

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 27, 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. John Bossi
Mr. R. Douglas Weimer
Mr. Tom Logan

Staff Present: Mr. Rob Ritson
Mr. Mike Volpe
Mr. Dan Schmitt
Mrs. LuAnn Panigall

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

- a. **Melanie Mesich, Towne Square Drive**, inquired if the Board of Supervisors had made any decision regarding changes to the business overlay district. Ms. Mesich informed the Board that she is having trouble selling her house because it cannot be sold as commercial or residential. Mr. Ritson indicated that there has been discussion regarding changes to the business overlay ordinance but nothing has officially been changed. Mr. Ritson noted that the draft of the new zoning ordinance should be done in June but final approval probably won't occur to December.
- b. **Gary Falatovich, Attorney**, informed the Board that both he and Mr. Rizzi are here if the Board should have any questions regarding the Ridgeview Estates zone change request. Mr. Ritson advised the Board that testimony has been closed regarding the zone change request hearing.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Weimer acknowledged an executive session held on May 21, 2008 to discuss legal issues.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve the May 15, 2008 Supervisors' Special meeting and the May 28, 2008, Supervisors' Monthly Meeting. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS:

- a. Public Works Director** – Mr. Volpe advised that he had nothing further to add to the report he presented at the public work session. Mr. Weimer inquired whether Mr. Volpe received a call regarding a water problem in High Park. Mr. Volpe stated that he was to meet a gentleman who had a water complaint; however, when Mr. Volpe was there, the gentleman was not at home. Mr. Volpe is trying to contact the gentleman to reschedule. Mr. Bossi asked if Mr. Volpe has addressed the problem in Wegley regarding tires and debris dumped there. Mr. Volpe indicated that the public works department picked up the tires and debris.
- b. Engineer** – Mr. Schmitt stated that he presented his report at the public work session and has nothing further to add.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Ritson stated that in Revenues, Other Financing Sources, there is a disparity between the amounts budget and collected as Non-Revenue Miscellaneous Receipts were not accounted for in the budget. Also, under Expenditures, Other Financing Sources, the amount expended appears high but this is because of the monies that were transferred to the Light District Fund until light tax monies are received. These monies will then be transferred back to the General Fund. Mr. Ritson indicated that all other budget items are on target with where they should be at this time of the year. The hot mix paving project, which appears on the agenda this evening, will be paid through the Liquid Fuel Fund.

7. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson to approve payment of bills as follows: General Fund, \$406,057.74; Light District, \$8,066.80; Pop Fund, \$57.00; Recreation PLGIT Account, \$1,955.50; and Fire Escrow Account, \$1,900.00. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

8. SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS: None

9. DECISIONS FOR HEARINGS: None

10. PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (PRD): None

11. SITE PLANS: None

12. SUBDIVISION PLANS

- a. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-32, Which Grants Final Conditional Approval of the Bogac Subdivision (Plan #20080008)** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve Resolution #2008-32, which grants final conditional approval of the Bogac subdivision plan. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- b. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-33, Which Grants Final Approval of the Ciavarra-Nave Subdivision (Plan #20080017)** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution #2008-33, which grants final approval of the Ciavarra-Nave subdivision plan. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

13. ACTION TO BE TAKEN

- a. Consideration to Approve Ordinance #2008-03, Changing Zoning Classification for Property Owned by Ridgeview Estates LLC from A-1 to R-1** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to deny changing the zoning classification for property owned by Ridgeview Estates, LLC from A-1 to R-1. Vote: Mr. Bossi-Yes. Mr. Davidson-Yes. Mr. Weimer-Yes. Mr. Logan-Yes. Mr. Silvis-Yes. Motion carried.
- b. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-34, Which is Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Reflex Software Corp. for Commercial Building at Intersection of Route 30 and Everglade Road** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approved Resolution #2008-34. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- c. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-35, Which Establishes Signature Authority with Citizens Investment Services for E.G.C. Grant Proceeds in Conjunction with Westinghouse Property** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve Resolution #2008-35. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- d. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2008-36, Which Awards Contract for Building and Park Security to MDPT Enterprises, LLC (d/b/a Whiting Protective Services)** – Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve Resolution #2008-36. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- e. Consideration to Approve Request from Commonwealth Renewable Energy for 90 Day Extension to Provide Financial Security for Site Plan** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve the request from Commonwealth Renewable Energy for a 90-day extension to provide financial security for their site plan. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- f. Consideration to Approve Authorizing Solicitor to Notify PennDOT that Township has No Legal Interest in Paper Alley Intersecting with North Greengate Road near Blair Street** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve authorizing the Solicitor to notify PennDOT that the Township has no legal interest in the paper alley intersecting with North Greengate Road near Blair Street. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- g. Consideration to Approve Authorizing Solicitor to Draft Inter-Municipal Agreement and Advertise if Needed for Cooperative Salt Purchase** – Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve authorizing the Solicitor to draft a inter-municipal agreement and advertise, if needed, for cooperative salt purchase. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- h. Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #2 (Final) with Laurel Highlands Fence Co. in the Amount of \$7,493.12 for Recreation Field Fence Replacement** – Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve Pay Estimate #2 with Laurel Highlands Fence Co. in the amount of \$7,493.12 for the recreation field fence replacement. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- i. Consideration to Approve Authorizing Advertisement of Bids for 2008-09 Rock Salt** – Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to authorize advertisement of bids for 2008-2009 rock salt. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.
- j. Consideration to Approve Award of Bids for 2008 Hot Mix Program. The following Bids Were Received and Opened on May 23, 2008:**

1) Tresco Paving Co.	\$1,023.750.00
2) Derry Construction Co.	1,033.500.00
3) Donegal Construction Co.	1,070,257.00
4) El Grande Industries, Inc.	1,102,725.00
5) A. Folino Construction	1,104,597.00
6) New Enterprise Stone & Line Co.	1,139,209.00
7) Morgan Excavating	1,156,447.00
8) Victor Paving & Construction	1,208,572.00

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to award the bid for the 2008 hot mix paving program to Tresco Paving Co. with a bid of \$1,023,750.00. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- k. Consideration to Approve Award of Bid for E-3M Oil Supply. The Following Bids were Received and Opened on May 23, 2008:**

1) Russell Standard	\$1.94/Gallon	\$77,600.00 Total
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Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to award the bid for E-3M oil to Russell Standard Corporation at a price of \$1.94/gallon. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

- l. Consideration to Approve Award of Bid for 2008 Line Painting Contract. The Following Bids Were Received and Opened on May 23, 2008:**

1) Parking Lot Painting	\$28,473.00
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Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to award the bid for the 2008 line painting contract to Parking Lot Painting with a bid of \$28,473.00. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

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

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| 1) Randy Trump | Adamsburg VFD | Sr. Firefighter |
| 2) Jeffrey Plourde | West Point VFD | Sr. Firefighter |
| 3) Anthony Marquis | Grapeville VFD | Sr. Firefighter |

Mr. Logan 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.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Mr. Schmitt informed the Board that Mr. Doug Cisco got Laurel Fence Co. to donate some fencing to repair the fence on the field in Hempfield Manor.
- b. Mr. Weimer inquired if the storm water issues that arose last year have been addressed and if the Township's storm water controls are stringent enough. Mr. Schmitt advised the Board that the storm water ponds are operating as they should; however, under certain storm events the water is not being held long enough in those ponds. The Township is currently putting restrictor plates on ponds that are under the Township's control and is also requiring restrictor plates on non-Township owned ponds before the Township will assume responsibility for them. The Engineer's office is preparing recommendations to be presented to the Board regarding storm water, including the new regulations.

15. OLD BUSINESS: None

16. PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

17. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Bossi commented on the light rail system study being conducted by Westmoreland County and stated that he would be interested in seeing it come through Hempfield Township.

Mr. Silvis stated there was an article in the Tribune Review on May 2nd regarding local food supply and the decreasing amount of farms in Pennsylvania and the fact that approximately \$56 Billion in food is imported annually in southwestern Pennsylvania. Mr. Silvis stated that since Hempfield Township is one of the largest municipalities, perhaps the Township should set aside more green space.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary