

**CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
September 14,2021  
5:00 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please be advised that the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors met in executive session immediately prior to this meeting from 4:15 pm to 4:55 pm to discuss contract negotiations, personnel and litigation matters.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Attending this meeting were Supervisors A. William Kiehl, Bronwyn Kolovich and Mr. Gary Friend. Also, present were Jodi L. Noble-Township Manager; James Liekar-Solicitor; Ed Jeffries, Public Works Director; Adam McGurk, AICP Planning Director; Jennifer Slagle-Township Engineer Jessica Walker, Parks & Recreation Director; and Jamie Rozzo, Recording Secretary. Absent: James Horvath, Chief of Police

**VISITORS TIME**

Shirley Kemper-182 B Mulberry Hill Rd Washington, Pa 15301 would like to know the status of the Mulberry Bridge replacement. She has spoken with Canton Township, and they have stated, they are waiting for Chartiers Township to make a decision regarding the agreement on replacement. She is concerned for the safety and health of the residents that live near Mulberry Bridge.

Dan Giber-182 B Mulberry Hill Rd Washington, Pa 15301 is concerned for the health and safety of residents living near Mulberry Bridge. He believes response times could be affected in an emergency. Most of the residents are of retired age. He is also concerned about weather conditions with winter coming and the bridge not being open to traffic. The current detour has narrow winding roads. He would like to know the estimated timeline for a decision and replacement and thanks the board for their time.

Ken and Mary Hughes- 182 C Mulberry Hill Rd Extension Washington, Pa 15301 are concerned about residents' safety. The detour has narrow, winding roads that are dangerous. They also worry about the devalue of their home if the bridge is not replaced and remains closed.

Fred Simpson Chartiers Township Fire Chief assured these residents their safety is important to us, and the Fire Department has an active plan in place for medical emergencies and fires with the detour in affect. He stated three neighboring departments are to be dispatched in this situation, assuring timely and efficient response times.

The Board of Supervisors explained they need a proper contract with Canton Township to proceed with the replacement. The previous contract was for repair not for replacement. They have also offered grant options that were turned down by Canton Township. They will be discussing Mulberry Bridge Replacement this evening as it is on the agenda.

## **DEVELOPERS TIME**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to table the waiver request of Scarmazzi Belmont, LLC from the requirements of §159-24.E.(10) of the Chartiers Township Code of Ordinances, Excavations, for the Belmont Park PRD Phases 1 & 2, requiring that the top or bottom edge of final slopes be setback five feet from adjacent property lines or street right-of-way, as requested by the applicant in their July 30, 2021 letter, and as recommended by the Township Planning Department and Township Engineer until September 28, 2021. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to table the Belmont Park Phases 1 & 2 Final Planned Residential Development, Subdivision, and Land Development Plan applications, subject to the terms and conditions of the Moritz Property PRD tentative approval granted April 27, 2021, the terms and conditions of the Township Planning Department review letter dated July 19, 2021, and the satisfaction of the outstanding items in the Township Engineer's letter dated September 9, 2021, as recommended by the Chartiers Township Planning Commission at their meeting of July 20, 2021 until September 28, 2021. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

## **STAFF REPORTS: NO REPORTS**

### **SUPERVISOR REPORTS:**

Mrs. Kolovich -NO REPORT

Mr. Kiehl - NO REPORT

Mr. Friend – NO REPORT

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve Pay Application No.1 from Youngblood Paving Inc. for Contract A of the 2021 Road Paving Program in the amount of \$320,681.54 as recommended by the Township Engineer in his letter dated September 10, 2021. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Keihl and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve the request from Michelle Ziegler to install a deduct meter at 156 Piatt Estates Drive. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

2.A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to authorize payment of invoices indicated on the attached listing. Invoices to be paid are posted on the bulletin board for review.

FIRE TAX FUND: \$4,584.98; GF WASH. CHECKING: \$99,631.58; \$WASH. ACT 13 IMPACT FEE FUND: \$160,518.47; WASH. LOCAL SERVICES TAX FUND: \$9,606.61; LIQUID FUELS FUND WASH: \$ 183,913.25; WF-REV. GAMING FUND: \$3,642.29; WASH.-COMM.CTR.OPER.FUND: \$1,790.72; SEWER FUND WASH.: \$5,973.73; W-F PAYROLL: \$5,620.37; TTL CHECKS: \$475,282.00

ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENTS: \$22,876.29

All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to add the following motions to the September 14, 2021, agenda of the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

3.A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to authorize Gaitens, Tucceri and Nicholas, to file the appropriate actions in the Washington County Court of Common Pleas against Canonsburg Houston Joint Authority, Canonsburg Borough and Houston Borough regarding the financial issues identified in the forensic audit completed by Deluzio & Company, LLP. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

4.A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to participate in the replacement of Mulberry Bridge up to \$100,000 conditional upon entering into a satisfactory agreement with Canton Township for the same. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. 2020 Road Program Contract C: Museum Road
  - a. Drainage-Mr. Kiehl provided Jen Slagle, Township Engineer with punch list items that need to be completed. Jen is going to address the items this week.

2. 2021 Road Program-Jen Slagle stated the paving has been completed as of today. Base stabilization will take place Thursday September 16, 2021. There are finalized items that will need to be completed.

3. 2021 Sewer Rehab- The pre-construction meeting was last week with the excavation contractor. They will not be able to start until Monday September 20, 2021, due to Utility Companies. The CCTV lining will start at the end of the month. Estimated time of completion is 2-3 weeks.

4. McClane Farm Stormwater Project/Grant

a. Washout enhancement- The Contractor gave an estimate of \$18,000 to mitigate the washout on Arabian Lane and install a retaining wall.

Deb Brower-234 McClane Farm Rd asked for an explanation on the proposed fix for the washout and asked how it will affect her driveway and neighboring properties. She would also like for the Engineers to meet with her when they have a pre-construction meeting for the retaining wall installation and explain in detail the installation process and how it will affect her property. She would also like to see the retaining wall choices and designs.

Jen Slagle gave a detailed explanation and confirmed it will not affect her driveway. Mr. Kiehl let Mrs. Brower know she can come up after the meeting to look at the choices for the retaining wall.

Ed Jeffries will have Public Works clean the stones out of the Culvert from the last storm that took place. The Culvert did a great job and held the water successfully.

5. Barnickel and Country Club Intersection-Jodi reached out to the project Engineer. PennDOT is currently short staffed causing this project to be delayed. Jodi will continue to try to reach out to PennDOT and keep this project moving forward.

6. Airport Road/ Mulberry Bridge Repair-The Board of Supervisors voted earlier to participate in the replacement of Mulberry Bridge. Canton Township will need their Solicitor to make up a new contract to send to Chartiers Township's Solicitor for Review before we can proceed with this project.

7. Storm event of June 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>- Ed Jeffries visited the site and measured the pipe that needs replaced. Public Works should be replace the pipe from Chartiers right of Way down to the creek with new plastic pipe. The Board asked that the Public Works Director and Engineer review the entire pipe so that we fix anything that may fail.

8. Regent St. Smoke Test follow up-State Pipe camera 'ed the lines around Regent St. They found additional properties' that need repairs. Jodi needs additional information from Jenn before notices are sent out to those properties

9. LSA Applications 2022-Applications are due October 27, 2021. Chartiers will need a resolution prior to the application submittal. Jodi provided the board with a few options and a recommendation for the Delani prefabricated restroom. Chartiers School District also sent a letter in support of the grant, as it will also benefit the school and it is the Schools Property.

10. 801 W. Pike St. Sewer-We have not received approval from neighboring properties for an easement. The only option currently is to go under Pike St.

11. Arden Pump Station-Jodi and Jen are setting up a meeting to get the information needed for this project. South Strabane is willing to work with Chartiers to get the project underway ASAP.

12. Patsch Athletic Field Sign-Jodi reached out to the gentleman who made Arnold Parks original sign. He is going to give us a quote for the Patsch Athletic Field Sign as well as a quote for refurbishing the Arnold Park Sign.

13.DCED Fire Services Study-5 Communities including Chartiers Township looked at ways to work together for fire services. Currently there are 4 Communities participating, as Canton Township has dropped out. Fred Simpson, Chartiers Fire Chief accompanied Manager, Jodi Noble to these meetings.

Fred Simpson went over current information regarding recent fire calls. He also mentioned the "duty shift" program they currently have. The issue they run into is not having enough daylight volunteers. Most volunteer firefighters work regular jobs between 7am-7 pm leaving concern for calls throughout the day. He is recommending a paid fire fighter program with part time employees. He also went over a grant program that would cover the cost for 4 years. With this grant, Chartiers would be required to be to cover the proceeding 4 years of payroll when the grant is expired due to the conditions on the grant. He feels it would be beneficial and asks the Board to take this into consideration. Currently we have several local Fire Stations that are willing and able to assist with calls.

14. Trunk or Treat

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to approve Trunk or Treat for Thursday, October 28, 2021, at the Community Center as recommended by the Chartiers Township Parks and Recreation Committee at their meeting of September 7, 2021. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

15. Trick or Treat

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehl and seconded by Mrs. Kolovich to establish Trick or Treat in Chartiers Township for October 31, 2021, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion carried 3-0.

16. Leaf Collection-Jodi Noble recommended leaf pick up for 4-6 weeks in October for Chartiers residents. It makes a positive impact on our MS4 permit that Chartiers offers leaf recycle for our residents. We will proceed with leaf recycle and have leaf bags available at the Chartiers Township office for residents. Residents will receive 5 free bags. Additional bags may be purchased at a cost of .50 cents per bag.

17. 2022 Budget Schedule-Jodi has asked the Board to look at the calendars provided in their binders, and mark down the days they are available for Budget meetings. These meetings typically take place starting in October and ending in December.

18. Allison Road Clean Up Request-Jodi Noble has received a request from a resident for a cleanup day along Allison Hollow Road. The resident would like to orchestrate the cleanup for a Saturday or Sunday in October.

The Board and Jodi are taking this request under advisement and will need to discuss further. Allison Hollow Road is a busy Roadway and can be dangerous to navigate when walking along the roadway. Chartiers would need to have Police presence available for this cleanup for safety measures.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Robert Bradford-619 McClane Farm Road would like to know if Chartiers has heard anything from PA American Water. He also has utility companies leaving stakes in his yard with pink ribbons for months at a time.

Jodi Noble confirmed Chartiers has not been contacted by the PA American Water Company.

Ed Jeffries is going to check with Columbia Gas on the stakes in Mr. Bradford's lawn.

**ADJOURN:**

Time: 6:15 pm

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A. William Kiehl  
Secretary

Jamie Rozzo, Recording Secretary