

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
SEPTEMBER 1, 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, September 1, 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; Harold Ivery, Jr.-Planning/Zoning and Wendy Williams-Recording Secretary.

VISITORS TIME:

Ryan McGregor – Congressional Aide
Congressman Tim Murphy

Mr. McGregor was present to introduce himself and tell those present the Congressman is available for any comments or issues they may have.

The Board informed Mr. McGregor that an issue the Township had was the Sanitary Sewer Project in Midland and the availability of grants.

Jack Coole
30 Coole Lane
Houston, Pa. 15342

Mr. Coole's concern was the issue on the Storm Water Management Plan. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Stockton write a letter to Mr. Dan Piatt (Mr. Coole's Engineer) requesting a revised storm water management plan for the Township to review and approve.

Diana Altland, Engineer
Canonsburg-Houston Joint Sewer Authority

Ms. Altland's reason for being in attendance was the resolution to the Act 537 Plan.

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 August 18, 2009. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Township Manager – Samuel R. Stockton

Public Works Director – Edward Jeffries

Trucks – 1995 International is at Knish & Petrie having the clutch installed. This is the third clutch in the last 10 years. It would probably save the clutch and the life of the truck if we would put a 2-spread rear end in it. His price; total labor and parts: \$2300 plus \$1200 for the clutch.

Ditching – Seik Road is finished and the department should finish Arden Road to Crossroads tomorrow. The department will start Plum Run Road Friday or Monday

Roads To Be Sealed: Barrewood, Clark, Sunrise, Southall, Glennwood, Stewart Court, Green Street Extension, Short Street approximate mileage 3.5 to 4 miles.

Water problem in the dip Southall is eating our road up. This may be a broken waterline or a spring. After a brief discussion the Board thought a sample could be taken.

Planning/Zoning Officer – Harold Ivery, Jr.

Rezoning notices have been sent. The property will be posted.

The enforcement letter will go out to the owner of the property on Country Club Road. They need to apply for an occupancy permit and this was never completed. Once they do that I can get back to them and let them know what they must have to get that occupancy.

990 Allison Hollow Road – Driveway and mailbox – a review of the ordinance reveals objects cannot be in the cart way. One of the conditions, in the letter, was to make sure the pipe was installed properly.

A suggestion had been made of the possibility of drafting an ordinance regarding structures township right-of-ways.

Mr. Liekar is to research a proposed ordinance from a few years ago.

Township Engineer – Douglas Patterson

Indiana Avenue Storm – Have Notice to Award to Stewart Contracting Inc. Contract has been sent for signature. Will hold Notice to Proceed form until all easements are signed.

Mr. Liekar stated three rights-of-way needed to be signed. Mr. Penn had a question about the extent of the right-of-way on his property. Mr. Liekar believes he has satisfied his concerns. Mr. Brodnick said he would sign the right-of-way, however as of today he has not done so, he is concerned about his storm water drain which is connected to the

current Township pipe. I have not been able to contact Mr. & Mrs. Restaneo. A right-of-way has been sent to the Restaneos' twice with no response. In order to install the storm drain system the Township will need the Restaneo right of way. If they will not sign the right of way, a Declaration of Taking will have to be filed. If a Declaration of Taking is filed no work can be done in the right of way for 30 days after filing.

Mr. Liekar recommended to that a Motion be passed, at tonight's meeting, authorizing the Declaration of Taking. Another attempt to contact Restaneo and if unsuccessful prepare and file the Declaration of Taking.

Mr. Stockton to also attempt to make another contact.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Mr. Liekar to file a Declaration of Taking on the Restaneo Property on South Johnson Road for the Indiana Avenue Storm Sewer Project. Motion carried.

McGovern Road Culvert Replacement – Plans and Specifications package nearly completed. Anticipate advertising for bid opening on October 6, 2009. A copy of the draft specifications will be given to Mr. Metzler next week.

Ryburn Road Culvert Damage – A report and recommendations will be provided.

Solicitor – James Liekar

Last meeting the Board directed me to file a petition of appeal to the PUC regarding the railroad crossing on Race Track Road and that has been filed.

Race Track Road and Allison Hollow Road – As of August 28, 2009, all the Declarations of Taking for this problem have been settled by Penn Dot except for Lauricia (Meadow Inn). I advised Penn Dot that I intend to proceed with a Board of View to finish the case. The reason to conclude this taking now is because Penn Dot will pay any damages awarded by the Board of View and I do not want this case laying around for years possibly causing Penn Dot to refuse to pay damages.

Range Resources Lease for Ullom Road – Range has offered another oil and gas lease for the Ullom Road property. I request the Board review the lease and send me any questions or comments.

Canonsburg-Houston Joint Authority Act 537 Plan – I have reviewed a Resolution received today from the Authority. I have seen the Plan and the Plan was never presented to the Planning Commission as stated in the letter from Gannett Fleming,. Recommend that the Board review the Act 537 Plan before passing the Resolution.

Patsch Property – Mr. Stockton has provided me with information concerning real estate to be donated to the Township by the Patsch Family. I am preparing a short agreement for the transfer.

Hawthorne Woods – I have prepared a right of way for a sanitary sewer easement through the Hawthorne Woods property along McClane Farm Road. Mr. Scarmazzi has received the right of way and has indicated that it is acceptable and will be signed.

Pike Street Rezoning – A public hearing for the proposed rezoning has been advertised for September 29, 2009, at 7:00. A map of the proposed rezoning has been provided to the Washington County Planning Commission for their comments.

Proposed Amendment of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – A public hearing concerning the amendment of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance which amendment would require developers to extend sanitary sewer rights of way has been advertised for September 15, 2009, at 6:30. A copy of the proposed amendment has been provided to the Washington County Planning Commission for their comments.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Mr. Shober – No report

Mr. Kiehl:

“We haven’t received any prices for paving Allison Hollow Road. We have tried to contact Russell, but they have never contacted the Township. We contacted Ellis and they broke it down into three (3) sections from where it has been paved to McGovern Road it would be \$95,000. If the Township went from there all the way up to Ridge Road it would be \$329,454. What they are saying is; if they went from where they stopped at McGovern Road to McClane Farm Road it would be \$95,064.50. That much from there to McClane and that much on up.”

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorizing bidding the paving of Allison Hollow Road in three (3) sections and for the over-all – either or (Sections: McGovern Road to Arthur Road; Arthur Road to Kings Road; Kings Road to Hickory Ridge Road). Motion carried.

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 23799-23837: \$77,483.12; Light Fund: Check 1356: \$89.70; Fire Hydrant Fund: Checks 1358, 1359: \$3,390.23; Sewer Fund: Checks

2230,2231: \$1,004.61; Municipal Improvement Fund: Check 1341: \$6,428.30; Total All Funds: \$88,395.96). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 208 Non-Resident refunds in the amount of \$1,108.82. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize 2009 Non-Resident refunds in the amount of \$194.16. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Supervisors Kiehl and Metzler attending "Journey of a Township Supervisor", sponsored by PSATS, at the Meadow Lands Holiday In on October 17, 2009. Cost is \$90.00 each. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to approve police coverage for the Back Yard Battle to be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds September 19, 2009 for four (4) officers at \$45.00 per hour for a minimum of four (4) hours. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer attending Pennsylvania Building Officials Conference October 7,8,9 2009. Conference fee, lodging and mileage costs total \$832.00. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Pine Lawn Property

This property is adjacent to the library from the library all the way down to the corner and from the library all the way back to the street behind it. Should the Township acquire this property, this would be an area that could be utilized for parks or for whatever purposes it may have in mind. This property was indicated in the paper the it was potentially up for tax sale with value of \$29,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to authorize Mr. Liekar to pursue this and represent us at the Sheriff Sale. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mr. Metzler to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried

Richard W. Metzler
Secretary

Wendy Williams, Recording Secretary