



conditions probably will be requests for documentation, etc.). (2) He will follow up with Central Tax Bureau on Mr. Lutz's issues. (3) With regard to Mr. Lutz's request on behalf of Carbon Recreation, the recreation fence bid tabulation on the agenda included work at Cool Valley ballfield; however, it is being recommended all but the backstop replacement be eliminated because the bids came in higher than expected and the bid needed to be pared down. The Public Works Department will do some field maintenance and work on this field as per the township's lease with the owners of the ballfield. It was suggested that Mr. Lutz contact Mr. Minerva, Recreation Director, to see if Carbon Recreation could use the high school fields when they weren't in use because the township pays the school district a high fee for use of their fields. (4) The low bidder meeting all specifications for Item D on the agenda is Laurel Highlands Fence Co. at a cost of \$44,963.40 (modified projects). (5) In answer to a question from Mr. Silvis concerning a request to change a polling place, he noted that he just received the request and hadn't had the opportunity to research it. Board members discussed various alternatives, including combining it with another polling place.

***b. SOLICITOR:***

Mr. Mlakar reported on the following: (1) He will send Mr. Lutz a copy of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. (2) Most of the authorities that were granted to municipalities with regard to cable franchises have been taken away and the township is preempted from doing anything for individual consumers. Mr. Lutz can pursue his complaints with Comcast and the Federal Communications Commission. (3) At the request of the Board, an opinion was written as to the duties of the elected auditors. The opinion stated that when the Board appoints an accountant to perform the annual audit, it has all of the authority of the elected auditors except the setting of compensation for supervisor/employees. The township's elected auditors have no basic functions to perform because there are no supervisor/employees. (4) He received copies of correspondence sent to PennDOT by Mr. Robert Schulte with respect to "no parking" along Route 130 at the Dairy Queen and Recreation Park. PennDOT representatives have stated that their regulations require that if the township wishes to establish a "no parking" area along a state highway it must perform a study and forward the results to PennDOT. PennDOT is under no obligation to concur with a positive study result and still can refuse the request. It was noted that the township erected "no parking" signs at this site several years ago without PennDOT approval, and that PennDOT made the township remove the signs. It was further advised that the intersecting road in question, Center Street, is a private road. Mr. Davidson asked if the township had ever paid for a study along a PennDOT road; Mr. Ritson answered not to his recollection. Mr. Weimer requested an estimate from Mr. Schmitt as to what a study would cost. Mr. Bossi asked if the township could request guide rail be erected at the site; Mr. Schmitt replied that the regulations require that there be a slope and this area is flat.

***c. ENGINEER:*** - None

***d. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:*** - None

## ***6. PAYMENT OF BILLS***

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the payment of bills as follows: (1) General Fund -- \$550,347.99; (2) Light District Fund-- \$6,911.26; (3) Third Party VFD Fund -- \$75.36; (4) Workmen's Compensation Account -- \$16,940.00. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

## ***7. SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS***

- a. **Consideration to Authorize Township Manager and Solicitor to Advertise for Eidemiller Zone Change Hearing** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

**8. DECISIONS FOR HEARINGS - None**

**9. PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (PRD) - None**

**10. SITE PLANS**

- a. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-14, Which is Final Conditional Approval of Paladin Professional Center Site Plan (#20070005)** -- Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

**11. SUBDIVISION PLANS - None**

**12. SECRETARY CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Weimer read from the following correspondence: (1) Letter of appreciation for a donation from the McKenna Senior Center.; (2) A petition from the residents on Lockport Drive concerning the Lincoln Hills subdivision in North Huntingdon.; (3) Letter from Baltzer Meyer Historical Society requesting the designation of the official historical society of Hempfield Township.; (4) Letter concerning the closing of Glenn Fox Road for the construction of the turnpike bridge.

**13. ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

- a. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-15, Which is Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Forest Grove Subdivision** -- Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- b. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-16, Which Authorizes Disposition and Destruction of Specific Records** -- Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- c. **Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #1 (Final) with Carmen Paliotta Contracting in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Brookdale Drive Bridge Replacement** -- Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- d. **Consideration to Approve Awarding Recreation Fence Bids** -- Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to award bid to Laurel Fence Co., low bidder meeting all specifications, in the amount of \$44,963.40 as follows:

- 1-a) Tillbrook Field Legion Field Backstop Rehabilitation
- 2-a) Tillbrook Field Little League Backstop Rehabilitation
- 3-a) Merlin Field Deflector Fences
- 4-a) Hempfield Park Lower Field Outfield Fence

- b) Hempfield Park Lower Field Foul Poles
- c) Hempfield Park Lower Field Yellow Protective Cap
- d) Hempfield Park Lower Field Left Field Line Protective Fence
- 5-a) Hempfield Park Upper Field Dugout Protective Fence
- b) Hempfield Park Upper Field Dugout Protective Fence Pole Replacement
- 6-c) Cool Valley Backstop Replacement

Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

**e. Consideration to Approve the Following Emergency Service Applications Pending Successful Completion of a Physical Examination:**

1) Jessica Trujillo	High Park VFD	Jr. Firefighter
2) Teresa Bash	High Park VFD	Administrative
3) Jeremiah Flynn	Grapeville VFD	Sr. Firefighter
4) Joshua Flynn	Grapeville VFD	Sr. Firefighter
5) Eddie Grabb	Fort Allen VFD (Transfer)	Jr. Firefighter
6) Robert J. Kuszajewski	Midway-St. Clair VFD	Jr. Firefighter
7) Robert M. Kuszajewski	Midway-St. Clair VFD	Sr. Firefighter
8) William Swartz, Jr.	High Park VFD	Sr. Firefighter
9) Jonathan Leggett	Carbon VFD	Sr. Firefighter
10) Brian Shipley	North Hempfield VFD	Transfer
11) Bruce Beitel	North Hempfield VFD	Transfer
12) Scott Johnson	North Hempfield VFD	Transfer

Mr. Ritson advised that the name of Doug Greer, transfer to North Hempfield VFD, should be added as application number thirteen. Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- f. Consideration to Approve the 2008 Spring Recreation Staff Listed in Attachment at Rates Provided --** Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- g. Consideration to Approve Agreement with Zogby, Inc. in the Amount of \$5,950.00 for Crime Data Survey --** Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried
- h. Consideration to Approve Ratification of Appeal of Zoning Hearing Board Decision in Hempfield Township V. McCune Zoning Violation Case --** Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- i. Consideration to Appoint One (1) At-Large Member and One (1) Alternate to the Citizen’s Local Traffic Advisory Committee for a One-Year Period –** Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to appoint Mr. Joe Lutz as an At-Large Member and Mr. Ron Dezzutti as an Alternate to the Citizen’s Local Traffic Advisory Committee for a one year period. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- j. Consideration to Approve Agreement with I-Tech Solutions for Server and Software to Support Financial Database at a Cost of \$12,761.00 –** Mr. Logan asked if this item could be tabled

because he had been approached by a township resident who wanted to submit a bid to provide the server and software. Mr. Logan made a motion to table Item #j for a period of two weeks to permit another individual to bid on it. Mr. Mlakar advised that given the circumstances, I-Tech Solutions should be afforded the ability to re-quote because its dollar amount was already on the table and both quotes should be sealed quotes. He added that a date would have to be set for the quotes to come in to the township manager and the quote would have to be awarded at a public meeting. Mr. Logan rescinded his motion and made a motion to put this item out for sealed bid, with the bids to be received by March 14, 2008. Mr. Weimer seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1 (Mr. Davidson abstained--Official Abstention Notice attached to original minutes). Motion carried.

#### ***14. NEW BUSINESS***

- a. **H.E.M.A. Security Policy** – Mr. Ritson presented a draft policy for the Hempfield Emergency Management Agency building. He advised that the township is expanding its security and this policy regulates and monitors activities at the HEMA building. Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve the HEMA Security Policy as presented. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- b. Mr. Weimer advised that correspondence was received regarding a three day class at WCCC sponsored by Smart Growth (PMPEI Course in Zoning) which he felt Board members might want to attend. It was decided that one registration would be sent and Board members could decide who would attend on which night.

#### ***15. OLD BUSINESS - None***

#### ***16. PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT - None***

#### ***17. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS***

Mr. Weimer commended the Public Works on keeping the roads cleared during the recent snowstorms.

#### ***18. ADJOURNMENT***

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37 PM**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**SECRETARY-TREASURER**