

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OCTOBER 6, 2009

Harlan G. Shober, Jr. – Chairman called the regular meeting, of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors, to order at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, 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; Edward Jeffries-Public Works Director and Wendy Williams-Recording Secretary.

**VISITOR'S TIME:**

Sue Shuba  
Allison Hollow Rd  
Washington, PA. 15301

Mrs. Shuba's concern was regarding the proposed rezoning. If Pike Street is zoned Commercial would anyone be permitted to put anything in without restrictions. After a brief discussion the response was in order to change this, the Township would have to place certain restrictions in the ordinance to pertain to the respective zoning classifications.

Ron Harton and  
Robert Franks, Supervisors  
Canton Township

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Kiehl contingent on Canton Township approval that we proceed with HMT's suggested six (6) month budgetary schedule with the four (4) items that they have identified as past descriptions that would be done per month cost basis. Motion carried.

Mr. Stockton is to contact HMT to have their firm calculate all fees incurred (e.g. tap fees, OM charges, etc.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve the Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes of September 15, 2009. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Township Manager – Samuel R. Stockton**

All utilities have been transferred from the Allegheny Power pole at the intersection of Barnickle and West Pike Street and the old pole has been removed.

Distributed copies of the revised land donation agreement to the Patsch Family for review.

Met with Land Agents from Mark West and members of the Tractor Pull Association at the Ullom Road property to walk the area of the proposed Mark West ROW as it may affect the area under consideration by the Tractor Pull Association. I also arranged and attended a meeting with the same parties and members of the Board to discuss the ROW location.

Drafted and sent a request to PA DOT for Bus Stop Ahead signs permit for Route 18 and Cross Roads Road. I have received an approval from PA DOT for these signs.

Arranged and attended a meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers, and members of the Canton and Chartiers Boards of Supervisors concerning a grant award for the Joint Route 18 Sewage Project.

Completed and sent the 2010 Employee Census to Simpson and McCready Insurance Brokers necessary for them to solicit health and vision benefit quotes.

Been in contact with Christine Restaneo concerning a ROW necessary for the Indiana Avenue Storm water project.

Attended the Hearing for proposed rezoning.

Attended a meeting with Supervisor Shober, of the Board and Congressman Murtha's District Director, Mark Critz.

Having a print study done to see if the Township can save on printing-copying costs. The study is at no cost.

**Correspondence of Note**

Received from ms consultants, inc. on behalf of the Washington County Planning Commission, a notification concerning the Paxton Road Bridge Replacement. This firm was retained to conduct environmental and engineering services relative to the replacement and improvement of the existing Y intersection with an at-grade T intersection accomplished by raising the grade of Paxton Road in the vicinity of the bridge. The Replacement Bridge will be placed at a higher elevation above the stream than the existing bridge as a result, they claim the flood levels will be improved or unchanged.

Received notification from Emily Shade of DEP that the Plan of Study and Task /Activity Report for the preparation of an Act 537 Plan for the Midland area has been approved. Following Act 537 plan approval, the Department administers grants for up to 50% of the cost of preparing the Act 537 Plan. Only municipalities with approved Task/Activity Reports qualify for reimbursement. Costs in excess of those previously approved, are not automatically eligible from grant participation. Additional activities must be within the scope of Act 537.

Received correspondence from State Representative Jesse White stating there is an opportunity to make fundamental changes to the way Local Share Funds are distributed due to the imminent passing of table games. The Legislature has the opportunity to amend the gaming law to direct municipal funding. It is his intention, with the rest of the Washington County Legislative Delegation, to add language to the gaming law changing the procedure from competition for gaming funds to a formula that would make \$25,000.00 plus \$10.00 per resident to all municipalities in the County, excluding North Strabane, not to exceed 50% of the total budget for each fiscal year. By his calculations Chartiers Township's share would amount to \$99,240.00 for every year and would be adjusted for inflation, without having to submit an application. This would not preclude a municipality from applying for additional Local Share Funds, but a project would have to reflect a true need to be considered.

Chartiers-Houston Public Library sent a letter of thanks to the Board of Supervisors' for the quarterly donation.

The Township has received copies of the formal 2008 Financial Statements for Police and Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plans. These copies are on file for review.

**Announcements**

The Township Leaf Pick-up days will be Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>, by Waste Management. However, residents can put leaves in biodegradable bags for curbside pick-up on regular trash pick-up days except the Fridays before the scheduled Saturday leaf pick-ups. Approval for bag purchase is an agenda item.

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**Public Works Director – Edward Jeffries**

Trucks – All equipment is inspected and in working order.

Ditched – Started Plum Run Road we are ½ mile finished.

Paved-Potholes – Forrest Avenue is finished. Horne Street is finished, patching Allison Hollow Road entering McClane Farm Road. Patched the hill off Allison Hollow road entering McClane Farm Road.

Curbs – Will be installing a curb on Moninger Avenue for a water problem.

Storm Drains – Installed two (2) storm drains at Arthur Road and Allison Hollow Road.

Trees – Will be removing a tree on a storm right of way in the morning weather providing.

Library paving has been done and all that needs complete is Grant Street sidewalk.

Vehicle Signs – We have 12 vehicles at \$37.00 equaling \$444.00 with three other signs at the same price bringing the total up to \$555.00 plus \$25.00 per truck installation fee. This still falls under the \$900.00 approved at a previous meeting.

**Township Engineer – Douglas Patterson**

Indiana Avenue Storm Sewer – Notice of Award will be held until easements have been signed. Have received agreement, required bonds, and insurances from Stewart Contracting Inc. Township will need to sign Agreement copies.

McGovern Road Culvert Replacement – Bid opening was held this afternoon at 12:05 P.M. Seventeen bids were received with some of the bidders choosing to bid only one of two options:

	Option 1	Option 2
C.H.& D Enterprises Inc. 100 Brandy Place, New Stanton, PA.	No Bid	\$193,869.00
Alton Industries 11 Carlton Dr., Eighty Four, PA	No Bid	\$186,158.50
Atlas Services Corp., 1024 Route 519 Eighty Four, PA	No Bid	\$148,638.00
Glenn Johnston, Inc. 1055 Center St., McKeesport, PA	No Bid	\$181,053.00
A Merante Contracting 4740 Streets Run Rd. Pittsburgh PA	\$210,171.80	\$213,532.30
George Stewart 5882 Kennedy Ave Suite 100 Export, PA	No Bid	\$183,055.00
W.G. Land Co. 2023 County Line Rd., Champion PA	\$177,990.93	\$179,340.03
Orton Contracting 140 Eberle Rd Hickory PA	\$174,155.00	\$169,155.00
Peter J.Caruso & Sons, 352 Baldwin Rd., Pittsburgh, PA	\$167,407.75	\$171,761.75
Elisha Industries Inc. 113 Water St Belle Vernon, PA	No Bid	\$160,072.00

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Lane Construction 1 Rutgers Rd Pittsburgh, PA	\$315,543.40	\$265,543.40
Pugliano Construction 2000 Sheena Dr. Pittsburgh PA	\$168,925.00	\$156,925.00
Donegal Construction 1235 Marguerite Lake Rd. Greensburg	\$162,684.00	\$154,459.00
Tedesco Construction 2430 Park Manor Dr. McKeesportPA	\$148,500.00	\$172,000.00
Investment&Enterprises 600 Melwood Ave.Pittsburgh, PA	\$199,935.00	No Bid
Gary Metzinger Cement Cont.207 Walton Court Pittsburgh PA	\$178,745.00	\$169,245.00
J5 Construction 730 Woodlawn Dr Houston PA	\$155,155.00	\$155,155.00

A preliminary bid tabulation of all bids received have been provided. Recommending tabling the bids for final action until all bids can be reviewed in detail and apparent low bidders' qualifications can be thoroughly reviewed. Tedesco Construction Company is the apparent low bidder on the Conspan Arch at \$148,500.00, our recommended approach. Atlas Services Corporation is the apparent low bidder on the Box Culvert at \$148,638.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to award the bid to Tedesco Construction Company, the low bidder on the Conspan Arch, at \$148,500.00 contingent on the Engineer's review of bidder's qualifications and report submitted to the Board. Motion carried.

Patsch Property Line Shift – A plan has been prepared to add 12.9 acres to Arnold Park through a donation by Patsch Brothers Inc. We have provided a preliminary plan for a review and also a preliminary grading plan for the addition of a ball field to Arnold Park. Two Items require discussion and/or resolution: Extent of wetlands needs to be determined on the Patsch property. Disposition of the 0.60 acre piece of property at the southeastern corner of the proposed lot needs to be resolved.

Mr. Stockton is to contact Ralph Patsch Jr. regarding the disposition of the 0.60 acre piece of property at the southeastern corner.

A discussion followed regarding an agreement with the School District with reference to ball field. School field activities would be first priority wit the Township as the backup, residents only.

Mr. Liekar to contact the School Solicitor informing her of the Boards action.

LSA Grant – naming School District and Township preparing a resolution. This is to be placed on the meeting agenda.

Wetlands Study Patsch Property – Mr. Patterson gave the Board an estimate of approximately \$1500.00, however this is to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

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Midland Sanitary Sewer Project – LSA Grant for infrastructure First priority for the LSA Grant.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to pursue projects as an LSA Grant. Motion carried.

**Solicitor – James Liekar**

No report

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS:**

**Mr. Shober:**

No report

**Mr. Kiehl:**

No report

**Mr. Metzler:**

No report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion notices on rental properties. Mr. Stockton is to ascertain how many Landlords have registered their tenants.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize payment of invoices (General Fund: Checks 23877-23951: \$245,670.05; Light Fund: Check 1358: \$89.70; Fire Hydrant Fund: Checks 1360-1362: \$3,395.41; Arden Force Main Fund: Check 1053: \$2,366.00; Sewer Fund: Checks 2235-2245: \$851.79; Interceptor Capital Improvement Fund: Check 1067: \$207.00; Municipal Improvement Fund: Check 1343: \$6,428.30; Total All Funds: \$259,008.25). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve September 15, 2009 Subdivision Land Development Ordinance Amendment Hearing Minutes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler amending September 29, 2009 Proposed Rezoning Hearing Minutes with comment summary. Motion carried,

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A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Real Estate and Hydrant refund in the amount of \$56.56. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Real Estate and Hydrant refund in the amount of \$9.09. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to exonerate the EIT Tax Collector from collection of 2006 delinquent EIT taxes and authorize submission of the delinquent list to PA Municipal Services for collection. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2007 Non-Resident refunds in the amount of \$190.22. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2008 Non-Resident refunds in the amount of \$5,060.12. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2009 Non-Resident refunds in the amount of \$22,182.58. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2008 Resident refunds in the amount of \$24.78. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize posting "Deaf Child" signs on Arnold Hollow Road. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to appoint Keith Straight, 35 Glennwood Drive, Washington to the Chartiers Township Planning Commission. Mr. Straight is filling the position of former member Stanley Kreminsky.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Mr. Liekar to advertise the Subdivision Land Development Amendment for the November Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve Leaf Pick-up days (Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> not to exceed \$5,800.00 (Cost \$2,900.00 each day). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize purchasing 2000 biodegradable bags at \$21.68 a bundle (40 bundles/50 bags each) for a total of \$867.20. Motion carried.

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Discuss fund raising for proposed community center. According to DCED a strategic plan is to be implemented by the Township. Mr. Stockton is to email Mr. Holsopple – Chairperson of the Chartiers Township Parks and Recreation Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve costs of testing three Assistant Treasurer applicants in five areas of accounting: accounts payable, accounts receivable, bookkeeping, business documents and payroll, for a total fee of \$300.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler setting Trick-or-Treat for Saturday October 31, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Controlled Climate to repair furnace in the amount of \$1,250.00 to replace the inductor motor. Motion carried.

After a brief discussion regarding the proposed agreement from Canonsburg-Houston Joint Sewer Authority to purchase the interceptor, Mr. Liekar is to make adjustment to the agreement and send the agreement to Canonsburg-Houston Joint Sewer Authority.

The Board had a brief discussion on the Proposed Rezoning Mr. Liekar needed to know what areas the Board wishes to rezone in order to prepare an ordinance. The ordinance is to be advertised for the second meeting in November.

Mr. Metzler had issues posed from visitors at the public hearing who had concerns of the influx of traffic and also, the ingress and egress patterns implementing them into the Comprehensive Plan.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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Richard W. Metzler  
Secretary

Wendy Williams, Recording Secretary