

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 20, 2009

Harlan G. Shober, Jr. – Chairman called the regular meeting of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday October 20, 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; Edward Jeffries-Public Works Director; Harold Ivery, Jr.-Planning/Zoning Officer and Wendy Williams-Recording Secretary.

VISITORS TIME:

Edward Kovacik
810 Ridge Avenue
Canonsburg PA 15317

Mr. Kovacik's concern was the drilling rig on the Worstell property. Has the Planning Commission set any regulations and if so is it documented?

Mr. Kovacik was informed that an ordinance has been adopted and in place.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve the minutes of October 6, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Township Manager – Samuel R. Stockton

Drafted and sent request for sign permit on West Pike Street to PA DOT.

Requested Jamie Harshman, of HMT Engineering, to develop revised tap fees for Route 18 Project residents based on the addition of the Army Corps of Engineers Grant.

Drafted and sent a letter to Keith Straight informing him of his appointment to the Planning Commission.

Worked on 2010 Budget.

Been in contact with Solicitor concerning gas well leak near Public Works.

Worked with the Engineer on Restaneo ROW relocation for the Indiana Avenue Storm Water Project.

Drafted and sent a letter to PADOT District 12 concerning the under drain situation from parking lot under Racetrack Road to creek and requested assistance.

Been in contact with Canton Township concerning the Rt 18 Project.

Correspondence of Note:

The State Transportation Commission is soliciting input to set policy direction with respect to the Commonwealth's Twelve Year Transportation Program. The STC will host a Transportation Public Meeting will be held Monday November 16, 2009 in 103-104 Courthouse Square, at 5:30P.M. The STC will also accept written testimony the night of the meeting or sent directly to the State Transportation Commission via e-mail.

Notice from Range Resources that they intend to apply for a General Permit from DEP for earth disturbance associated with oil and gas exploration for the well pad and associated access road for the Albert Allison Unit.

Received John A Coole's Storm Water Management Plan. Plans drawings were submitted with no letter of explanation.

Announcements:

The Municipal Offices will be closed Wednesday November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. The offices will be open Thursday November 12th at 8:00A.M.

Public Works Director – Edward Jeffries

Trucks – 2008 Ford Super Duty, 2007 Peterbuilt, 2004 Freighliner, and the Loadstar sewer jetter are all inspected. All trucks have been serviced and ready for snow.

Ditched – We are going to ditch part of Welsh road Thursday.

Paved-Potholes – The high spot on McClane Farm Road is almost completed. Everything is completed at the library.

Storm Drains – We are removing a cross pipe on Welsh Road to eliminate a water problem.

Trees – The tree on Grace Avenue has been removed.

Planning/Zoning Officer – Harold Ivery, Jr.

Rental Letters have been sent out. 400 letters were sent out; 180 are accounted for; 100 have paid the rental fee; 80 had no rentals or family.

Mr. Ivery is to make a priority list and those who have not responded are to be sent certified letters; breaking the mailing into 10 per month.

Occupancy Permit Trailers on Country Club Road – A certified letter was sent denying him of the occupancies and that he had 30-days to appeal. The trailers have been moved out.

The stand at the Pie Shop – Mr. Liekar looked at it. Thought it was to be set up for the weekend of the Pumpkin Festival. Mr. Ivery was in contact with the owner on Monday and the stand is to be moved out. Mr. Ivery is investigating the Pie Place and stated he felt the dumpster should be enclosed.

Solicitor – James Liekar

Mr. Liekar has faxed the agreement to the Restano's.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Mr. Shober: No report

Mr. Kiehl: No Report

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 23952-24014: \$115,183.62; Light Fund: Check 1359: \$4,727.05; Sewer Fund: Checks 2246, 2247: \$5,964.55; Interceptor Capital Improvement Fund: Check 1068: \$405.00; Municipal Improvement Fund: Check 1344: \$2,960.00; Total: \$127,240.22). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize payment of 2008 Non-Resident refunds in the amount of \$1,913.10. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize payment 2008 Resident refund in the amount of \$14.71. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize payment of 2009 Non-Resident refunds in the amount of \$319.65. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Dan Slagle
Nichols & Slagle Engineering

Mr. Slagle presented a brief up-date regarding the Act 537 Plan for the Midland Sanitary Sewer Project and presented a copy of the plan. There are a number of alternatives available to address the sewage needs in Chartiers Township area of the Plum Run watershed. 1) Regional Alternative by connecting to and up-dating existing sewage facilities in Houston Borough 2) Regional Alternative by bypassing Houston Borough and connecting directly to the Chartiers Interceptor Sewer 3) New Treatment Facility 4) Continue use of On-Lot Systems. The most cost effective is Alternate 2- by bypassing the Houston Borough Sewage facilities, and connecting directly to the Chartiers Interceptor Sewer, therefore Alternate 2 is recommended by the Engineer.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to advertise for 30-day public comment on the Midland Project Act 537 Plan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adopt Resolution No. 2009-05 relating to the Act 537 Plan for the Midland Project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adopt LSA Resolution No. 2009-06 for the Midland Sewer Project in the amount of \$1,4000,000.00. Motion carried.

Due to the General Election on Tuesday, November 3rd, a motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to advertise the Supervisors Meeting for Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to award the contract for 2,000 ton of Anti-Skid (delivered) to Del Sir Supply of Meadow Lands at a unit price of \$10.92 or \$21,840.00. Quantity is more or less. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to issue a letter of support to the trolley Museum LSA for site work on Visitor's Center track and wire. They also need a letter stating the project is consistent with our Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adopt Resolution No. 2009-07 supporting CHJA LSA application to install a parallel interceptor. Motion carried.

Discuss wetlands study on proposed Patsch property donation. Approximate cost \$1,500.00.

Township needs layout of the property for the deed and an agreement as well as a cost for everything including the subdivision fees. This is to be placed on the November 4th meeting agenda. (Patsch Field and Sports Complex)

Discuss Park and Recreation request to have a chartered bus trip to Rivers Casino for residents and non-resident Senior Citizens Group members at a cost of \$740.00. No action taken.

Discuss Park and Recreation request authorization to purchase a pole-mounted sign with custom header and 150 letters to be installed in front of Municipal Building to advertise events etc. Cost is \$459.00 complete. No action was taken on the specific sign recommended. A price is to be acquired for a sign and Mr. Liekar to contact Range Resources asking for a donation.

Discuss proposed sale of Interceptor to CHJA from manhole #52 to manhole #60. Mr. Kiehl asked that before we sell the interceptor he wanted the money transferred out of the Interceptor Fund into the Sewer Fund. Mr. Shober assured Mr. Kiehl that Canonsburg will not touch the money and that it is our money.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to transfer money from the Interceptor Fund to the Sanitary Sewer Fund as a separate line item for I&I. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to sell the Interceptor to Canonsburg Houston Joint Authority from manhole #52 to manhole #60 with the added statement that no other money is charged. Motion carried.

Mr. Slagle questioned the Board whether Canonsburg would charge a transportation fee.

Mr. Liekar responded that this had been discussed, but the rates would stay the same and no special rates would be charged for transportation.

Mr. Slagle had received an email from Diane Altland asking what the flows would be regarding the Midland Project and they would be responding back to her request.

Discussion back-flow preventer at Arnold Park. Cost of preventer, installation and inspection is \$450.00. No action taken.

McGovern Road Project Bid as recommended by the Engineer Tedesco Construction Company of Park Manor McKeesport was the lowest bidder of \$148,500.00. The notice of award was executed by Harlan G. Shober, Jr. – Chairman.

Discuss rezoning areas recommended by the Comprehensive Plan and Planning Commission.

Mr. Metzler presented the following comments on Rezoning Proposal:

- 1) The Chartiers Township Planning Commission did an excellent job in producing the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. The Plan is consistent with the comments provided by residents who attend the public meeting. Both are in agreement which makes the decision of the Township Supervisors an easy one. They acknowledge the priority for maintaining the quality of life in the Township by: retaining the rural nature of the Township; Zoning to maintain property values; and the preservation of open space. The Plan notes that growth in the Township should be encouraged in chosen areas that are compatible with existing land uses. The ultimate vision of the Township is for the community to remain primarily as a rural and residential area, limiting future nonresidential development for the commercial convenience of the Township, with some office and industrial uses to ensure a healthy tax base
- 2) The Plan elucidates goals to maintain and develop a tax base sufficient to provide the services and facilities to be responsible to the future needs of the community. Both the Plan and residents who attended the public meeting indicated that planning for growth must consider the need for ordinances to maintain the quality of life of its residents such as interconnected network of pedestrian and bicycle ways, pedestrian amenities should be addressed, including crosswalks and new/or improved sidewalk facilities; traffic calming measures; improve aesthetic appeal – such as lighting, benches or landscaped areas; and sufficient right of way/easement set back distances for off street parking, etc.
- 3) The Plan points out that with proper planning the Township will continue to be an attractive community to choose to live and the Township can protect its unique natural resources and character. Both the Plan and residents have expressed a clear objective that further develop of land rezoning the Township must carefully planned to preserve the natural rural beauty and character of our community. It is evident that additional planning is needed as recommended to define how the land will be developed and to investigate needed enhancements in the Township ordinances to assure it is developed in a way to maintain our quality of life.

After discussion and study among all Supervisors, it was the consensus of the Board, there is nothing to necessitate rezoning at this time and the officials will research ordinances as they go. The Board has satisfied the requirement of holding a public hearing taking public comments.

Discuss LSA Resolution for Ball Field at Arnold Park.

This resolution is for the Patsch Field and Athletic Complex. There is a monetary amount. The School District has a budget they are allocating for this. This is for the earth moving on top of what they have. They have \$400,000.00. We asked for \$150,000 –

200,000.00. The Township will have to extend water and sewer lines and an access road leading to the complex.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve LSA Resolution No. **2009-08**, monetary amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the Arnold Athletic Field. Motion carried.

Discuss proposed Mark West pipeline ROW agreement for Ullom Road property. No action was taken as the Board expressed several concerns in the draft agreement proposed by Mark West.

Mr. Kiehl expressed concerns of an ordinance needed relating to “jake brakes”. During a brief discussion the Board mentioned the possibility of obtaining ordinances from neighboring municipalities and reviewed by the proper authority. No other action was taken at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Richard W. Metzler
Township Manager

Wendy Williams, Recording Secretary