

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AUGUST 18, 2009

Harlan G. Shober, Jr. - Chairman called the regular meeting of the Chartiers Township Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2009. Mr. Shober 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.

**VISITOR'S TIME:**

Bob Bradford  
McClane Farm Rd.  
Washington, PA. 15301

Mr. Bradford showed concern over work being done at the end of McClane Farm Road; how the McClane Farm Sewage Extension Project was going; and the time frame.

Regarding the work being done at the end of the road when it was dug out soft soil. They built it back up and they are putting fly ash and concrete in. Regarding the sanitary sewer line extension – a right-of-way has been proposed and it has been given by Paul Scarmazzi allowing the sewer line to go up through the valley relying on elevation. The next step is the 537 Plan.

Hyland Moore  
1020 McGovern Rd.  
Houston, PA. 15342

There was some discussion Patsch Association was going to turn over property to the School District, however, Mr. Moore was informed they are willing to give it to the Township. Mr. Moore asked that the process begin to acquire this property for the use of a ball field/community center or whatever, if there is enough property donated. Mr. Moore showed concern of possibly losing the Allison Park and depreciation of his property should the school construct a ball field across s the street.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Moore was advised that it is very costly to construct a ball field in at the Arnold Park due to the amount of dirt that would need to be moved, however, the acquisition of this property would make a nice extension to our Arnold Park allow more green space.

Shelly Roppelt  
Adlin Ave.  
Houston, PA. 15342

Ms. Roppelt attended a School Board Meeting and was told that she should come to the Township to let the Township know we need a community center for the kids so they can play basketball because the school does not have enough basketball courts for all the kids. She wants the park to stay there and does not want a ball field there.

Ms. Roppelt was informed the community center is a community center for all the people where the Senior Citizens will have a room. This will not be a basketball court. The Township is building a community center based on the Park & Recreations recommendation for a place of activities for children in the summer and for banquets. The School District will have four basketball courts, which they will open up to the community when the School District is not utilizing them. The Allison Park property, is leased by the Township- it is school property and they make the decisions whether to have a ball field. The Township cannot make that decision.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Posted on Bulletin Board)**

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve the Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2009 and the July 30, 2009 Canton/Chartiers Township Route 18 Joint Interceptor and Collector System Agreement Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

##### **Township Manager – Samuel R. Stockton**

Sent information requested by the Washington County Association of Township Officials.

Drafted the Notice to Landlords Letter for Occupancy Permits to be applied for prior to tenants moving in, reviewed by the Solicitor.

Sent the executed Police Agreement for the Washington County Fair.

Informed Houston Volunteer Fire Company the Board of Supervisor's will participate in the Pumpkin Festival Parade.

Sent executed Cooperative Agreements to the Washington County Redevelopment Authority for the LSA Grants for the Community Center and Route 18 Joint Sewer Project.

Drafted and sent letter of thanks to Stanley Kreminsky for his service to the Township on the Planning Commission.

Drafted and sent Planning Commission vacancy notice to the *Observer Reporter*.

PA DOT Municipal Services re-measured our Liquid Fuels Roads and the result is a loss of .21 miles. However, Country Barn Road to Allison Hollow Road may qualify and is not currently a Liquid Fuels Road. I recommend the Township Engineer be empowered to take the actions necessary to put this road on Liquid Fuels. Municipal Services is adding Green Street to the Liquid Fuels list with no action necessary by the Board.

Completed and sent The Storm Water/Flood Plain Consistency Letter to Gannett Fleming representing PA DOT on the Meadowlands Interchange Project. Reviewed by the Township Engineer.

Drafted and sent authorization letters to Ted Sankey required to continue with his Eagle Scout Project.

Completed the on-line Penn Vest Loan application for the Route 18 Joint Interceptor and Collector System and mailed all necessary documentation. Loan amount request is \$2,514,059.00

COSTARS has a road salt contract in place. The supplier for Washington County is American Rock Salt and the price is \$50.89 per ton as of August 1, 2009.

Drafted Assistant Treasurer employment ad sent it to the *Observer Reporter* for publication

### **Correspondence of Note**

Received notice from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission concerning an application of the Department of Transportation for the approval of the alteration of the RR crossing where Race Track Road crosses at grade, a single track of Pittsburgh & Ohio Central Railroad in Chartiers Township by reason of the installation of railroad preemption at the crossing. The PUC states a final inspection made on January 23, 2009 revealed that the alteration of the at-grade crossing has been satisfactorily completed and the Commission issued this Secretarial Letter in accordance with Section 2702 of the Public Utility Code and finds that since all work has been completed, the case be "CLOSED". Should the Township be dissatisfied with the resolution of the matter we may file a petition with the Commission within 20 days of the date of the letter, which was August 11, 2009. The Township received the letter August 13, 2009. Should the Board wish to file a petition, it would need to be filed by August 31, 2009.

Washington County Redevelopment Authority sent notice that 2010 Local Share Account Program Funding Requests are due November 2, 2009 by 5:P.M. Four informational meetings will be held August 26 and 27, 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler the Township petition the Pennsylvania Public Utility concerning the alterations of the Railroad Crossing on Race Track Road. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize the Township Engineer to place Country Barn Road to Allison Hollow Road on State Liquid Fuels. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl to authorize the Township Manager to advertise the position of Assistant Treasurer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Nichols & Slagle to proceed with the Act 537 Plan for Midland Sanitary Sewer Project not to exceed \$40,000. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve the Task Activities Report submitted by Nichols & Slagle for the Act 537 for the Midland Sanitary Sewer Project to be submitted to DEP. Motion carried

Patch Property – A Topo was done up to the utility post. Engineering has been done. How much property do we want? How much property do we need? The Township could use it for than a ball field. We want it for a ball field, other areas and picnic areas. Mr. Stockton is to contact the Patsch Family to set up a meeting.

#### **Public Works Director – Edward Jeffries**

1995 International needs a clutch. The estimate is between \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00.

We are still ditching. We are on Seik Road and should be done this week. We will then start Crossroads to the fair ground.

Patching Allison Hollow; some of Kings and Washington Trails.

We had to install a curb at 91 Green Street this week due to water run off.

The gentlemen who died due to an accident on Ullom Road – the family wants a tree removed. We have a 30-ft. right-of-way. The family is willing to pay for everything.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to allow individuals to remove a tree at the intersection of Ullom, Hickory Ridge and Washington Avenue at no cost to the Township. Motion carried.

The Township Sign (Across the street) is done.

Two residents of the Township volunteered to install all the wiring. They wish to be left anonymous. The Township bought the material and they did the work.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Mr. Stockton to write a letter on behalf of the Board thanking them for their service and give them each a \$50.00 gift certificate to a restaurant. Motion carried.

The house on Kings and Allison Hollow – Pictures were taken. There is a pipe 2.5 feet below the concrete and is filled in with gravel. This condition could damage the plow. And is a safety issue to the public

Mr. Liekar will check the Township Ordinance and the UCC Code and report back to the Board.

Bridges and Culverts – McConnells Mills hill – Trucks going in and out are breaking up the culverts. It was recommended that Ed Jeffries do a survey of all the roads that are being traveled and all the culverts and bridges as well and pass this information to Range Resources.

Hallam Street – Trees need to be cut back along the creek in order to have a clear view coming up and down Race Track Road. (This is scheduled for Friday morning).

McGovern Road (near Chappel residence) there is a dip in the road needs some black top.

Property on Pike Street near Country Club Road – They are now parking up to 20 some vehicles right along the fence, which they have to be parked on the right-of-way, and bumpers of the vehicles are getting very close to the road. This is an unsafe situation. Mr. Metzler asked: What is being done about it? Mr. Ivery is to contact the company.

Mr. Kiehl asked: Where are we at on the occupancy on the situation regarding the trailers on Country Club Road. Mr. Ivery has been meaning to get with the Solicitor. Mr. Ivery has been busy with re-zoning and rental occupancy calls.

#### **Solicitor – James Liekar**

Mr. Liekar is request the Board to reschedule a public hearing on the proposed re-zoning.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to schedule a public hearing for the proposed rezoning, at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday September 29, 2009. Motion carried.

A public hearing has been scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2009 amending the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance concerning Developers extending sewer lines to the end of property lines.

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORTS:**

**Mr. Shober:** no report

**Mr. Kiehl:** no report

**Mr. Metzler:** no report

**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 23727-23798: %113,500.69; Light Fund: Check 1355: \$4,749.80; Sewer Fund: Checks 2226-2229: \$844.12; Liquid Fuels Fund: Check: 1368: \$1,036.16; Municipal Improvement: Check 1340: \$2,712.50; Park & Recreation Growing Greener: Check 1003: \$160.00; Total All Funds: \$123,003.27). Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to refund 2008 Resident Overpayment in the amount of \$9.27. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to refund 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008 Non-Resident Refund in the amount of \$85.44. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to refund 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009 Non-Resident EIT refund in the amount of \$120.13. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:**

Summer road Sealing/Paving – After a brief discussion it was determined that a list is to be prepared of roads to be considered.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler authorizing the Manager to advertise for winter materials and participate in the Washington County Joint Purchasing Council winter materials bidding process. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve a request for a standard “Slow Children” sign at 990 Allison Hollow Road Motion carried.

Discuss overtime for Public Works Employees to clean park restrooms on weekend when park is rented. After a brief discussion it was determined that Dale Kasica will clean park restrooms on weekend when park is rented.

The Inter-municipal Agreement for the Route 18 Joint Interceptor is to be executed and submitted by Canton Township.

After a brief discussion of the 2010 Local Share Account Program Funding Request Application, this is to be placed on the next agenda and to investigate obtaining a price on an emergency generator for the municipal building.

Discuss bids for Indiana Avenue Storm Water Project. Bids were received and publicly opened August 18, 2009 at 12:05 p.m. The following bids were received:

Stewart Contracting 332 Cecil Hendersonville Rd., Canonsburg Pa.	\$59,189.20
Orton Contracting, LLC 140 Eberle Rd., Hickory PA.	\$98,095.08
Bella Enterprises Inc. 103 Sandlewood Drive McDonald, PA.	\$71,357.86
Elisha Industries 113 Water Street Belle Vernon PA	\$69,069.49
J 5 Construction 730 Woodlawn Drive Houston PA	\$74,166.80
Dennis Fleehler Contracting 31 Windcrest Drive, Cecil, PA	\$108,523.65

A bid bond of 10% accompanied each bid.

The Township Engineer has tabulated and reviewed the bids as submitted. Stewart Contracting submitted the lowest bid. The Engineer feels this is in the acceptable range and is recommending the bid be awarded to Stewart Contracting be awarded the contract providing bonds, insurance and other certifications are executed to the satisfaction of Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to award the Indiana Avenue Storm Sewer Improvement contract to Stewart Contracting for the total amount of \$59,189.20. Motion carried.

Discuss vacancy on Planning Commission. Keith Straight of Southall Drive, Washington submitted his name for consideration. A graduated of Chartiers-Houston High School and received a degree from Youngstown University in Civil Engineering. Mr. Straight is to be invited to the next Planning Commission and have the members talk to him. This is to be placed on the Supervisors next agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried.

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Richard W. Metzler  
Secretary

Wendy Williams-Recording Secretary