

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
July 6, 2010

Harlan G. Shober, Jr. – Chairman called the regular meeting of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2010. At this time 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.

VISITORS TIME:

Mr. Steve Cypher and David Carmichaels of the accounting firm of Cypher & Cypher were present to present the 2009 Township Audit.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to accept the 2009 Audit and authorize the Manager to advertise the audit report. Motion carried.

Alice Dukes – Sister
Margaret Schmitt
136 Indiana Ave
Houston PA 15342

Ms. Dukes concern was on the restoration of her sister's property due to the recent construction of storm sewers. Hi lift broke limbs from a pine tree. The dirt under a pine tree was disturbed exposing roots. The driveway needs to be finished. Huge trucks were parked causing large holes along the edge of the lot. They threw stone instead of placing dirt and grass seed.

Mike Brodnick
134 Indiana Ave
Houston, PA. 15342

The Landscaper brought in back file instead of topsoil. Mr. Brodnick has rocks. The way the landscaper graded water will be diverted toward the house. Survey stakes need to be replaced.

Mr. Stockton is to contact Doug Patterson-Widmer Engineer to arrange a meeting with the Supervisors and Residents for a walk through.

Rodger Wall
471 Hickory Lane
Houston, PA 15342

Mr. Wall's concern is surveying lines drawn through his property. It looks as though Hickory Lane is being extended.

Mr. Shober stated, for the record, that it is his daughter and son-in-law that are doing Paxton Grove. They went through the Planning Commission, etc. The Engineer said the road did not meet specifications on the width and it needs to be widened. They were making the developer widen it to the standard twenty-two feet width.

Monette Mullen
118 Cedar Lane
Houston PA 15342

"The survey that I have says 5-ft. right-of-way not 15. I'm confused. The pins are more in my yard than in his. It's very confusing. It says proposed water line"

Mr. Shober recommended that the Engineer (HMT) come and explain what all the marks mean.

Vera Koziel
829 W. Grant St
Houston PA 15342

The tree near the Library was cut as much as it could be cut. The big heavy part is still there. Do they (Pine Lawn Home) have to take it down?

Mr. Ivery is to write a letter to Pine Lawn Home requesting that the tree be removed as it could cause injury to the public visiting the library if it falls.

Mike Myzak
McClane Farm Rd
Washington, PA 15301

Mr. Myzak was present to ask the status of a letter from the Township stating their plans for sewer construction on McClane Farm Road.

Mr. Metzler stated that the Supervisors did not authorize the Engineer to write the letter. We authorized him to look into whether the period of time was three (3) or five (5) years. He did write a report at our last meeting. My recollection was he recommended that the Board go ahead and write the letter. Mr. Metzler recommended that we review a copy of the Engineer's letter and make sure we know what it says. Mr. Slagle's recommendation was that the sewage system could be put in there within a three (3) year time period.

This issue is to be placed on the July 20th agenda.

John Polly
Pine Ave.
Houston, PA 15342

Complemented the Public Works Department this winter for the intense weather we had in the clearing of Pine Avenue. In apprehension they patched the bottom of Pine Avenue and Glass Alley. They never came up Pine Avenue. There are humps in the road and you drag the bottom of your vehicle trying to get up Pine Avenue. The Miners Hall – the roof caved in. The Bird property – where they removed the swimming pool, the sewage is running out on the road. The Public Works Director indicated that he would visit the area the next business day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Posted on Bulletin Board)

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve the Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Township Manager – Samuel R. Stockton

Sent sewage deduct meter and procedure to resident at 135 Hallam Avenue.

Met with Jerry Yacoviello, Secretary of Smith Township concerning authorizing Allegheny Power to release all information relative to our utility history to Premier Power. Authorization has been completed and sent.

Meet with the Arden Mills Housing Association with Harlan Shober, Jim Horvath and Harold Ivery.

The digital sign is ordered.

Working with the Animal Control Officer on a cat problem on Locust Street.

Completed and sent the 2010 PSASTS Wage and Salary Survey.

Reported the missed Clean Up Day pick-ups to Waste Management.

Contacted Industrial Appraisals concerning asset tags.

Bond Counsel and I arranged and attended Route 18 Sewer Project bond signing meeting.

Arranged and attended a meeting to discuss the Engineers Agreement for the Route 18 Project.

Discussed Roadway Priority Plan with the Township Engineer.

Opened the Paving Materials Bids at noon today.

Correspondence of Note:

Canonsburg Fourth of July Committee sent a certificate of appreciation to the Township.

Public Works Director – Edward Jeffries

All guide rails have been weed wacked and painted.

Mowing along all Township Roads.

Patching - Cummins Ave, Ridgeview Ave., Allison Hollow Road and Adlin Avenue.
Now we will start down on Pine Ave.

Arnold Park – Killed the weeds on the bank. Mr. Kasica was to notify Waste Management to get geo put down for the mulch. There is still nine or ten big rock up in there.

We started ditching before the holiday. We should be done with that by Thursday, Friday.

We installed a tap down on Dairy Queen Hill for Mr. Barbour.

We have been jetting all the troubled lines.

Checking on a milling machine. The Company needs the serial number from our backhoe to find out the flow readings. This is under a State bid.

Took care of the garbage on Hickory Ridge Road. The residence was left abandon. The Township is to secure the building by placing a pad lock on the front door.

Mr. Kiehl informed the Board of three (3) trucks that are in need of bed repairs and paint. A price for sand blasting was received at \$350.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded to have the Red 550 truck bed sand blasted at \$350.00. Motion carried.

Planning/Zoning Officer – Harold Ivery, Jr.

There are a total of 10 Subdivisions that will be forth coming.

Corner of North Main Street and Country Club Road – Mr. Kiehl reported there is a tractor parked near the building and asked Mr. Ivery to check to see if there were valid plates and sticker.

Township Engineer – (presented by Mr. Stockton)

Capital Improvement Projects

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. 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 has reviewed the Act 537 Plan and provided comments on April 30, 2010. We are currently responding to PaDEP's comments. Once the Act 537 Plan is approved, we will apply for 50% reimbursement of the TAR. We are currently performing the septic system evaluation.**
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. **PennVEST Financing** - The next PennVEST application cut-off is August 31, 2010 with a November 9, 2010 Board Meeting.
5. **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 compiled/submitted the required supporting data for the next round for the Midland Sewer Project.**
6. **McClane Farm Act 537 Plan** - We have prepared of the Task Activity Report to evaluate the McClane Farm Road Watershed as required by PaDEP.

On-Going Developer Projects

1. **Paxton Grove Plan** - We prepared the Bonding Requirement for the Developers Agreement.
2. **Dains Subdivision Plan** - We have reviewed the revised subdivision plan to resubdivide the existing one lot into three lots for consideration at the July 20, 2010 Supervisors meeting.
3. **Markwest Liberty Site Plan** - We have reviewed the revised site plan to modify the existing site by the addition of an electric substation pad which is in final form with the exception of the Lighting/Noise/Landscaping Plans. **We have reviewed the Boundary Sound Survey Report. Lighting will be emergency only.**
4. **Houston Gas Plant Tank Farm Site Plan** - We have reviewed the revised site plan to add a new Tank Farm Pad. This plan may not move forward due to tank spacing limitations imposed by the regulatory agency.
5. **Mazutis Subdivision Plan** - We have reviewed the minor subdivision plan to reconfigure the existing two lots through lot line changes along Cummins Avenue for consideration at the July 20, 2010 Supervisors meeting.
6. **Buckels Subdivision Plan** - We have reviewed the minor subdivision plan to subdivide the existing one lot into two lots along Washington Trails Road for consideration at the July 20, 2010 Supervisors meeting.
7. **Strimel Consolidation Plan** - We have reviewed the minor subdivision plan to reconfigure the existing five lots into four lots along Winsor Circle for consideration at the July 20, 2010 Supervisors meeting.
8. **Glendening Subdivision Plan** - We have reviewed the minor subdivision plan to reconfigure the existing two lots through lot line changes along McClane Farm Road for consideration at the July 20, 2010 Supervisors meeting.

On-Going Township Projects

1. **Act 167 - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)** - We attended a meeting by WCPC held on March 29, 2010 to review Act 167 with their consultant HRG. **This ACT will impose added constraints on development within the Township. We have taken the position with WCPC to ONLY impose the minimum**

REQUIRED by PADEP. A new stormwater Ordinance is required by PaDEP.

2. **2010 Tap Request** - We have completed the Townships Semi-Annual Report for 2009 which was sent to CHJA/PADEP in order to release Chartiers Township's 2010 tap request. **CHJA has installed the downstream backflow preventors and evaluated the interceptor sewer and discussed the status with PaDEP. The problem seems to be in Houston.**
3. **Act 57 Tapping Fee Calculation** - We reviewed the prior tapping fee calculation and began assembling the base data in preparation of updating the Township's Act 57 Tapping Fee Calculation.
4. **Infiltration/Inflow Reduction Program** - We have compiled the historical I/I rehabilitated areas and we are developing the 2010 I/I Reduction Project. We prepared/submitted the Semi-Annual Corrective Action Plan Report to PaDEP.
5. **Roadway Priority Plan** - We have prepared a preliminary Roadway Priority Plan which develops a ranking system for consideration by the Road Master/Supervisors. **We met with the Road Master to review/evaluate/rank each Township Roadway. We have prepared the Draft 2010 Roadway Master plan and have set up a meeting for July 9, 2010 with the Road Master and Manager to formalize a recommendation for the Supervisors.**
6. **Construction Standards** - **We suggest updating the Construction Standards for the Township Land Development Ordinance.**

Solicitor – James Liekar

No report

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Mr. Shober:

Obscenity Ordinance – Mr. Liekar has prepared an ordinance and I have asked Mr. Liekar to add a restriction on location so the Board could review it and asked the Board to consider a motion to have Mr. Liekar advertise the ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiel and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Mr. Liekar to advertise an ordinance. Motion carried.

Mr. Kiehl: No report

Mr. Metzler:

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Metzler acknowledged the Parks and Recreation Board's activities on June 26th. It was a very successful day with much help by the School District.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to table fence ordinance until July 20, 2010 in order the following wording is noted in the proposed ordinance: Section I: **k) in any zoning district, barbed wire or other hazardous fencing materials shall not be permitted in any zoned district unless there is a clear and present danger to the public (e.g. electrical power transformers, surface gas lines, etc.) Where permitted by Chartiers Township Supervisors, the barbed wire shall be installed on any fence less than eight 8 foot in height. Alternate security fences are preferred. Hazardous fence materials shall not be permitted in any residential zone. L) In any zoning district, where properties with adjacent fences are installed the owners of said property shall maintain the area enclosed or separated by the fences from the yard set back line to the township easement two (2) feet each side. Agricultural areas are to be exempt.** Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to authorize payment of invoices (General Fund: Checks 24865-24929: \$157,719.83; Light Fund: Check 1377: \$111.96; Fire Hydrant Fund: Check 1381: \$64.59; Sewer Fund: Checks 2306-2312: \$1,289.30; Municipal Improvement Fund: Check 1358: \$6,428.30; Grand Total All Funds: \$165,613.98). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2006 Non-Resident EIT refunds in the amount of \$95.14. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2010 EIT Non-Resident refunds in the amount of \$6,524.71. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2010 Real Estate refund in the amount of \$28.70. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve Strimel Subdivision line adjustment. Motion carried.

Bids for asphalt were opened at 12:01 p.m. for asphalt. The following bids were received:

350-tons Superpave 9.5 mm Fine Graded:

Hanson Aggregate Connellsville, PA	\$56.00/ton	\$19,600
Golden Eagle Construction Uniontown	NO BID	
Lane Construction Cheshire CT	\$62.00/ton	\$21,700

350-tons Superpave 9.5 mm Wearing Course:

Hanson Aggregate Connellsville, PA	\$55.00/ton	\$19,250
Golden Eagle Construction Uniontown	NO BID	
Lane Construction Cheshire CT	\$61.00/ton	\$21,350

350-tons Superpave 19.0 mm Wearing Course:

Hanson Aggregate Connellsville, PA	\$50.00/ton	\$17,500
Golden Eagle Construct Uniontown PA	NO BID	
Lane Construction Cheshire CT	\$55.00/ton	\$19,250

250-tons Superpave 19.0 mm Binder

Hanson Aggregate Connellsville PA	\$50.00/ton	\$12,500
Golden Eagle Uniontown PA	NO BID	
Lane Construction Cheshire CT	\$55.00/ton	\$13,750

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to award the paving material bid to Hanson Aggregate of Connellsville, PA – the lowest bidder.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to purchase two (2) Standard Signs “Slow-Children at Play “ at \$57.00 each as per recommendation of the Director of Public Works for the Soccer Field. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to purchase a full-page ad at \$60.00 for the 95th Washington County Association of Township Officials 2010 Yearbook. Motion carried.

Discuss Washington County Municipal Traffic Signal Led Replacement Program. – An estimate a replacement of four (4) traffic signals at an intersection (signal heads) one unit at red, yellow and green reduces annual energy costs at \$472.00 and maintenance costs by \$1,100. There are eight (8) traffic lights at the intersection of Pike Street and Country Club Road. The cost to replace them without the grant would be \$6,933.30. Total cost with the grant would be \$1,386.06.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler the Township apply for a grant and enter into an agreement. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve Chartiers Township Fire Department June 2010 bills in the amount of \$5,907.38. Motion carried.

Discuss request by the Villas of Arden Mills Condominium Association to adopt their streets.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler they go through the process according to our regulations. Motion carried.

The Condominium Association should talk to the Engineer and the Township should get some estimates from the Engineer of what it's going to cost this group so they don't get surprised.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Personnel)

The Board went into executive session at 8:49 pm. The Board reconvened at 9:12 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to hire Peter Grieb as a part time Code Enforcement/Building Inspector not to exceed 20 hours per week at the rate of \$15.00/hour; effective date July 12, 2010. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Richard Metzler
Secretary

Wendy Williams, Recording Secretary