

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JUNE 21, 2011

Chairman Harlan G. Shober Jr. called the regular meeting of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors, at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday June 21, 2011. Mr. Shober asked all present to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Attending this evenings meeting were A. William Kiehl, Richard W. Metzler and Mr. Shober. Additionally in attendance were James Liekar-Solicitor; Edward Jeffries-Public Works Director; Harold Ivery, Jr.-Planning/Zoning Officer and Wendy Williams-Recording Secretary.

VISITOR'S TIME:

Jeffrey Klug
111 Adlin Ave.
Houston PA 15342

Mr. Klug approached the Board regarding the status of the sanitary sewer construction work. Since the last meeting the Engineer has not contacted him.

A meeting is to be scheduled with the Board of Supervisors and Dan Slagle.

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 Regular Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

For the record the Board reported the drainage problem on Arnold Hollow Road has subsided. It had been determined that a mine cavern had over flowed. The water problem on Pike Street is dried up.

STAFF REPORTS:

Township Manager:

Drafted and sent Rea Jones a letter informing him of his appointment to the Planning Commission and requested a Zoning Hearing Board resignation letter.

Drafted and sent School District Ball Field Project permit and inspection fee waiver letter.

Called the Washington County Redevelopment Authority for income survey information.

Drafted cover letter and sent a reimbursement request to PA DOT for Widmer Engineers for work done on the Racetrack Road/Allison Hollow Road Improvement.

Attended the Route 18 Sewer Extension Project Pre-Bid Meeting.

Samuel Harper of PA DEP has sent notice to Canonsburg-Houston Sewage Authority authorizing release of 19 sewer taps for 2011.

Emily Shade of DEP has sent notice that the Midland 537 Plan should be approved soon.

Informed Senator Solobay's Office that the water problem on West Pike Street in Meadowlands has ceased.

Resolved a feral cat problem on Cherry Avenue.

Informed Bill Rose, inspector for the 2010 Sewer Inflow and Infiltration repair project of restoration issues at 141 Adlin Avenue.

Completed and sent on-line DCED Gaming Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report for 2010.

In discussions with North Strabane Township Sewer Authority concerning a sewer problem 161 Johnson Road.

Currently working on bid specifications for the exterior of the Police Station.

Public Works Director – Edward Jeffries

Trucks – 2004 Freightliner, 2008 Peterbilt, and - 1988 Chevrolet dump trucks are up for inspection. The tag along trailer has been refurbished and can haul our mowers instead of driving them on the road. Cost was \$600.00.

Paved-Potholes - All we have left to patch due to the weather is Seik Road and we will finish the road that needs repaired for shot and chip. After that will we will repairing all roads with holes.

Storm Drains – We have repaired three of the 5 problem storm drains on Orchard Ridge. We have repaired the storm drains on Silver Maples and we only have two on Orchard Ridge that need attention. We have a storm drain on Allison Hollow that needs replaced we should have that replaced next week weather permitting.

Tree's – We have been removing trees that have fallen during the heavy rain season.

Guild Rails – The summer help has been weed whacking the guide rails though out the township.

Parks – The comfort station is clean and ready for the next rental. We will be sanding down the picnic table at Arnold Park getting ready for Celebrating Chartiers. We will be installing playground mulch before the celebration.

Building – The new garage door has been installed.

Ditching – As soon as we are finished with patching for shot and chip we will start ditching.

Mowing – We have about 40 percent of the country roads tiger mowed for the first time.

Storm Drains & Water Run Off – (Allison Hollow and Kings Road) a motion was made by Mr. Metzler to properly repair the drain at the end of a driveway down to the tributary (corner lot on Allison Hollow Road and Kings Road) at a cost \$2,500.40. Motion died to a lack of a second. Public Works Department is to ditch and monitor the situation. If the Township continues to have drainage issue the matter will be revisited.

Mr. Kiehl had a concern regarding contracts on material and the possibility of plants experiencing brake down – Can the Township go elsewhere? Mr. Liekar responded yes, however everything is to be documented.

Gas Well (Public Works) – Is getting worse. Mr. Stockton is to follow up with Range Resources and if there is no answer by the next meeting this is to be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Metzler had asked that a Road Plan be in place for the July 5th meeting agenda.

Paxton Farm Road damages due to truck traffic. Mr. Stockton is to notify the County of the road condition. Mr. Liekar to write a letter.

Planning/Zoning Officer – Harold Ivery, Jr.

There are three (3) sewer taps, under agreement, under the CAP and the Township needs to request release of taps.

Mr. Ivery requested the Board to consider up-dating the Zoning Map.

Storable Swimming Pools do require building permits if they are over 24-inches.

Public Roads in a PRD – Private Roads – Through researching, if you put a private road in and it goes over the four (4) lots there is no exception. More than four (4) lots it becomes a public road. The only way it can be changed in a PRD is by a modification by the Supervisors. A modification by the Supervisors is to be made during the process not after the PRD is completed.

Peter Greib was present and gave the Supervisors a report on the Midland Sanitary Sewer Survey - Began with 275 homes-vacant properties do not count. There are 80 no response. A cover letter, along with the survey is to mailed out.

Solicitor – James Liekar

The Stone & Company Developers Agreement has been sent to their Attorney as well as Mr. Von Fisher.

Route 18 Sanitary Sewer Rights of Way – We need 20 to 25 more rights-of-ways that have not been signed. A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize the Solicitor is to send certified letters to those property owners who have not signed releases. A date of response is to be stated in the letter. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Mr. Shober:

Mr. Shober received a letter from a former resident, for a claim they have with the Commonwealth. The resident is asking that the Township sign off on a letter of residency from 1974 to August 2001. This letter is to be forwarded to the Earned Income Tax Collector.

Range Drilling – Has there been information received from Range Resources concerning drilling on the Patsch Farm - Response was provided that there would be no activity for two (2) years.

Mr. Kiehl – No report

Mr. Metzler

Attended a meeting with Marcellis Municipal Co Op Organization on Saturday June 11th they developed a mission statement. Have been assigned to two (2) sub-committees “Liaison” and “Public Health and Safety”.

Mr. Ivery was asked to notify the Planning Commission for a volunteer to the Municipal Co Op Organization.

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 #26011-#26054: \$128,765.03; Fire Hydrant Fund: Check 1413: \$3,558.55; Sewer Fund: Checks #2407-#2410: \$20,519.74; Route 18 SLE Fund: Check #1025: \$12,290.00; Total All funds: \$165,133.32). Motion carried.

A motion was made b Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2008 Non-Resident refunds in the amount of \$243.25. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2009 Non Resident refunds in the amount of \$389.25. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2010 Non-Resident refunds in the amount of \$693.52. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2010 Resident refunds in the amount of \$55.01. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to reimburse Canton Township for legal fees incurred for Rights-of-Way for the Route 18 Sewer Extension Project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to accept Rea Jones resignation from the Chartiers Township Zoning Hearing Board effective June 7, 2011. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to table, until July 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., the Route 18 Sewer Extension Project Construction Bids. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Ivery is to contact the current alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board to ascertain her interest in serving as a regular member. Mr. Ivery is to submit the name of Jim Jeffries, to the Zoning Hearing Board for their recommendation.

Proposed Driveway Resolution – This is to be placed on the next agenda as a motion for adoption.

Discuss PA DOT Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement for proposed sidewalks in the West Pike Street-Country Club Road Intersection Project. – Mr. Liekar was authorized to draft a Sidewalk Ordinance.

Discussion amending Article VIII Section 350-48 Oil and Gas Extraction – Many Township have moved in the direction of additional conditions on residential sites and increases on distances. These two areas need to be revisited and obtain ordinances from Municipalities in the area. PSATS also has a sample ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Richard W. Metzler
Secretary

Wendy Williams, Recording Secretary