

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
December 27, 2011
7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Bossi 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 Bossi Mr. Robert Davidson
 Mr. John Silvis Mr. R. Douglas Weimer

Staff Present: Mr. Kurt Ferguson Mr. Les Mlakar
 Mr. Mike Volpe Mr. Daniel Schmitt
 Mrs. Michelle Predajna

Mr. Tom Logan was absent for today's meeting.

2. HEARINGS

None

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

- a. **Bob Tunno-** 102 Ridgewood Drive, Mr. Tunno is attending tonight's meeting looking for any resolution to his concerns he presented at last month's meeting regarding the drainage issue at his home. Per Mr. Mlakar's response; he has prepared and distributed a document of response after researching the issue and discussed it with Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Volpe, and Mr. Ferguson. Per Mr. Mlakar's advice the Township is not responsible for the drainage concern and the problem did begin when Mr. Tunno filled in the swell improperly without a permit. Mr. Tunno asked if he could see Mr. Mlakar's findings and response to the issue, which is confidential. The Board of Supervisors would have to release the document, per Mr. Bossi, it will be considered.
- b. **Don Wolfe-** 322 Wolfe Nursery Road, Mr. Wolfe is the owner of Wolfe's Nursery and is questioning the Board of Supervisors' what their intentions are with the road caving, which is on the agenda this evening to close a portion of the road. Mr. Mlakar addressed Mr. Wolfe's concerns explaining one portion of the road is sliding and they are meeting to look into how to properly fix this area and they are required to get approval from a property owner. Currently the township is collecting data of traffic usage on Wolfe Nursery Road. As part of tonight's agenda for action to be taken by the board, to consider to approve resolution to close Wolfe Nursery Road from whitehead Road to Goodlin and establishing a detour. Mr. Wolfe asked the board if temporary signs can be set up at the detours pointing the direction of his business. Per the board's approval; temporary signs can be installed at the detours if the road is approved for closing of the section listed above.

- c. **Tom Miller-** 127 Duck Hawk Lane, Mr. Miller is here to represent the property owner they are speaking of on Wolfe Nursery Road, which is his brother-in-law. Mr. Miller stated the land owner was on his way to the meeting and has not arrived yet and he has no argument of fixing the section of the road that is sliding and he is questioning what repairs will be made. Mr. Mlakar explained they are currently collecting data of traffic issue as stated and review what can be done to the road and to close portion of this road for safety precautions.
- d. **Thomas Methven-** 1 Brokers Lane, Mr. Methven received a letter that his address is to change to 3 Brokers Lane and he is requesting this change does not occur due to this being the address for many generations and will cause confusion to the three (3) homes on Brokers Lane. Mr. Mlakar explained Westmoreland County 911 made this change due to the mistake that occurred when naming roads and Brokers Lane and cotton Lane are the same road, which was listed separate. The township names the roads and 911 distribute the house number depending on the frontage. Mr. Methven asked if there was any way possible for him to keep house number 1. Mr. Mlakar informed the board there is four (4) similar requests to be resolved and they are meeting on Thursday to discuss the situation and they will discuss this address change also. The township will be in contact with Mr. Methven regarding the address position.
- e. **Eric Nelson-** 416 Wolfe Nursey Road, Mr. Nelson stated he is the property owner they are waiting for permission from to fix the roadway due to a letter he sent to the township in 2007 about a disagreement he had with how the township was approaching the concerns with the road, just as informational. Mr. Nelson stated he would like to discuss concerns with the township when available and meet at the location of the road issue on Wolfe Nursery Road. Mr. Davidson explained to please write down his contact information on the sign in sheet so the staff can remain in contact with him.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bossi acknowledged the following executive session:

- a. **December 27, 2011; Legal Issue**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Approval of Supervisors Monthly Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2011**

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve the Supervisors Monthly Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2011 Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

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

None

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Logan is absent from today's meeting. Mr. Ferguson made note that the final budget will be discussed later in the meeting.

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

- a. **General Fund -- \$398,670.17**
- b. **Light District Fund-- \$6,561.06**
- c. **PLGIT Account -- \$1,442.00**
- d. **2010 Bond Issue Account-- \$21,349.54**
- e. **3rd Party VFD-- \$2,570.52**

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the payment of bills as presented.
Vote: 4-0. 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 #2011-96; Which Grants Final Approval of the Unification Plan of Lots 5R and 6R in the Triangle Center Subdivision Plan No. 3 Subdivision (#20110019)** Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi to approve Resolution #2011-96.
Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- b. **Consideration to Approve resolution #2011-97; Which Grants Final Approval of the Heveker Unification Subdivision Plan (#20110021)** Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi to approve Resolution #2011-97. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- c. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-98; Which Grants Final Approval of the Marian J. McGinnis-Gach Subdivision Plan (#20110024)** Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Silvis to approve Resolution #2011-98. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- d. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-99; Which Grants Final Conditional Approval of the Glunt Family LTD Partnership Subdivision Plan (#20110018)** Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Silvis to approve Resolution #2011-99. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- e. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-100; Which Grants Final Conditional Approval of the Westwind Phase 3 Subdivision Plan (#20110016)** Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson to approve Resolution #2011-100. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

13. SITE PLANS - None

14. ACTION TO BE TAKEN

- a. **Consideration to Approve Ordinance #2011-08; Which Designates Penn Street a One-Way Street from Brush Creek Road to Hempfield Township-Manor Borough Line in an Easterly**

Direction Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve Ordinance #2011-08. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- b. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-101; Which Authorizes Emergency Closing of Wolfes Nursery Road from Intersection of Whitehead Road to Goodlin Road and Establishing a Detour.** Mr. Silvis stated he has driven on the road also and the upper side seems passable, questioning if entire section of the road needs to be closed and also if there is any time frame as to how long the road will be closed. Mr. Ferguson explained the road still needs to be reviewed; he can't answer if there are any alternatives except closing the road for safety precautions. He is hoping for the January 2012 Supervisors meeting to have an outline of what they will need to do to Wolfe Nursery Road. Mr. Mlakar explained the board does not have to close the road, but from a safety stand point it is recommended. Mr. Schmitt explained from the site distance the road is not wide enough to close just one lane due to school buses, no extra lighting on the road during night and also the liability alone, recommending closing the road. Mr. Davidson agrees per the recommendation of Mr. Schmitt of Gibson-Thomas Engineer for safety to close this road. Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve Resolution #2011-101. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- c. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-102; Which Authorizes the Filing of a Declaration of Taking for Various Properties in the West Point Sewer Project** Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve Resolution #2011-102. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- d. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-103; Which Authorizes the Adoption of Section 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Restatement with VALIC** Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve Resolution #2011-103. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- e. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-104; Which Approves Partial Reduction in Financial Security for Pittsburgh Independent Auto Land Disturbance Permit (#20100050)** Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve Resolution #2011-104. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- f. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-105; Which Approves Release of financial Security for Ravenwood Plan (#20090034 and #20100012)** Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve Resolution #2011-105. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- g. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-106; Which Adopts the 2012 Operating Budget** Mr. Silvis thanked Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Logan for their hard work and effort for keeping taxes steady for the 22nd year. Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Silvis, to approve Resolution #2011-106. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- h. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-107; Which Establishes the 2012 Millage Rate at 3 Mills and 2012 Street Light Taxes** Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Silvis, to approve Resolution #2011-107. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- i. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-108; Which Establishes 2012 Salaries for Non-Union/Non-Contract Employees** Les stated to make not that it is 2% increase with the exception of Mr. Volpe, Mr. Beitel, Mr. Ferguson whom is contracted. Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi, to approve Resolution #2011-108. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- j. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-109; Which is an Anthony M. Marsolo Plan Planning Module.** Per Mr. Mlakar, the three items will be combined with this due to D.E.P requirements. J, K, L Combined Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve Resolution #2011-109-111. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- k. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-110; Which is a Hempfield Land Development Co. Plan Planning Module.** *See J*
- l. **Consideration to Approve Resolution #2011-111; Which is the Smail Auto Detail Center Plan Planning Module.** *See J*
- m. **Consideration to Approve Airport Hill Road Bridge Agreement #125428** Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve Agreement #125428. Mr. Schmitt noted nothing is changing except the time frame. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- n. **Consideration to Approve Awarding School Zone Signal Installation Bid. The following bids were opened on December 7, 2011:**
 - a. **T.S.B Inc. (Schultheis Electric) \$16,650.00**
 - b. **Traffic Systems & Services \$21,428.04**
 - c. **Mann Construction, Inc. \$28,520.00**

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve the School Zone Signal Installation Bid to the lowest bidder, T.S.B Inc. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- o. **Consideration to Approve Authorizing Penn Line Service to Install Guiderail along Forbes Road at a cost of \$4,950.00** Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Silvis, to approve Resolution #2011-107. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- p. **Consideration to Approve Authorizing Penn Line Service to Install Guiderail along Forbes Road at a cost of \$4,950.00** Mr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weimer, to approve Authorizing Penn Line Service to Install Guiderail along Forbes Road at a cost of \$4,950.00. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- q. **Consideration to Approve Additional Recreation Winter Part-time Staff as Per Attachment 'A'** Mr. Bossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to approve additional recreation winter part-time staff. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
- r. **Consideration to Approve the Following Emergency Service Applications Pending Successful Completion of Physical Examination:**
 - 1) **Greg Saunders II HEMA Volunteer**
 - 2) **Tyler Vinkler Hempfield #2 VFD Jr. Firefighter**

Mr. Weimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bossi to approve the two individuals listed above after successful completion of physical examination. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

15. OLD BUSINESS- Mr. Mlakar stated since Christmas has past, this being old business and wanted to wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanking Mr. Bossi and Mr. Davidson for their time on the Board of Supervisors and it has been a pleasure working with them. Mr. Davidson responded he feels the same, feelings are mutual.

16. NEW BUSINESS-

Mr. Weimer read a letter received from Mutual Aid thanking the township for the generous donation of \$500.

Mr. Weimer would like to make a motion of action to release the report from Mr. Mlakar to resident Mr. Bob Tunno of 102 Ridgewood Drive to address his drainage concerns. Mr. Bossi seconded the motion
Vote: 4-0. Motion carried

17. PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT -

Mr. Greg Zimmerman presented a plaque to Mr. Dan Nescot for certified training completed the PA Emergency Management Agency

Mr. Weimer presented a certificate of recognition to the Public Works Department for the reconstruction of North Greengate Road

18. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Silvis expressed his thanks to Mr. Davidson for 7 years of service and Mr. Bossi for 6 years of service and their time put to Hempfield Township. Mr. Weimer concurs with Mr. Silvis statement and the long hours they have spent along with time away from their families; thanking them for their time spend as Hempfield Township Supervisors

Mr. Bossi expressed how very proud he was to be a part of Hempfield Township Supervisors' and if he is ever needed in the future to contact him anytime and he will always help in any way that he can.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bossi adjourned the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Kurt M. Ferguson, Secretary

R. Doug Weimer, Chairman