretary

Wendy Williams-Recording Secretary