

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Harlan G. Shober, Jr. – Chairman called the regular meeting of the Chartiers Township Supervisors to order at 7:20 p.m. Tuesday February 16, 2010. (This was due to a 6:00 p.m. workshop with Canton Township). Mr. Shober asked all present to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

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

VISITORS TIME

Paula Yeager
29 Ullom Rd
Washington, PA. 15301

Mrs. Yeager voiced concern to the proposed tractor pull on the Ullom Road property owned by the Township, due to the fact there are facilities at the County Fair Grounds. Mrs. Yeager asked for an update.

Mrs. Yeager was informed that nothing has happened other than right-of-ways and working n agreements. The property had been donated to the Township for Park and Recreation use. Anything the Township does in the future will be broadcasted.

Margaret Watson
100 Jaspen Way
Canonsburg, PA 15317

Range Resources has built a compressor station (on Plum Run Road). At night this building is lit up with orange lights. Another station is going up on the Brigich Farm across from Jaspen Way. Mrs. Watson is concern both for the quality of life and the property value.

Mr. Liekar is to investigate controls on compressor stations and if controls could be placed in the Township Ordinances.

Mr. David Welsh is requesting a letter from the Township that Grable Road is not in Chartiers Townships' jurisdiction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2010. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Township Manager – Samuel R. Stockton

Arranged and advertised a workshop meeting for the Canton/Chartiers Joint Sewer Interceptor-Collector System Project

Arranged and attended meeting with Mr. Shober Mark West land agent Scott Olsen on Ullom property pipeline ROW Agreement

Arranged and attended a meeting with the Fire Department.

Drafted and sent a letter of request to PA American Water for two additional fire hydrants to be installed at the intersection of Barnickle and Wilson and Barnickle and Gormley in the Meadowlands area of the Township. I consulted with the Fire Department on hydrant placement.

Called PA DOT concerning the pedestrian hand signal on traffic signal Racetrack and West Street.

Washington County Assessment Office is working on the Mark West Gas Processing Plant reassessment.

Director of Public Works and I completed and submitted the Summer Materials Bids and submitted them to the Washington County Planning Commission

Working with Representative White's Office to determine if the Community Center and current sewage projects qualify for consideration as State Capital Budget Items.

Capital Budget is a bond authorization act establishing the maximum amount of debt issued during one fiscal year for capital projects.

The project itemization act lists individual projects.

Once a project is itemized in law the Governor has the discretion to release funds for the project. The Administration has tremendous latitude in deciding which projects move forward.

Attended a meeting with Mr. Shober at the Chartiers-Houston School District on the Ball Field Project at Arnold Park.

The Police Department door and frame should be installed next week.

The Ted Sankey plaque should be completed this Friday or early next week.

Snow is delaying the Indiana Storm Water Project. The bridge for the McGovern Road culvert replacement is fabricated. The contractor wants to begin March 1st, if the snow melts.

Correspondence of Note

Received notice from PA DOT denying the Township's request for a speed reduction from the current speed of 35 mph to 25mph. on Ridge Road. The request was denied.

The Township was copied on a notice from the Pa Historical and Museum Commission Bureau for Historic Preservation to Canonsburg-Houston Joint Authority that significant archaeological sites are located in or near the parallel interceptor site and others are likely to exist. Those sites could be adversely affected by project activities and a Phase 1 archaeological survey to verify the extent of known sites and to locate other sites is needed to determine their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Received notice from USDA/RUS that if we do not notify them of our intention to apply for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding by March 29, 2010, our eligibility request will be withdrawn from their active files.

Public Works Department – Edward Jeffries

The plow bracket on the 88 Chevy totally disintegrated due to plowing of snow.

Verizon cut two trees down on Valley Road. The Township went down today to take care of the rest of the trees. Valley Road is now opened as of 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Salt and cinder bins are still full and the men are out as we speak.

Mr. Jeffries commended his crew for their work with all the hours spent clearing the roads.

The Board also expressed their appreciation for the fine work done by the Public Works

Mrs. Watson, 100 Jaspen Way, also commended the Township by stating how promptly the Township maintains Jaspen Way. You wake up in the morning and there is snow on the road and within a couple of hours its clear. All we have to do is clear our driveway.

Planning/Zoning Officer – Harold Ivery, Jr.

No report

Township Engineer – Daniel Slagle

1. **Midland Act 537 Plan** - The Task Activity report was approved by PaDEP on 9/25/09. The Draft Act 537 Plan was completed and presented at the 10/3/09 Township meeting. The Act 537 Plan was advertised on 10/23/09 for the 30 day comment period. The Draft Act 537 Plan was submitted to PaDEP for initial comments on 10/27/09. No written comments were received regarding the Act 537 Plan. The Township Supervisors adopted the Plan by Resolution on 12/1/09. CHJA agreed to accept the initial sewage flows from the existing homes. The Final Act 537 Plan was submitted to PaDEP for initial comments on 12/21/09. **Emily Shade was contacted several times regarding the status of the review. Once the Act 537 Plan is approved, we will apply for 50% reimbursement.**
2. **Midland Sewer Project** - We redesigned the sewer for only one interconnection with the CHJA sewer system. Preliminary sewerline designs were completed and profiles developed. Field verification of basement elevations will be performed this month. The WQM Part II Permit will be prepared based on the field verification.
3. **Sewerline Easements** - We will prepare the required sewer easements based on the final sewer layout.
4. **Local Share Account Grant** - We have prepared/submitted the Township's LSA Grant Application on 11/20/09. This application requests \$1,400,000 in support of the Midland Sewer Project. **We attended the LSA presentation on 1/20/10 @ 9:10 AM. for the Midland Sewer Project and 9:20 AM for the Ballfield Project.**
5. **PennVEST Financing** - The next PennVEST application cut-off we believe is April 2010 with a June 2010 Board Meeting.
6. **H2O Grant Application** - The next funding cycle for DCED's H2O will be July 2010. Chartiers Township's DCED's H2O Grant Application submitted on February 11, 2009. We understand that DCED will only consider the prior nonfunded applications. We requested \$1,225,000 or about 50% of the Total Project Cost. All cost are retroactive back to January 1, 2007. This grant is critical to making this project affordable. **We are compiling supporting data.**
7. **Act 57 Tapping Fee Calculation** - We reviewed the prior tapping fee calculation and began assembling the base data in preparation of the Township's Act 57 Tapping Fee Calculation.

8. McClane Farm Act 537 Plan - We have begun to evaluate the watershed in preparation of the Task Activity report was approved by PaDEP.
9. Moninger Heights Plan - HMT is finalizing plans for a 16 lot Subdivision Plan for possible submission in March 2010.
10. High School Gym Site Plan - We have received plans to modify the existing site by the addition of a Gym for consideration at the next Planning Commission meeting on February 23, 2010.
11. Sharp Subdivision Plan - We have received plans to resubdivide the existing two lots into two larger lots for consideration at the next Planning Commission meeting on February 23, 2010.
12. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) - WCPC has scheduled a meeting for March 29, 2010 to review Act 167 with their consultant HRG. A new stormwater Ordinance is required by PaDEP.
13. CHJA Capacity Fee - CHJA has recalculated their Capacity Fee which will be raised from \$550 to \$800 effective February 25, 2010.
14. Infiltration/Inflow Reduction Program - We have begun compiling historical I/I rehabilitated areas and developing the 2010 I/I Reduction Project.
15. Roadway Priority Plan - We have prepared a preliminary Roadway Priority Plan which develops a ranking system for consideration by the Road Master/Supervisors.
16. Annual Wasteload Management Report - We have begun the preparation of the Township's Annual Wasteload Management Report to be included into CHJA's Chapter 94 Report. The deadline is March 31, 2010.

Solicitor – James Liekar

No report

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Mr. Shober: No report

Mr. Kiehl: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to table the fence ordinance amendment until March 2, 2010. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to authorize payment of invoices (General Fund: Checks 24358-24396: \$85,310.46; Light Fund: Check 1368: \$5,123.44; Sewer Fund: Checks 2275-2278: \$3,079.54; Liquid Fuels Fund: Checks 1365-1387: \$11,206.08; Total All Funds: \$104,719.52). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to authorize 2009 resident EIT refunds in the amount of \$71.19. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to tentatively approve the Parks and Recreation 2010 Events. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 for the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3, 2010 at the Allison Parkette. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to authorize the expenditure of \$750.00 for the Oldies Dance, at the Bear's Club sponsored by The Parks and Recreation Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to authorize the purchase of sweatshirts for the Parks and Recreation Board not to exceed \$400.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to approve the Ullom Park R.O.W. requested by Mark West contingent upon the Solicitor's review. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to authorize the Manager to advertise Summer Road Material bids. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to authorize the Manager to bid 3000 ton of road salt for 2010-2011 with COSTARS. Deadline is March 15, 2010. Salt contracts will be awarded in July 2010. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to continue the Declaration of Emergency through Tuesday February 16, 2010. Motion carried.

A discussion followed regarding Action Plan for possible flooding and having the Emergency Management Coordinator along with the Police Department, Public Works Department and Fire Department involved and providing a strategic plan should flooding occur.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Samuel R. Stockton
Manager/Assistant Secretary

Wendy Williams, Recording Secretary