

**HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2011
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. John Bossi, Chairman called the meeting of the Hempfield Township Supervisors, held in the Hempfield Township Municipal Building to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. John Silvis Mr. John Bossi
 Mr. Thomas Logan Mr. Robert Davidson
 Mr. R. Douglas Weimer

Staff Present: Mr. Kurt Ferguson Mr. Dan Schmitt – arrived 7:10pm
 Mr. Michael Volpe Mrs. Lynda Lytle

2. HEARINGS

a. Public Hearing and Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-15, Which is the Addition of Property Owned By William and Carol Smith, Tax Map #50-10-00-00-087, to an Agricultural Security Area

Mr. Bossi: We are going to start off with the public hearing to consider, approve Resolution 2011-15 on the property owned by William and Carol Smith to become an Agricultural Security Area. Is anybody here that represents William and Carol Smith? Do I have any citizen's comments on this matter?

Mr. Logan: It has been fully advertised, identified by staff as to what it is and is fully qualified to be an Agricultural Security Area.

Motion:

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Silvis, to approve Resolution #2011-15. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

Hearing adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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

Mr. Greg Saunders, of 318 Price Street, Bovard, PA 15619 read a prepared report on Fire Incident Calls for the month of January, 2011 and also reported on the newly elected officers of the Fire Chief's Association. (Copies of both are attached.) He then read a letter signed by all twelve fire chiefs requesting that the Township purchase a new vehicle to replace the existing salvage truck. (A copy of the letter is attached.) The existing vehicle has a rusted frame which cannot be repaired. The letter

requested that a meeting be held between the chiefs and supervisors to discuss the need for a new truck. The meeting will be held on February 23, 2011 at 6:15 p.m.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Mr. Bossi stated that an Executive Session was held on January 19, 2011 to discuss legal and personnel matters.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 3, 2011; Supervisors Reorganization Meeting

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2011 Supervisors Reorganization Meeting minutes. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

6. STAFF REPORTS -- (Written reports distributed prior to meeting)

Road Dept:

Mr. Volpe stated that his report was given at the Public Work Session and had nothing further to report at this time.

Township Manager:

Mr. Ferguson stated that his report was given at the Public Work Session and had nothing further to report at this time.

Engineer:

Mr. Schmitt reported that the bids for the tennis court reconstruction and fencing will be available for bidders to pick up at the Township office. He then explained that the West Point project would require a joint permit since work will be done in or near a wetlands area, stream area or flood plain and that this project does require a joint permit. Mr. Davidson asked if this had any bearing on the use of swales or piping. Mr. Schmitt answered that the project will entail the combination of swales and piping.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Logan stated that the Treasurer's Report was presented last Wednesday at the Work Session. Mr. Logan asked if the franchise fee had been received. Mr. Ferguson stated it is to be received by Friday, January 28, 2011.

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

- a. General Fund -- \$842,013.28**
- b. Light District Fund-- \$6,895.20**
- c. Recreation PLGIT Account -- \$238.00**
- d. 2010 Bond Issue Account -- \$13,408.00**
- e. Workmen's Compensation Account -- \$31,826.00**
- f. Liquid Fuel Fund -- \$26,046.74**

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the payment of bills: General Fund, \$842,013.28; Light District Fund, \$6,895.20; Recreation PLGIT Account, \$238.00; 2010 Bond Issue Account, \$13,408.00; Workmen's Compensation Account, \$31,826.00 and Liquid Fuel Fund, \$26,046.74.

Question:

Mr. Davidson stated that he did not have a problem with the figures but questioned if the Bond Issue was an annual payment. Mr. Logan stated that it was a disbursement. Mr. Ferguson stated that it is from the proceeds from the bond and is a final payment that we had on a couple of outstanding line items on the Walton Tea Room Road and Cambridge Drive Projects. Mr. Davidson then questioned the Workmen's Compensation Account. Mr. Ferguson stated that it is a transfer of the monthly money coming in and out.

Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

9. SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS - None

10. DECISIONS FOR HEARINGS - None

11. PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (PRD) - None

12. SUBDIVISION PLANS

a. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-16; Which Grants Final Approval of the Nicholas Raimondo Subdivision (Plan #20100057)

Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution No. 2011-16. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

b. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-17; Which Grants Final Approval to the Realco Development Subdivision (Plan #20100055)

Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution No. 2011-17. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

c. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-18; Which Grants Final Approval to the Lincoln Place Land, L.P. Subdivision (Plan #20100060)

Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution No. 2011-18. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

13. SITE PLANS - None

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN

a. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-19; Which Accepts Deed of Dedication from GES Limited Partnership for the Northpointe #1 Stormwater Plan

Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Silvis, to approve Resolution No. 2011-19.

Question:

Mr. Logan questioned if this plan was checked by the Engineering Department. Mr. Schmitt stated it was checked. He then also stated they gave the Township \$10,000 which will be held in escrow for the maintenance.

Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

b. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-20; Which Approves the Disposition and Destruction of Township Records by the Duly Elected Township Tax Collector

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve Resolution No. 2011-20.

Question:

Mr. Davidson questioned how many years the Tax Collector has to keep the paperwork. This has been cleared by the Solicitor.

Vote: 5-Yes.

c. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-21; Which is a Plan Revision for the Borlin Plan as Required by the DEP

Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve Resolution No. 2011-21.

Question:

Mr. Davidson questioned what this plan was about. Mr. Ferguson explained that this is a planning module which is required by DEP and is a formality.

Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

d. Consideration to Approve the Purchase of a 2010 Ford Explorer from Tri-Star Ford at a Cost of \$25,321.04 under CoStars Contract #026-011

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to purchase a 2010 Ford Explorer from Tri-Star Ford at a cost of \$25,321.04 on the CoStars Contract #026-011.

Question:

Mr. Weimer asked if this was in line with the Township Budget. Mr. Logan stated that it was and that we would be selling a 1999 Jeep Wagoneer.

Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

e. Consideration to Approve the 2011-2012 Salt Contracts with PA Department of General Services under State Contract #6810-02

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the 2011-2012 Salt Contract with the PA Dept. of General Services. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

f. Consideration to Approve Awarding the Purchase of a Used Garage Lift to Thomas Porter, Highest Bidder on Online Auction, at a Bid of \$1,900.00

Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to award the purchase of the used lift to Thomas Porter, the highest bidder.

Question:

Mr. Logan asked that a signed release be obtained to protect the Township from liability. Mr. Ferguson explained that the bid was "As Is" through Municibid which would protect the Township.

Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

g. Consideration to Approve the Purchase of a 2011 One Ton Dump Truck from Tri-State Ford at a Cost of \$70,063.81 under CoStars Contract #025-026

Mr. Logan made a motion to amend the agenda item to read the purchase of a 2011 F-550 Truck to be purchased from Tri-Star Ford. Mr. Davidson seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferguson stated that a subsequent motion for financing would be needed in approximately six months when the truck will be ready. An existing vehicle will be sold at auction. This will replace that vehicle.

Vote: 5-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bossi then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the purchase of a 2011 F-550 truck from Tri-Star Ford. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

h. Consideration to Approve the Purchase of a Breathing Air Module Compressor and Breathing Apparatus Containment Fill Station from Mako through Premier Safety Service, Inc. at a Cost of \$42,250.00 under CoStars Contract #012-010

Mr. Ferguson stated that the unit will have twice the capacity of the existing unit and will come with a two-year warranty. Mr. Logan stated that he would like to see the existing unit sold at auctioned.

Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Logan, to approve the purchase of the Breathing Air Module Compressor and Breathing Containment Fill Station. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

i. Consideration to Approve Pay Estimate #1 with Plavchak Construction in the Amount of \$200,744.50 for the Hempfield Park Sports Field Lighting Installation

Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve the payment of Plavchak Construction Pay Estimate #1.

Mr. Schmitt stated that Plavchak Construction has begun work on all three areas and plans to have all lighting in place by March or April of 2011. This is being partially paid by a grant in the amount of \$168,400.00. Mr. Logan then asked if the old lights could be reused. Mr. Schmitt stated that the lights are being stockpiled and an organization has shown interest in the lights.

Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

j. Consideration to Approve H2O Reimbursement Request #2 in the Amount of \$145,910.30

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the H2O Reimbursement Request #2 for the Fort Allen Flood Control Project. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

k. Consideration to Approve Request of Hempfield Township Fire Police to Provide Fire Police Services at 2011 Scheduled Events

Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve Hempfield Township Fire Police services at the 2011 Events as submitted in their letter of request. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried. (Letter of request with events listed is attached.)

l. Consideration to Approve a \$3,500.00 Contribution to Rescue 14 for 2011 and to Allow Rescue 14 to Purchase Fuel at Cost from the Township

Mr. Logan made a motion, seconded by John Bossi, to approve the contribution to Rescue 14 for 2011 and allow them to purchase fuel at cost from the Township. 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) Gary Pilkington | North Hempfield VFD | Sr. Firefighter (Transfer) |
| 2) Patrick Moore | Hempfield #2 VFD | Sr. Firefighter (Transfer) |
| 3) Cody Kopusko | Midway-St. Clair VFD | Sr. Firefighter |

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve the Emergency Service Applicants as listed on the Agenda pending the successful completion of a physical examination by the Township appointed physician. Vote: 5-Yes. Motion carried.

15. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Logan questioned when the salt brine machine would be purchased. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Volpe explained that the money has not been released from the State Treasurer's Office. As soon as the money is received the machine will be purchased and then delivered.

Mr. Ferguson then stated that he has two requests he received to fill the Recreation Commission position. Mr. Weimer stated that he receive three email requests for the same position. The requests will be reviewed and then an appointment will be made at a later meeting.

16. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weimer stated that he has been in contact with the Community Foundation. He had requested information on how to increase the Township's Fund and possible assistance from them in getting the word out to businesses and private individuals, in the area, that donations are needed to sustain recreation programs in our area. The Foundation's Board of Directors would have to approve how the money is solicited and what it is solicited for. Up to now, money has been collected mostly through the fee in lieu of charge, which the Township requires that developers pay. Mr. Davidson stated that any money solicited should be tailored for specific needs or a specific item and not just for a generic-type use. Mr. Weimer explained that he attended several ribbon cutting ceremonies where money was given away. Several of the communities, which have the same zip code as Hempfield Township, received that money. Hempfield Township did not and the people running the events were not aware that we accepted donations. This would be a help in educating the public.

Mr. Weimer then stated that he would like to work with the Community Foundation to setup the funding. The Foundation also recommended that a committee of interested Township residents be established, as a partner to the Township, to assist with the solicitation of funding. There will be no tax dollars used and the committee will run itself without using Township staff. All Supervisors seemed to be in agreement that this would be a good idea.

17. PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT - None

18. CORRESPONDENCE:

19. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS-None

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman