

CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 8, 2015
4:00 p.m.

A. William Kiehl – Chairman called the Charties Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at which time he asked all present to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Attending this evenings meeting were Supervisors Richard W. Metzler, John M. Marcischak and Mr. Kiehl. Also in attendance were James Liekar-Solicitor; Jodi L. Noble-Township Manager; Daniel Slagle-Township Engineer; Edward Jeffries-Public Works Director; Robert Brozovich-Community Center Manager; Samuel R. Stockton-Community Development Coordinator and Wendy Williams-Recording Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Kiehl announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session immediately prior to this meeting from 2:45 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. to discuss litigation and contract negotiations.

VISITORS TIME:

DEVELOPERS TIME

Woods Edge – Woods Edge §305-31 Modification request – Mr. Paul Scarmazzi, 102 West Pike Street, Houston, PA 15342 presented his request for this simple subdivision of five (5) lots that fronts along Ridge Avenue in Canonsburg above Canonsburg Town Park. There is one single lot remaining. A private drive exists and the ordinance is that it cannot access more than four (4) homes. Mr. Scarmazzi inquired if he went to these homeowners and we would agree to cleaning up or repair their private drive and put a top coat on it Would the Supervisors would agree to permit access back into existing lots?

Mr. Scarmazzi is to approach the Chartiers Township Planning Commission and they will make a recommendation to the Board.

STAFF REPORTS:

Township Manager – Submitted a written report to the Board.

Planning/Zoning Officer – September 15, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting – There are two pre-application conferences. One with Sunoco for the Tank Farm proposed and one for a proposed Communication Tower from SBA out near the Mark West Plant.

Community Center Manager – Submitted a written report to the Board.

Public Works Director – Submitted a written report to the Board.

Township Engineer – No report

Township Solicitor – No report

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Mr. Kiehl: no report

Mr. Marcischak: no report

Mr. Metzler - Library Board – The Board is developing a contract with the Washington County Library Association. We would be a branch. The Board is working on the bylaws and policy manual to bring to the three municipalities involved with the School as a municipal entity.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. At this time Mr. Kiehl opened the meeting for the public hearing regarding the Agricultural Security Area Ordinance.

Staff Comment:

Mrs. Noble: “I have been working with the County Planning Commission reviewing parcels and verifying that we have an accurate list. The only correspondence received is an email from Robert and Rebecca Washabaugh indicating there are two parcels of theirs that are in the Agricultural Area currently that they wish to continue to remain in that area.”

Mr. Marcischak: “As to Mr. Liekar’s comment residents that are not in the zone they may want to make sure they talk to Mrs. Noble in the next few days to get their names applied to this Agricultural Zone. They need to get on that rather quickly.”

Public Comment:

Lawrence Law of 264 Plum Run Road Canonsburg PA 15317 “Is this hearing for people who want to get in on it or do they want to get out of it? I’m already signed up. What is the purpose?”

Mr. Liekar : “The Agricultural Security Area has to do with eminent domain and business loss.”

Mrs. Noble: “If you received a letter your property is already in the established Agricultural Security Area. This hearing is to give you the opportunity to say whether you want to continue in the Security Area.”

Mr. Marcischak: “Why would you want to stay in it?”

Mr. Liekar: “To stay in it, it would protect you from eminent domain and certain situations as eminent domain that the Township may have.”

Mrs. Sue Shuba of Allison Hollow Road, Washington PA 15301 “This protects us from eminent domain?”

Mr. Liekar: “There is a process if the Township wants to file an eminent domain. You have to go to Harrisburg. Technically speaking this gives you future protection.”

Ms. Eileen Multunas of 216 McConnells Mills Road, Canonsburg PA 15317 “If someone wanted to take your property by eminent domain do you contact somebody? You say it gives you extra protection. Who do you contact?”

Mr. Liekar: “There is a Board in Harrisburg, if that would come about.”

Mrs. Carol Baker of 117 Crossroads Rd., Washington, PA 15301 “If someone wants to sign up - Do they have to do it today?”

Mr. Liekar: “The Township will adopt the Ordinance. You can address the Township in the next few days by giving your name, address and parcel number.”

At this time Mr. Marcischak read the names and addresses of those residents currently in the Agricultural Security Zone.

Mr. Frank Guzell of Oak Spring Road, Canonsburg PA 15317 “There were several names on the Agricultural Security Zone Committee and the only one I remember was Mr. Ryburn and maybe Mr. Giovanni.”

A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Marcischak to close the public hearing on the Agricultural Security Area No. 353.

The Board adjourned back to the regular meeting.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Marcischak to re-establish the Chartiers Township Agricultural Security Area as recommended by the Chartiers Township Planning Commission at their regular meeting of August 18, 2015 and adopt Ordinance No. 353 accordingly. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion was carried.

3. A motion was made to approve Pay Estimate No. 12 (Final) to W.A. Petrakis Company for the Midland Sewer Project in the amount of \$19,446.00 as recommended by the Township Engineer in the estimated dated August 25, 2015. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion was carried.

4. A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Marcischak to award the bid for the Alternate 1 for Arnold Park Sidewalk to Springer Contracting of Freedom PA in the amount of \$20,000.00, as recommended by the Township Engineer and Township Manager, and in

accordance with the public bid opening of September 8, 2015. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Marcischak to authorize payment of invoices (General Fund: Check #30394-#30425: \$86,958.23; Sewer Fund: (Check #2883-#2884: \$2,337.86; Light/Fire Hydrant Fund: Check #1527-#1528: \$4,539.03; Capital Reserve Fund: Check #1053-#1054: \$614.76; Community Center Operating Fund: Check #1153-#1143: \$3,042.99; Act 13 Impact Fee Fund: Check #1076-#1077: \$17,459.98; Local Services Tax Fund: Check #1067-#1070: \$15,334.45; Grand Total All Funds: \$130,287.30). All Supervisors voted yes. The motion was carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Truck financing – A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Marcischak to place 1/3 of the total cost of the Freightliner Truck as a down payment and finance the remaining 2/3 over a two year period. All Supervisors voted yes. The motion was carried.

2. 2015 Road Program balance – There is \$26,000.00 remaining. The Board discussed Wylie Avenue and the remainder of Green Street.

3. Sunoco Road Use Agreement update – Mr. Metzler and the Township Engineer inspected the roads used by Sunoco. It had been determined an approximate estimate of \$150,000 reimbursement for the damages. The Public Works Department patched potholes on Paxton Farm Road, Kings Road. The Manager was asked to contact Sunoco on the damages.

4. 2016 Budget Schedule – Mrs. Noble Advised that a draft schedule has been provided to the Board for their review. Schedule consists of all Tuesday's in October and November with preliminary adoption on November 24, 2015 and final adoption December 15, 2015.

5. 2016 Appointment letters – Mrs. Noble advised Letters have been sent to those members of the Township Boards whose terms are up asking them if they wish to consider serving on their respective Board.

6. Trick-or-Treat Date – A motion was made by Mr. Metzler and seconded by Mr. Marcischak to schedule Trick-or-Treat on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All Supervisors voted yes.

7 Leaf Collection Schedule – The Board asked Mr. Jeffries and Mrs. Noble to develop a schedule for leaf collection and to inform residents of the same.

8. Oil and Gas Ordinance Amendment – The draft ordinance is to be prepared and the Township is to schedule a meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Miss Elaine Multunas of McConnells Mills Road, Canonsburg, PA 15317 – Miss Multunas showed concern of a sharp bend in the road going up Kings Road to Washington Trails Road. The Board informed Miss Multunas they would have the Engineer look into the situation.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

John M. Marcischak
Secretary

Wendy Williams – Recording Secretary