# CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JULY 7, 2009

Harlan G. Shober, Jr. – Chairman called the Regular meeting of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:03 p.m. Tuesday July 7, 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; Douglas Patterson-Township Engineer; Harold Ivery, Jr.-Planning/Zoning Officer and Wendy Williams-Recording Secretary.

## **VISITOR'S TIME:**

Charles Schmaltz 409 W Grant Street Houston, Pa.

Resident owns property located on Ewing Street, Meadow Lands, PA regarding a public right-of-way to his property. The owner has in his possession a Court Order from the Washington County Court of Common Pleas.

It was determined the owner has a Court Order and he should petition the Court to enforce it if the Court Order is being violated. The Township is not in the position to enforce a Court Order.

Robert Bradford McClane Farm Rd. Washington, Pa.

Residents concern is the progress of the sanitary sewer line extension; the crossing at the end of the road.

The Board gave him an up-date of their progress.

Trash on edge of road at the 400 Block

Mr. Ivery is aware of the situation and is being handled.

Race Track Road Bridge – Can the Railroad come in and work on their crossing?

The Board gave him an up-date.

# **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 June 16, 2009, as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve the catering business, as a home occupation for Philip and Laurie Agostinelli of 82 Hart Street, Houston, PA based on the conditions as set-forth at the 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing held July 7, 2009. Motion carried.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

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

Met with Dan Slagle and Paul Scarmazzi on Sewage Rights of Way for the McClane Farm Road Project.

Talked with Mike Little, with Trumbull Corp., concerning Racetrack Road Bridge Replacement Project. They will pour concrete the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>, the concrete will require a two-week curing period, and the bridge will be open the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of July.

Met with Hayes Design Group on the Community Center.

Arranging a meeting with Canton Township tentatively on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00P.M. to discuss the Route 18 Joint Interceptor Project.

Completed the Economic Impact portion of the Penn Vest application for the Joint Interceptor Project.

The server back-up units are installed and off-site information storage is operating.

Sent copies of Ordinances 316 to 323 to General Code for codification inclusion.

### **Correspondence of Note:**

Letter from Range Resources advising the Board, they intend to submit a Notice of Intent for Coverage under the Erosion and Sedimentation Control General Permit for earth disturbance associated with Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment for the well pad and associated access road for the Worstell Unit Wells located in the Township.

Hillcrest Group, representing their client, Mark West, notified the Township that they would be applying to PA DEP for an Air Quality Plan Approval to install two natural gas heaters to remove propane and ethane from natural gas at their gas processing facility off of Route 519 in Chartiers Township. The notice is in accordance with Municipal Notification requirements. The application is available for review at the DEP Southwest Regional Office.

Received Independent Auditors Report and 2008 End of Year Financial Statements from Canonsburg-Houston Joint Authority.

Total Assets of \$10, 276,959 Total Liabilities of \$8,164,541 Total Net Assets of \$2,112,418

Received notice from Gannett Fleming Engineering representing PA DOT on the I-79 Meadowlands Interchange Project that PA DOT is in the process of applying for permits from DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers to construct the project. Included were, a project location map, a construction site plan and a copy of the post construction storm water report.

Received correspondence from the Army Corps of Engineers. The Pittsburgh District has recently received funding for initiation of the Western PA Flood Damage Reduction Program. The funding is used to complete a reconnaissance level investigation to identify a problem in the scope of the authority to determine if a solution is possible and establish if Federal involvement is warranted. Feasibility studies are cost shared at 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal basis. A construction project would be cost shared at a 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal basis.

We need to create a list of need areas and forward them to the Army Corp to begin the reconnaissance process. I called Dave Andreko for more information. There is no cost to the reconnaissance portion of the process.

Supervisor Metzler stated with Range Resource Permits (Road Sedimentation and Air Quality Plan) no plans were available. The Board needs to be well informed in order to be able to know what the Board is doing to read it and see what impacts so the Board can respond. Plans should be made available to the Board or someone in the department so a report could be made to the Board.

Interchange in Meadow Lands – Our Engineer or Mr. Ivery (whoever) give us some discussion on what impact the interchange is going to cause on our community.

Planning/Zoning Officer – Harold Ivery, Jr.

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PA Trolley Museum is asking for a waiver of building permit fees for putting solar panels on their building.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to waive the building permit fee for the PA Trolley Museum. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Minutes- Mr. Kiehl expressed his concern regarding the Ordinance whereby Developers taking the sewer line to the end of the property line. Supervisors minutes are to be reviewed,

Noise at the Compressor Station at Range Resources (Plum Run Road) - Panels have been put back on the building. They have buffered the area.

# **Township Engineer – Douglas Patterson**

Indiana Avenue Storm Sewer – Met with Mr. Shober and we decided the design is to be modified to add one catch basin north of Romano driveway. We previously stacked locations of manholes, catch basins. Provided easement drawings and descriptions to Solicitor Liekar. Request that you authorize for bids for opening on August 4, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Widmer Engineering to advertise for bids for August 4, 2009. Motion carried.

McGovern Road Culvert Replacement – We are nearly done with the spec package. We are waiting on one question we had on the wingwall. We are trying to shorten it so we don't go out into the right-of-way. Request authorization to bid that for August 4, 2009, or as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Widmer Engineering to advertise the McGovern Road Culvert Replacement as soon as possible. Motion carried. Schweinebraten Bus Company is to be notified.

McClane Farm Road Crossing – Arden Mills Phase III – Stopped by there this evening. They didn't replace the fill. They still had the riprap and all the other items to go. They want some inspections on the manholes. We will be inspecting them.

Ryburn Road Culvert Damage – No change from last report.

Planning Module for Mosities Development – North Strabane Township (Meadow Lands Park). We are reviewing the letter that was sent from North Strabane Township Municipal Authority.

### Solicitor – James Liekar

An Ordinance has been advertised for July 21, 2009 relating to Chartiers Township entering into agreement with Canton Township.

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORTS:**

Mr. Shober:

No report

#### Mr. Kiehl:

The pole is moved in Meadow Lands but the stop sign is behind the pole.

A recommendation was made that we move the stop sign and possible post "No Parking" from here to corner on both sides.

### 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 23495-23595: \$155,235; Light Fund: Checks 1353,1354: \$4,882.52; Fire Hydrant Fund: Checks 1353,1354: \$3,390.23; Sewer Fund: Checks 2214-2216: \$1,094.32; Liquid Fuels Fund: Check 1366: \$60.23; Municipal Improvement Fund: Check 1335: \$6,428.39; Total All Fund: \$171,091.48). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve 2008 EIT Resident refund in the amount of \$61.34. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve Non-Resident 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009 refunds in the amount of \$15,587.35. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Discuss naming a delegate and alternate to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee. Delegate may be a resident, non-resident, employee or member of the governing body.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to appoint Harlan G. Shober, Jr. as delegate and A. William Kiehl as alternate to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee. Motion carried.

Discuss 537 Sewage Plan for the Midland Sewer Project or entire watershed.

Another follow-up with DEP is to be made.

Discuss PAMS Agreement for Delinquent Light and Hydrant Fee Collection

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve PAMS Agreement for Delinquent Light and Hydrant Fee Collection. Motion carried.

Discuss rezoning of certain areas of the Township as recommended by Comprehensive Plan and Chartiers Township Planning Commission.

- a. **Zone 1** Eastern side of Pike Street to Hallam Avenue from First Street to Fourth Street
- b **Zone 2** Southern area of Race Track Road to Fourth Street from the Chartiers Township Line to Pike Street
- c **Zone 3** Western Side of Pike Street, the front parcels from Allison Hollow Road north to Silver Maple Street
- d **Zone 4** Eastern frontage parcels abutting Pike Street from Johnson Road to the existing I-1 district and north to Houston Borough.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to schedule the first hearing for the rezoning at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday September 8, 2009. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Widmer Engineering to prepare a rezoning map based on these locations in these areas. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize the Planning Commission to engage their Planning Consultant (Kerstin Hiltz), if available, to draft proposed ordinance changes to meet the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried.

Discuss authorizing Manager to engage the Township Engineer to survey and stake the Caruso and Peternel property lines in relation to Allison Hollow Road, as suggested by the Township Solicitor.

The Township could authorize the Engineer to survey the property with all expenses incurred by Mr. Peternel.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Richard W. Metzler Secretary

Wendy Williams Recording Secretary