

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONTHLY MEETING

JANUARY 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 7:00 PM by Chairman John Silvis.

Members Present: Mr. John Silvis
Mr. Bob Davidson

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:

- a. **Mr. Greg Saunders, 318 Price Street, Bovard**, commented that at the caucus meeting last Wednesday it was very hard to understand what was going on and was not very informative.
- b. **Mr. Stan Zyvith, 605 Thomas Richard Lane, Greensburg**, agreed with Mr. Saunders and stated that as there was no agenda there was no way for them to tell if there were items they would like to comment on at this evening's meeting.
- c. **Ms. Joyce Stevey, 4360 State Route 136, Greensburg**, stated that it has been seven years and the Verizon and other telephone directories still have the old members of the Board of Supervisors listed as supervisors, and none of the current board members are listed anywhere in the directories as supervisors.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Mr. Silvis acknowledged there was an executive session held on January 23, 2008 to discuss legal and personnel issues.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2007, Ridgefield Estates PRD Hearing; December 19, 2007, Supervisors' Monthly Meeting/Public Work Session; December 31, 2007, Supervisors' Special Meeting; and January 7, 2008, Supervisors' Reorganization Meeting. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS:

- a. **Township Manager** -- Mr. Ritson informed the Board that he received the 2006 annual financial statement this afternoon from Sarp & Company. Mr. Ritson noted the reason for the delay in getting the report was that HTMA took longer to get the Township their financial statement, which must be included in the Township financial statement and secondly, the GASB 34 conversion was done for 2006 financial statements. Mr. Ritson stated were no deficiencies listed in the audit, and he would like the Board to consider approving the financial statements this evening as several institutions are awaiting copies of them.
- b. **Solicitor** -- Mr. Mlakar advised the Board that there is a hearing scheduled tomorrow before Judge Ober concerning the condition of the Baumeister property.

Mr. Mlakar also informed the Board that there is a Pennsylvania Senate Bill 1063 and House Bill 1550 before congress which would consolidate the collection of earned income taxes by counties. Mr. Mlakar noted there are several deficiencies in these two bills which call for the establishment of a committee with delegates from each municipality. There are no provisions for bidding and there employers are not required to remit taxes until sixty days after the end of the quarter and then the tax collector would have an additional sixty days to remit the taxes to the municipality. Mr. Mlakar recommended that the Board send a letters to our representatives in opposition to these two bills. Mr. Mlakar further stated there is another bill, House Bill 1458, which would consolidate the collection of earned income taxes by school district. Mr. Weimer stated that he would add this item under "Action to be Taken" this evening.

- c. **Engineer** -- Mr. Schmitt stated that he had nothing further to add to his report.
- d. **Director of Public Works** -- Mr. Volpe indicated that he presented his report at the caucus meeting and has nothing further to add.

6. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson to approve payment of the bills as follows: General Fund, \$743,548.87; Light District Fund, \$6,906.61; Recreation PLGIT Account, \$388.00; Bond Issue Fund, \$8,633.16; and Third Party VFD, \$135.00. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

7. SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS: None

8. DECISIONS FOR HEARINGS:

- a. **Consideration to Grant Conditional Approval of Wingreene PRD Tentative Application** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to grant conditional approval of the Wingreene PRD tentative application. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- b. **Consideration to Grant Conditional Use Approval of Request for Revest Mini-Storage** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to grant conditional use approval for Revest mini-storage. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

9. PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (PRD): None

10. SITE PLANS: None

11. SUBDIVISION PLANS:

- a. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-6; Final Approval of the Barbara Nichols Subdivision (#20070051)** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution #2008-6. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- b. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-7; Final Approval of the Joyner Plan #2 Subdivision (#2007050)** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution #2008-7. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- c. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-8; Final Conditional Approval of the Schultheis Plan #2 Subdivision (#20070052)** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution #2008-8. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- d. **Consideration to Approve Rescinding Resolution #2006-108, Which Granted Approval to the Willow Brook Plan (#20060061)** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to rescind Resolution #2006-108. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

12. SECRETARY CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Mr. Weimer stated that he received a letter from Jeannette EMS acknowledging the Township's donation in the amount of \$500.

13. ACTION TO BE TAKEN

- a. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-9, Which is a Treasury Management Resolution with National City Bank** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Silvis, to approve Resolution #2008-9. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

- b. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-10, Which is an Extension Agreement for Greensburg Environmental Site Plan (#20060042)** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve Resolution #2008-10. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- c. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-11, Which Approves a Construction of Sanitary Sewer Line for Mark and Amy Leonard of New Stanton Borough—Required as intermunicipal agreement. Line extension paid for by Leonards.** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution #2008-11. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- d. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-12 Which Releases the Maintenance Bond for the Renaissance II, Phase IV Plan of Lots** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve Resolution #2008-12. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- e. **Consideration to Approve Authorizing Solicitor to Draft Update to Road Bond Requirements** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to authorize the Solicitor to draft an update to the road bond requirements. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- f. **Consideration to Approve Contract Extension with Delta Development Group, Inc. Through April 30, 2008, at No Additional Cost, for Finalization of RACP Grant Application** – Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Davidson, to approve a contract extension with Delta Development Group, Inc. through April 30, 2008 at no additional cost to the Township for finalization of the RACP grant application. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- g. **Consideration to Approve Payment in the Amount of \$1,566.00 to D&M Contracting, Inc. for Jack’s Run Flood Control Debris Removal** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve payment in the amount of \$1,566 to D & M Contracting, Inc. for Jack’s Run flood control debris removal. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- h. **Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #1 in the Amount of \$71,905.50 with Danmar Contracting for Bovard Storm Sewer Project (CDBG Project)** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$71,905.50 with Danmar Contracting for Bovard CDBG storm sewer project. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- i. **Consideration to Approve Property Tax Refund in the Amount of \$1,278.90 to Eastern Hotel Realty CP (Tax Map #50-16-00-0-313) as per Court Order #9770 of 2005** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve a property tax refund in the amount of \$1,278.90 to Eastern Hotel Realty CP as per Court Order #9770 of 2005. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- j. **Consideration to Authorize Bids for 2008 Asphalt Hot Mix** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to authorize bids for 2008 asphalt hot mix. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- k. **Consideration to Purchase 2008 International Single Axle Dump Truck from the State Piggyback Program at a Total Cost of \$102,868.00 Under the Following Components:**
 - 1) **Chassis purchased from Five Star International on State Contract #4400001181 at a Price of \$61,318.00**
 - 2) **Purchase Body, Plow & Salt Spreader from U.S. Municipal Supply (SHACOG Purchase at a Price of \$41,550.00**

Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve the purchase of a 2008 International single-axle dump truck from the State piggyback program at a total cost of \$102,868.00 under the above-referenced components. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

l. Consideration to Approve Purchase of 2008 Ford F-250 Heavy Duty Pickup Truck from Tri-Star Ford (PA Department of General Services COSTARS Contract #013-049) at a Cost of \$26,930.00 – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the purchase of a 2008 Ford F-250 heavy-duty pickup truck from Tri-Star Ford at a cost of \$26,930.00. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

m. Consideration to Approve 2008 Hempfield Township Fire Police Event Schedule – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve the 2008 Hempfield Township fire police event schedule. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

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

1) Joshua Bash	High Park VFD	Sr. Firefighter
2) Jessica Thomas	Grapeville VFD	Jr. Firefighter
3) Matthew Stewart	Grapeville VFD	Sr. Firefighter
4) Matthew Shipley	North Hempfield	Transfer

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the above-referenced emergency service applications pending successful completion of a physical examination. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

o. Consideration to Approve the 2008 Winter Staff and HTAC Part-time Staff Outlined on Attachment ‘A’ at the Pay Rates Shown – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve the 2008 winter staff and HTAC part-time staff outlined on Attachment “A” at the pay rates shown. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

p. Consideration to Approve 2008 Fall Festival Dates for September 13 & 14, 2008 – Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to set the 2008 fall festival dates for September 13 and 14, 2008. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

q. Consideration to Approve Appointing Four (4) Citizens at Large, One (1) Alternate, and One (1) Representative from Emergency Services to the Hempfield Township Local Traffic Advisory Committee for Terms of One-Year Ending December 31, 2008 – Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to appoint Ms. Joyce Stevey, Ms. Carol Booth, and Mr. Scott Bailey as citizens-at-large, and Mr. Ken Wees as the representative from emergency services to the Hempfield Township Local Traffic Advisory Committee for terms on one year ending December 31, 2008. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

r. Consideration to Appoint One (1) Supervisor to Hempfield Township Public Safety Task Force to Replace Kim Ward – Mr. Logan made a motion to appoint John Silvis to the Hempfield Township public safety task force. Mr. Silvis declined the appointment. Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to appoint Mr. Doug Weimer to the Hempfield Township public safety task force. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

- s. **Consideration to Approve 2008 Cost of Living Increase for Township Non-Union Employees in the Amount of 3% Retroactive to January 1, 2008 and Effective on Anniversary Date of Non-Union Employees Where Applicable** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve a 2008 cost of living increase for non-union Employees in the amount of 3% retroactive to January 1, 2008 and effective on the anniversary date of non-union employees where applicable. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- t. **Consideration to Approve a Two-Year (2) Extension to Employment Contract with Mike Volpe for Director of Public Works Position with New Expiration Date of December 31, 2010. All Terms and Conditions to Remain the Same Except for Salary Increases of 2% Retroactive to January 1, 2008, 2% Salary Increase for 2009 and 2% Salary Increase for 2010** – Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve a two-year extension to the employment contract with Mike Volpe for the Director of Public Works position with a new expiration date of December 31, 2010. All terms and conditions are to remain the same except for salary increases of 2% retroactive to January 1, 2008, 2% salary increase for 2009, and 2% salary increase for 2010. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- u. **Consideration to Approve 2006 General Financial Statement** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve the 2006 general financial statement. Vote: 3-Yes. 1-No—Mr. Logan. Motion carried.
- v. **Consideration to Appoint One Representative to the Five-Star Trail** – Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to appoint Susan Scherff to the Five-Star Trail board. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.
- w. **Consideration to Authorize Manager to Send a Letter to Hempfield Township’s Representatives in the State Legislators in Opposition of House Bill 1550 and Senate Bill 1063 and in Support of House Bill 1458** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to authorize the Manager to send letters to Hempfield Township’s State legislators in opposition to House Bill 1550 and Senate Bill 1063 as well as letters in support of House Bill 1458. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

14. NEW BUSINESS: None

15. OLD BUSINESS: None

16. PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT; None

17. SUPERVISORS’ COMMENTS:

- a. Mr. Logan asked that the Board consider requesting PennDOT to do a traffic study of the intersection of Harry Long Road and Arona Road. Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to send a letter requesting PennDOT to conduct a traffic study of the intersection of Harry Long Road and Arona Road. Vote: 4-Yes. Motion carried.

- b. Mr. Davidson inquired if the Township had any influence on the decision regarding the signalization on Mount Pleasant Road. Mr. Ritson stated the Township had some input but PennDOT, on their own, sought funding through the Congestion Management and Air Quality funding stream through the Department of Transportation in order to upgrade signalization in a number of areas throughout Westmoreland County, one of which was the Mount Pleasant Road project. The project right now is to control the safety of the vehicles using Mount Pleasant Road. There is ongoing discussion with Congressman Tim Murphy regarding the reconfiguration of the intersection, and the Township is hopeful that he will obtain funding to proceed with a study of the Mount Pleasant Road area from Town Square Drive down to Pellis Road on physical issues, and down to Old Airport Road on traffic and congestion issues. Mr. Davidson indicated that coming out of Pellis Road and turning onto Mount Pleasant Road going toward UPG there is a property with numerous large pine trees which obstructs the vision. Mr. Ritson indicated that he will contact the County regarding having their engineer look to see if there is a site distance issue.

- c. Mr. Weimer questioned whether there was another meeting planned by the Congressman with the residents regarding the Mount Pleasant Road projects. Mr. Ritson indicated that he has not received any notice from the Congressman regarding a meeting being scheduled or whether any funding has been earmarked.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary