

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONTHLY MEETING

APRIL 28, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

The monthly meeting of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors held at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman John Silvis.

Members Present: Mr. John Silvis
Mr. Bob Davidson
Mr. John Bossi
Mr. R. Douglas Weimer
Mr. Tom Logan

Staff Present: Mr. Rob Ritson
Mr. Mike Volpe
Ms. LuAnn Panigall
Mr. Les Mlakar
Mr. Dan Schmitt

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS (As Per Resolution #99-11):

- a. **Dorothy Otto, 166 Craig Drive**, spoke on behalf of several residents of Craig Drive regarding a business being run by Art Martello out of a home on Craig Drive. Mr. Martello is parking his equipment on the property including a flat bed truck; moving cut wood off the property and bringing in more wood; his employees are also parking on the property; and one of his vehicles has hit a car parked on the road. Ms. Otto stated that this is a quiet residential neighborhood and they would like to keep it that way. The residents also gave a presentation showing the situation on Craig Drive, as well as presenting a petition signed by the residents. Mr. Mlakar advised the Board that this is a borderline violation. Mr. Mlakar recommended that the Board have a zoning office send out a notice of violation and directing Mr. Martello to file an appeal with the Zoning Hearing Board.
- b. **Anita Leonard, 216 Craig Drive**, inquired what Mr. Mlakar meant by borderline. Mr. Mlakar declined to explain given that a violation notice will be issued.
- c. **Cheryl Marsh, 181 Craig Drive**, inquired whether this will change the ordinance in the future in regards to home businesses. Mr. Mlakar stated that it would not affect the ordinance. Mr. Logan questioned when this activity was taking place. Ms. Marsh indicated that is going on during the day and also at dusk.

- d. **Larry Leonard, 216 Craig Drive**, stated that he has health problems similar to someone with asthma, and Mr. Martello has been painting his trucks outside on a windy day to remove the name of his business. Mr. Leonard feels that this type of activity could affect the health of the residents.
- e. **Carol Booth, 220 South Thompson Lane, Irwin**, informed the Board that the traffic problem on South Thompson Lane has not gotten any better and, if anything, has gotten worse. Mrs. Booth stated that a traffic study was to be done on the road in the spring, and it is now spring and nothing has been done. Mr. Schmidt informed the Board that the traffic counters will be moved to South Thompson Lane shortly. Ms. Booth also advised the Board that she has lived in the Township for thirty-seven years and has never received a Township newsletter. Mr. Bossi explained that the Township is having problems with residents who live on the border of other municipalities, and the Township is working to resolve the problem in those areas.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Weimer acknowledged an executive session was held on April 23, 2008 to discuss legal and personnel issues.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- a. **Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Weimer noted that there was an error under the January 28, 2008 Supervisors' "Approval of Minutes". Mr. Weimer noted that the December 7, 2008 minutes were for the Fairfield Estates PRD, not Ridgeview Estates. These minutes have been corrected, and the Board needs to approve the correction. Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the correction to the title page of the December 7, 2008 minutes. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the minutes of March 24, 2008, Supervisors' Monthly Meeting. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- b. Mr. Weimer informed the Board that the Township has received notice from PennDOT for structural repair on SR130 on a bridge over Slate Run Creek beginning in 2009. Route 130 will be closed during this repair and detours will be designed. Also, on May 6, 2008, plans for the project will be on display at West Point VFD.

5. STAFF REPORTS:

All staff members stated that they had nothing further add to their written reports.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Ritson informed the Board the Treasurer's Report is attached to the agenda. Mr. Ritson noted that both revenues and expenditures are around 30 percent, which is where they are expected to be after the first quarter.

Mr. Ritson stated that when the Board discusses the long range plan, cost increases on materials purchased and fuel will also be discussed.

7. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve the payment of bills as follows: General Fund, \$389,761.61; Light District Fund, \$6,756.54; Third Party VFD Fund, \$67.50; and Recreation PLGIT Account, \$1,481.25. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

8. SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS:

- a. **Consideration to Approve Authorizing Zone Change Hearing for Hempfield Mini Storage** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to authorize a zone change hearing for Hempfield Mini Storage. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

9. DECISIONS FOR HEARINGS: None

10. PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (PRD): None

11. SITE PLANS:

- a. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-27, Which Grants Final Approval of the George Reese and Terri Reese Site Plan (#20080004)** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve Resolution #2008-27. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

12. SUBDIVISION PLANS:

- a. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-25, Which Grants Conditional Final Approval of the William Zollner Subdivision Plan (#20070048)** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve Resolution #2008-25. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- b. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-26, Which Grants Conditional Final Approval of the Hempfield Mini Storage Subdivision (#20070054)** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution #2008-26. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- c. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-29, Which Grants Final Approval of the Kevin P. VanFleet and Eileen P. Howald Subdivision (#20080009)** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve Resolution #2008-29. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- d. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-30, Which Grants Final Approval of the Yaley Subdivision (#20080010)** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve Resolution #2008-30. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

13. ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- a. **Consideration to Approve Ordinance #2008-1, Which is HTMA Pre-Treatment Ordinance** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve Ordinance #2008-1. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- b. **Consideration to Approve Ratification of Advertisement and Approval of Ordinance #2008-2, Which Guarantees HTMA 2002 Bond Refinancing** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to ratify the advertisement and approve Ordinance #2008-2, which guarantees the HTMA 2002 bond refinancing. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- c. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-28, Which is an Inter-municipal Agreement with HTMA for Greensburg Commerce Park Sewage Conveyance** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution #2008-28. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- d. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-31, Which is the Arthur Flock Plan Planning Module** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve Resolution #2008-31. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- e. **Consideration to Approve Appeal of Zoning Hearing Board Decision #2008-10, Regarding Non-Conforming Use Change for Harrold Grange** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve the appeal of the Zoning Hearing Board Decision #2008-10, regarding a non-conforming use change for Harrold Grange. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- f. **Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #1 with Laurel Highlands Fence in the Amount of \$37,470.28 for 2008 Fence Contract** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve Pay Estimate #1 with Laurel Highlands Fence Co. in the amount of \$37,470.28. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- g. **Consideration to Approve Authorizing Bids for Red Onion CDBG Paving Project** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to authorize bids for the Red Onion CDBG paving project. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- h. **Consideration to Approve Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for 2008 Township Hot Mix Paving Program** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to authorize the advertisement of bids for the 2008 Township hot mix paving program. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- i. **Consideration to Approve Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for 2008 Traffic Line Painting** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to authorize the advertisement for bids for 2008 line painting. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- j. **Consideration to Approve Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for 2008 Road Oil** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to authorize the advertisement of bids for 2008 road oil. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- k. Consideration to Approve Agreement with Sabre Equipment, Inc. for Fabrication and Installation of Modifications to HEMA Mobile Command Unit at a Cost of \$28,125.00 (COSTARS #0304080)** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the agreement with Sabre Equipment, Inc. for the fabrication and installation of modifications to the HEMA mobile command unit at a cost of \$28,125.00. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- l. Consideration to Approve Purchase of 2008 Ford Escape SUV from Tri-Star Ford at a Cost of \$17,459.00 (COSTARS #013049)** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the purchase of a 2008 Ford Escape SUV from Tri-Star Ford at a cost of \$17,459.00. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- m. Consideration to Approve Purchase of Replacement Bed for One Ton Dump Truck from J & L Truck Bodies at a Cost of \$7,200.00** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the purchase of a replacement bed for a one-ton dump truck from J & L Truck Bodies at a cost of \$7,200.00. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- n. Consideration to Approve Purchase of Broce Model RCT-450 Self-Propelled Broom from Groff Equipment at a Cost of \$40,462.00 (State General Contract #2420-02)** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve the purchase of a Broce Model RCT-450 self-propelled broom from Groff Equipment at a cost of \$46,462.00. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- o. Consideration to Approve Hiring of 2008 Summer Part-Time Recreation Staff Listed on Attachment ‘A’ at Rates Shown** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve the hiring of the 2008 summer part-time recreation staff listed on Attachment “A” at the rates shown. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- p. Consideration to Approve the Following Emergency Service Applications Pending Successful Completion of a Physical Examination:**

1) Chad Snyder	Midway-St. Clair VFD	Sr. Firefighter
2) Darren Knauss	Adamsburg VFD	Sr. Firefighter
3) Jeremiah Harshey	High Park VFD	Sr. Firefighter

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve the above-referenced emergency service applications pending successful completion of a physical examination. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- q. Consideration to Approve Hiring Michael Walor as Temporary Summer College Employee for Department of Public Works at \$9.00/hr. to Begin Work No Earlier than May 1, 2008 and End No Later than August 31, 2008** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve the hiring of Michael Walor as a temporary summer college employee for the Department of Public Works at \$9.00/hr. to begin work no earlier than May 1, 2008 and end no later than August 31, 2008. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- r. Consideration to Approve the Hiring of a Full-Time Secretary C-Tier II at \$14.69/hr.** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the hiring of Michelle Morrison as a full-time secretary C-Tier II at a rate of \$14.69/hr. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

s. Consideration to Approve Creation of a Five Member Emergency Services Committee and Approve Members to the Following Categories:

- 1) Supervisors (Elected)**
- 2) Fire Chiefs (Hempfield)**
- 3) Township Staff**

Mr. Ritson explained to the Board that two members are to be appointed from the Board of Supervisors, two fire chiefs in Hempfield Township, and one member of the Township staff. Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to appoint Mr. George Reese and Mr. Don Thoma, fire chiefs; Mr. Mike Volpe, Township staff; and Mr. John Bossi and Mr. Tom Logan, Township supervisors. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- a.** Mr. Weimer inquired when the Zoning Hearing Board's meetings are scheduled as he feels the Board of Supervisors should have a copy of the full transcript of a hearing prior to an appeal being filed. Mr. Ritson stated that the Zoning Hearing Board meets the second Wednesday of every month. Mr. Mlakar noted that full transcripts are not usually done unless they are requested or the decision is appealed. Mr. Mlakar explained that a hearing is held and the Zoning Hearing Board makes a decision that same evening; however, the written decision, including findings of fact, is not approved until the following month, which starts the 30-day period when an appeal can be filed. Mr. Ritson stated that he will contact members of the Zoning Hearing Board and request that the Zoning Hearing Board's court reporter prepare a full transcript if the Township is appealing the decision.
- b.** Mr. Logan stated that a property owner questioned him regarding a T-Mobile cellular tower that was erected on the Robert Boice property with the promise of a road being paved. Mr. Logan inquired whether the Township was involved in the matter. Mr. Mlakar stated that the Township is unaware of any promise made by T-Mobile to the property owner.

15. OLD BUSINESS: None

16. PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

- a. Baltzer Meyer Historical Society** – The Board of Supervisors presented a proclamation to the Baltzer Meyer Historical Society designating the organization as one of the historical societies in Hempfield Township.

17. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

- a.** Mr. Bossi thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening and also everyone who attends every supervisors' meeting

- b. Mr. Davidson stated that everyone should take time to see the industrial park being developed down by the Sony Plant.
- c. The League of Women Voters will hold a forum on May 8th at 7:00 pm at WCCC in Commissioners Hall on the ethanol plant.
- d. Mr. Silvis noted that the Five-Star Trail is having a picnic at the Youngwood Klingensmith pavilion on Saturday, May 10th if anyone would like to attend.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary