

SUPERVISORS MEETING MAY 9, 2011

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Franklin Township Building, 897 State Route 288, Fombell, PA. Supervisors in attendance were James Norton Sr. and Eric Clyde. Curtis Steffler came late. Township Solicitor, Gregory Douglass and Township Engineer, William Hummel, were also in attendance.

Chairman, James Norton, called the meeting to order. Mr. Norton voiced the invocation, followed by the salute to the flag.

VISITORS: Justin Fitzgibbons, Bill & Cheri Davis, Bill Wright, and Kevin Dwyer.

Topics Discussed:

Speeding on North Camp Run Road since detour was discussed. Officer Allen will be patrolling area.

Safety concerns at the intersection of White Pine Drive and Old Furnace Road. Mr. & Mrs. Davis would like a three way stop sign placed at the intersection. They stated line of sight and speeding is a problem and placing stop signs at the intersection will reduce the risk of potential accidents. The secretary is to send a letter to PennDot with this request.

Hereford Manor Lake was discussed on possible takeover by historical society. Mr. Norton stated he spoke to Mr. Peffer regarding matter. Mr. Ball has yet to contact Mr. Peffer regarding issue.

The minutes of the April 11 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Clyde moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Norton seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Norton yes
Mr. Clyde yes
Mr. Steffler absent

CORRESPONDENCE:

Blasting Notice from the Mashuda Corporation was read. Blasting will occur in both Perry and Franklin Township. In Franklin, the blasting will happen at Jason & Sherrie Schliffka property on North Tower Road. It will be from April 21, 2011 ending April 20, 2012 on Monday through Saturday 8-12, 12-4, and 4-dusk.

The township was awarded the ARLE grant for LED lights for \$12,811.36. A project manager will be in touch with the Secretary over the next several weeks to start the process.

A letter for the Community Development Block Grant requalification process was discussed. The township has the option to be excluded from this grant, by submitting both the County and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development by May 17th. The Supervisors would like to be including in the renewal process especially since we have used this grant in the past.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Nothing to report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Norton stated no major fires, only a small brush fire. The department was on the Ledger front page regarding their involvement with Riverside School on a drunk driving program.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Mr. Douglass discussed the Lancaster Road Bridge Project, regarding temporary opening the road for residents. Beaver County and Lawrence County own the Bridge and are looking into this temporary fix, possibly paying for the costs if both Perry and Franklin Township supply the labor.

Mr. Norton made a motion to conditionally approve a tentative agreement to split labor and local inspection cost with Perry Township. Mr. Clyde seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Clyde yes
Mr. Norton yes
Mr. Steffler absent

Marcellus Shale was discussed. Mr. Clyde stated he preferred to have a conditional use in Low Residential areas. Permitted use in Agricultural district. Mr. Douglass suggested it would be good to have a work session with planning commission. Road Bonds/Maintenance agreements were also discussed. Mr. Douglass will prepare a sample ordinance for the Supervisors to look over.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Irvin presented the Supervisors a copy of the Police Report.

Mr. Clyde read the Animal Control Officer Report.

Mr. Norton read the Road Department Report.

Mr. Steffler arrived late to meeting.

BUSINESS:

Mr. Clyde made a motion to sell the 2003 Crown Victorian to Brian Speer for the amount of \$300.00, insuring Mr. Speer's leaves the tires to the Township. Mr. Steffler seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Norton yes
Mr. Clyde yes
Mr. Steffler yes

Mr. Clyde motioned to approve the Secretary to apply for the Hazard Mitigation Grant for area residents. Mr. Steffler seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Norton yes
Mr. Clyde yes
Mr. Steffler yes

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary notified the Supervisors that Pennsylvania American Water will be increasing their rates from \$207.79 to \$242.14 for 23,000 gallons of water per month.

The Butler Police will be holding a Night at the Races Fundraiser for Assistant Chief DeSanzo. Due to a stroke, Assistant Chief DeSanzo is unable to return to work. It will be held on Saturday June 4th at 5:30 at the Ritzert Hall in Evans City. The costs are \$30.00 per person, which includes horse, food, and drinks.

Mr. Clyde moved to pay the bills. Mr. Steffler seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Norton yes
Mr. Clyde yes
Mr. Steffler yes

Mr. Clyde moved to adjourn. Mr. Steffler seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Norton yes
Mr. Clyde yes
Mr. Steffler yes

Shannon Schlosser
Secretary