

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
November 17, 2009

William Kiehl – Vice Chairman called the regular meeting of the Chartiers Township Supervisors meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Tuesday November 17, 2009. Mr. Kiehl asked all present to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Attending this evenings meeting were Supervisors Richard W. Metzler and Mr. Kiehl. Harlan G. Shober, Jr. was absent. Additionally in attendance were James Liekar, Solicitor; Samuel R. Stockton-Township Manager; Edward Jeffries-Public Works Director; Harold Ivery, Jr.-Zoning Officer and Wendy Williams – Recording Secretary.

**VISITORS TIME:**

Mr. John Devitis  
90 Red Fox Rd.  
Hickory, PA.

Mr. Devitis was in attendance regarding his subdivision on his property located on Veronica Drive.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to approve the Board of Supervisors regular minutes of November 4, 2009. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Township Manager - Samuel R Stockton**

Wrote letter to Regis Peternel requesting a survey and property stakes in order to consider his request to access Allison Hollow Road across a Township ROW.

Gathering 2010 Health Care Proposals.

Worked with the Solicitor on the Patsch Property donation agreement.

Worked on the Arnold Park Ball field LSA application.

Worked on the 2010 Budgets.

### **Correspondence of Note:**

Received a proposal from Widmer Engineering for Sewer Corrective Action Plan Data Review and Analysis cost is a lump sum fee of \$400.00 Review and Recommendations Report is not to exceed \$2,200 unless more information is requested from the Township and then Schedule of Rate Fees apply. The proposal is valid for 60 days. Total is \$2,600.00

Widmer Engineering, representing Houston Borough sent a letter stating that a resident at 357 East Pike Street paid a tap fee to Chartiers Township but tapped into the Houston Borough sewer lines. He is requesting a refund of the resident's tap in fee. The letter claims a dye test indicates the sewer flow from this residence the flows are connected into the Borough sewers.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to refund the tap in fee up to \$1,000.00 with an amount to be paid to Houston for tap in and anything less than \$1,000.00 will be returned to the resident. Motion carried.

Received e-mail notification from PENNVEST that the Route 18 Joint Sewer Project application was not considered for the October Board Meeting.

Received a Second Notice from PA American Water concerning the back flow preventer at Arnold Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to have the Public Works Department install a back flow preventer valve at the Arnold Park and inspected by our Building Inspector. Motion carried.

Received a call from Senator Stout's Office stating the State will reimburse the Local sanitation Council for 42.5% of costs submitted to date.

### **Announcements:**

Park and Recreation is sponsoring Light Up Night November 24<sup>th</sup> .at 6:30 P.M. Lighting the Christmas tree, there will be refreshments, a craft table for the children and a visit with Santa. All this takes place at the Municipal Building.

The Municipal Office will be closed November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will re-open Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00A.M.

### **Public Works Director - Edward Jeffries**

Trucks – 1995 International is inspected.

Paved – Potholes - Installed the apron to the driveway on Kings Road. We patched holes on Seik Road, Plum Run Road, Green Street, Cummins Avenue and Montclair Road

Storm Drains – Repaired storm drains on Roth and Cummins, and a storm drain at Cummins and Pike.

Trees – We have trimmed some trees on Arthur Road, Arden Road, Welsh Road, Cross Roads.

**Planning/Zoning Officer – Harold Ivery, Jr.**

Rental Properties – Started on the list. Certified letters have been sent out for the major ones. This project is to continue.

There were some disturbances with the Gas Company with their gas water pumps. The water pumps were set too close to residence. They have been taken out. Six more rigs have been moved in.

Trailers on Country Club Road – Trailers have been moved, but there is still junk on the property.

It had been stated that Mr. Ivery had sent them a letter some time ago advising there were permits needed. They had not responded so the Solicitor advised the Zoning Officer to issue a citation to go down before District Justice David Mark and if the District Justice doesn't resolve it then Mr. Liekar will come back to the Board with a recommendation of what the Board should do with action to have it removed or have the home owner hire a lawyer.

**Solicitor – James Liekar**

Indiana Storm Sewer – No response has been received from the Restaneos'. Four notices have been sent beginning in July. Another attempt was made a couple weeks ago- still no response. The project can't go on without it.

Mr. Stockton was asked to contact Mr. Shober when he gets back.

It was the consensus of both Mr. Kiehl and Mr. Metzler if there is no response by the end of the month to proceed with condemnation.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS:**

Mr. Kiehl – Mr. Metzler and I attended the Veterans Day Gulf War Memorial Dedication November 8, 2009. It was a very nice program.

Mr. Metzler – Attended the meeting November 16<sup>th</sup> associated with the “Traffic Improvement Program”. They are in the process of developing a 2011-2014 Plan on the Department of Transportation Projects. I specifically asked about two (2) projects that are ongoing in the Township 1) The Meadow Land Interchange. That project is ready for bidding. 2) The bridge on Paxton Farm Road off 519. The project is ready for bidding.

This afternoon attended a meeting at South Strabane on the I-79 Interchange in Meadow Lands. The project is to be bid out in May of 2010. The project to be awarded in June 2010 – with the project beginning in the Fall 2010. This is to change the interchange for on and off ramps on the upper side of the bridge beginning at the entrance of North Strabane. It's a three (3) year project. Mr. Stockton will be working with the Manager of South Strabane on the traffic signals (whether we/they control them). There will be a traffic signals will be where the Manifold Road is currently located there will be a traffic signal located in our Township so there will have to be an agreement made as to who will manage the signal. There will be four (4) traffic signals for the project.

Mr. Trapuzzano, Thorne Street – Concerns he had in Thad Alley – There were some serious potholes, which the Public Works Department addressed. There are some drainage issues in which the Public Works Director will be made aware of. Thad Alley is so flat that the properties on Thorne Street are lower then the alley causing water to be forced on the properties.

Email was sent concerning the barb wire fence installed on the property next door and learned that it was not in compliance with the permit they have filed and they will have to go before the Zoning Hearing Board in order to have a permit to install the barb wire. For the record, I'm against it. There isn't much the Supervisors can do if the Zoning Hearing Board permits the installation of barbwire next to this building. There was a conflict in the ordinances and that is if you have a property on a corner you cannot block the visibility for the traffic at the intersection. If you are a business that installs part of your goods out on your property then you have to have an opaque fence (a fence you can't see through) so you end up blocking the visibility of the intersection. I have the Solicitor looking into which appears to be a Catch 22 that perhaps a business has now expanded their operation that cannot meet the ordinances. As we issue permits I would like some fore thought to go into what the business operation is going to be and how that operation intends to operate so we can potentially avoid the concerns like the one we have next door.

Another concern is a home builder in the area continually installs driveways which are four inches (4") above the road where it's going to meet and takes that driveway all the way out to the edge of the road so that the driveway has to be used as part of the road in order to grade down to the road. Prior to the contractor gets a permit these things should be thought about and be told in advance that the driveway is to be graded down to the road before they do it and not after the fact.

At the next meeting I intend on making a motion to establish some kind of committee that will gather on gas drilling environmental and public health hazards. This Board should be made aware of potential issues are associated with drilling operations.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to authorize payment of invoices (General Fund Checks 24065-24095: \$110,124.57; Light Fund: Check 1361: \$89.70; Fire Hydrant Fund: Check 1364: \$43.06; Sewer Fund: Checks 2253-2257: \$17,588.90; Arnold Park Fund: Check 1318: \$737.50; Municipal Improvement Fund: Check 1346: \$1,510.00; Total All Funds: \$130,093.73). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to authorize 2007 Non-Resident refund in the amount of \$208.14. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to authorize 2008 Non-Resident refunds in the amount of \$1,141.74. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to authorize 2009 Non-Resident refund in the amount of \$269.62. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Devitis Subdivision – Widmer Engineering had provided a comment that an easement for the future development of a cul-de-sac. Mr. Devitis agreed to have this done.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to approve All Clad police coverage agreement for the December sale at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Agreement is for 43 hours at \$38.00 per hour for a total of \$1,596.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to approve the Preliminary 2010 Budgets with no tax increase as presented at the November 17, 2009 Budget Workshop. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to authorize the Township Manager to advertise the preliminary 2010 Budgets for public review. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to approve the H2O Grant Agreement for the Route 18 Sanitary Sewer Project in the amount of \$2,233,812.00. Motion carried.

Discuss winter maintenance agreement for Maronda Homes. This item is to be placed on the agenda for December 7, 2009 as to what the Manager and Public Works Director have discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to approve the request from Project Kozy Kids to waive the meeting room fee for a blanket making party. Blankets made will be given to children at Children's Hospital for the holidays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to authorize the Township Engineer to do cost estimates for an access road and utility extensions for the Patsch Sports Complex Ball Field LSA Grant Application. Not to exceed \$400.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to authorize the Building Inspector taking the Residential Electrical Inspector Test before the end of the year. Test will be given in Robinson Township at a cost of \$180.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to approve Parks and Recreation request for expenses for Light-Up Night not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

Mr. Frank Guzzel  
Oak Spring Rd.  
Canonsburg, PA. 15317

How many people have complained about jake brakes? One person comes in and complains about brakes. You jump on it. A woman come in and complained about burning. You jumped on it. I asked that speed limit signs be posted on Ridge Avenue – I finally gave up on the speeding on Ridge Avenue. Finally I said that's it and finally at the last meeting I said that's it.

**ADOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

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Richard W. Metzler  
Secretary

Wendy Williams, Recording Secretary