

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
January 19, 2010

Harlan G. Shober, Jr. – Chairman called the regular meeting of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2010. 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:**

Mr. Robert Bradford  
619 McClane Farm Rd.  
Washington, PA. 15301

Mr. Bradford was inquiring as to the status of the sewer projects for McClane Farm Road. Mr. Bradford was informed a preliminary study was done. The Engineer was asked to look at whether the sewer lines were properly sized.

The Board asked Mr. Slagle to begin a work-up as to what is needed to start an Act 537 Plan for discussion at the February 16, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Frank Guzel  
431 Oak Spring Rd  
Canonsburg, PA. 15317

Mr. Guzel's concern is reducing the speed to 25 mph on Ridge Avenue. Mr. Guzel stated that he spoke to PENNDOT and was informed that he must contact the Township.

Mr. Stockton was asked to notify PENNDOT regarding reducing the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph from Chartiers Run Road to Ridge Avenue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to approve the Supervisors Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

Township Manager – Samuel R. Stockton

Updated Township information for the Washington County Planning Commission

Attended meeting at HMT Engineers with Harlan Shober, Canton Township, and USDA/RUS concerning the loan application process for the Route 18 Joint Sewage Project.

Arranged and attended a meeting with the bargaining and non-bargaining unit employees to discuss health care benefits for 2010 and prepared a report for the Board.

I completed and submitted electronically the STD-21 workplace information form as part of Pennsylvania's Contract Compliance for the H2O Grant.

Met with Dave Zahand of Mon Valley Signs concerning pricing for a digital sign.

Spoke with Sheila Gombita, Director of Washington Rides concerning vans and other vehicles restricting Buccaneer Drive. She is to talk to the District Manager.

Sent two executed winter maintenance agreements to Maronda Homes, along with a cover letter stating that the Township will no longer provide contracted winter maintenance on private streets after this agreement expires April 1, 2010.

### **Correspondence of Note**

Waste Management has sent a certificate of continuation of the Recycling Contract Performance Bond in the amount of \$44,280.00. This amount is correct.

State Representative Jesse White informed the Township that the gaming bill amendment passed the legislature and was signed by the Governor and the LSA distribution will be \$25,000.00 and \$10.00 per resident per year. His office will address the specifics of the distribution process as updates are available.

Received Township Auditors Reorganization Meeting minutes of January 5, 2010. Chairman is Jude C. Pohl, Secretary is Barrie A. Baker and John Diesel is an Auditor. The Board of Supervisors recommendations to the auditors of \$80.00 per month for the Township Secretary, Rate of \$10.00 per hour for Supervisors when working in permitted positions, and a mileage rate of \$.40 per mile for Supervisors when a township vehicle is not present were approved.

Received a fully executed H2O Grant Contract in the amount of \$2,233,812.00. Eligible costs incurred under the grant between July 14, 2009 and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 can be paid. Any costs incurred before July 14, 2009 were incurred at our risk.

United State Census Bureau is requesting space to help Chartiers Township residents complete census questionnaires for a period of four (4) weeks from March 19<sup>th</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup> 2010. The space is to be donated to the Census Bureau Monday thru Friday.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to permit the Census Bureau use of the conference room. Motion carried.

Public Works Director – Edward Jeffries

Trucks – All trucks are inspected and ready. We need a new set of drop chains for the 2004 Freightliner at the cost of \$2500.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to authorize the purchase of drop chains, for the 2004 Freightliner, at the cost of \$2500.00. Motion carried.

Paved-Potholes – We have gone around the township and have cold patched any potholes that we saw.

Storm Drains – We repaired a storm drain at the corner of Hallam Avenue and Fourth Street.

Street Signs – We have repaired and straightened any stop sign or street sign that we saw bad. We removed 15 tires from Arden Road someone dumped off. We have restocked the salt and cinder bins and are ready for the next snow.

Planning/Zoning Officer – Harold Ivery, Jr.

Up-date on Code Enforcement:

8 Crossroads Road – I have had the owner at the District Justice. Sent out another notice. Working with Mr. Liekar with the possibility of getting a court order or Code Enforcement Officer.

Property on Arthur Road – Working through some zoning issues and building issues to have it resolved.

Grable Road Trailer – Owner was given until December 31<sup>st</sup> . A citation has been turned in.

Township Engineer – Daniel Slagle

Midland Act 537 Plan – The Task Activity report was approved by PaDEP on September 25, 2009. The Draft Act 537 Plan was completed and presented at the October 30, 2009 Township meeting. The Act 537 was advertised on October 23, 2009 for the 30-day comment period. The Draft Act 537 Plan was submitted to PaDEP for initial comments on October 27, 2009. No written comments were received regarding the Act 537 Plan.

The Township Supervisors adopted the Plan by Resolution on December 1, 2009. 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 December 21, 2009. 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.

Midland Sewer Project – We redesigned the sewer for only one interconnection with the CHJA sewer system. Preliminary sewer line designs were completed and profiles developed. Field verification will be performed this month. The WQM Part II Permit will be prepared based on the field verification.

Sewer line Easements – We will prepare the required sewer easements based on the final sewer layout.

Local Share Account Grant – We have prepared/submitted the Township’s LSA Grant Application on November 20, 2009. This application requests \$1,400,000 in support of the Midland Sewer Project. The LSA presentation is scheduled for January 20, 2010 at 9:10 AM for the Midland Sewer Project and 9:20 AM for the Ball field Project.

PennVEST Financing – The next PennVEST application cut-off we believe is April 2010 with a June 2010 Board Meeting.

H2O Grant Application – The next funding cycle for DCED’s H2O Grant Application will be 2010. Chartiers Township’s DCED’s H2O Grant Application submitted on February 11, 2009. We understand that DCED will only consider the prior non-funded applications. We requested \$1,225,000 or about 50% of the Total Project Cost. All costs are retroactive back to January 1, 2007. This grant is critical to making this project affordable. We are compiling data.

Act 537 Tapping Fee Calculations – We reviewed the prior tapping fee for calculation and began assembling the base data in preparation of the Township’s Act 57 Tapping Fee Calculation.

Moninger Heights Plan – HMT is finalizing plans for a 16 lot Subdivision Plan for possible submission in February 2010.

Solicitor – James Liekar

I do have the Deed for the Patsch Property. The deed will be recorded first thing tomorrow morning.

## **SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Mr. Shober – None

Mr. Kiehl – None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discuss fence ordinance amendment:

Zoning Hearing Board met Monday, January 18, 2010. It was a two part request: 1) relief from the opaque fence requirement, which, they give him relief for. 2) The Board held to, which, they couldn't have a 6-ft. chain link with barbwire fence. It had to be 8-ft., which is according to what the ordinance said. The action taken was he has to take the barbwire off and leave the remaining chain link fence or replace it with an 8-ft. barbwire fence. (the ordinance states the dangerous portion of the fence at least 8-ft above the fence). This decision pertains to the property at 2453 West Pike Street, Houston.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to table action on the fence ordinance amendment until the February 2, 2010 Supervisors meeting. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to authorize payment of invoices (General Fund: Checks 24272-24312: \$159,381.83; Light Fund: Checks 1365,1366: \$4,839.01; Fire Hydrant Fund: Check 1368: \$64.59; Sewer Fund: Checks 2270,2271: \$686.00; Liquid Fuels Fund: Checks: 1377-1381: \$31,467.87; Municipal Improvement Fund: Check 1352: \$552.50; Total All Funds: \$196,991.80). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to approve 2007 and 2008 resident EIT refunds in the amount of \$60.20. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to approve 2006 and 2008 non-resident refunds in the amount of \$892.18. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to accept Carol Baker's resignation, with regret, from Friends of Chartiers Township Parks. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to hire Robert Sumney as a full time, probationary police officer with salary and benefits as per the current Police Bargaining Unit Agreement with employment to begin February 1, 2010. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to approve the request from Relay for Life to waive meeting room fees for March 6<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 for scrap booking events. Since June 2009 they have raised \$2,000. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to renew the Highmark PPO Option II Plan. Renewal cost is \$250,928.16. Motion carried. (The Board tried to make a change, but the Township is bound by the contracts, so the Board felt it is best to proceed with Highmark).

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to approve the Police Chief's request to update the officers' certification in CPR and Basic First Aid, February 13, 2010. The cost is \$360.00. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Shober to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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Samuel R. Stockton  
Manager/Assistant Secretary

Wendy Williams, Recording Secretary