

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting
June 14, 2010

Board Members in Attendance: John Pardue and Ron Koldjeski

Absent: Douglas Pallman

Board Guests in Attendance: Scot Haan, CEO; Francine Miller, Secretary/Treasurer; Joseph Sileo, Solicitor

7:55 P.M. -- General Meeting Called to Order with Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Koldjeski to approve the minutes as prepared for the General Meeting on May 10, 2010, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.

Correspondence: Correspondence is available with the Secretary's office during regular business hours for review.

Announcements:

New Business:

Gilpin Subdivision: The Gilpin Subdivision has been reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission. **Motion by Koldjeski to approve the Gilpin lot-line adjustment as proposed, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

American Asphalt: Piggyback pricing through COSTARS was received by American Asphalt for signature. Pardue signed the contract.

Orchard Drive: The Township tried to seek quotes for doing bore holes on Orchard Drive for the Township to determine why the road is failing. The only company that responded was Midlantic Engineering. **Motion by Pardue to sign the contract with Midlantic to do core sampling on Orchard Drive to see why it falling apart, 2nd by Koldjeski. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Public Input:

Francie Walters: Francie Walters of 1621 Davinci Lane stated that every year the residents of Columbus Circle have a block party on Ralph Road. These parties have been going on for ten years. Last year someone called to complain so she wanted to ask the Supervisors if there would be a problem. Ralph Road is a dead end road that there will be a small tent at the end of the road not blocking access to any of the houses. The three residents that live on that road signed a paper that was presented to the Board stating their approval of the party. Fire Chief, Jeff LaCoe, was also presented with the paper as a reminder to the fire department of the festivities.

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED – Planning Commission

Road Master: Pallman was absent, but Pardue stated that the dirt roads are in the process of being oiled.

Wage Tax Collector: Scandale was absent but provided the Board with a report explaining the funds that are due to the Township that we have not received for delinquent wage tax.

Abington COG: Jamison reported that Act 32 was the topic of discussion along with 2 per cent sites ordinance. Clarks Summit is looking at forming a regional police force. There will not be any meetings in July and August. The COG also discussed the gas drilling impact and will keep the Township posted on new laws and regulations.

SAPA: Jamison reported there was a meeting last week and they are still working on the multi municipal agreement. Scranton has not adopted the plan yet.

Recreation Center: There was no one present from the Rec Committee. Miller reported that DEP is requiring extensive water tests be performed due to the daycare and preschool being in the building, this puts the Center in a non-transient status and more extensive sampling needs to be performed. There were three water testing companies solicited for pricing but the only company that responded was Kirby Health Center. **Motion by Koldjeski to have the testing done to be in compliance with DEP, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.** Koldjeski stated to Sileo to keep this in mind when it is time for lease renewal.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported that there were a total of 17 calls in Newton, 4 were fire and 13 were EMS. The fire company will be attending the parades on June 24 in Lake Winola, July 9 in Dalton and August 13 in Duryea.

Planning Commission Report: Haan reported that the Commission discussed the Kelly Subdivision, however, we are still waiting on the engineer's review. The Commission recommended the Supervisors deny the subdivision if we did not receive a letter from the Kelly's waiving the review timetable. The letter was received. Also, Grace Hill at Fords Lake presented preliminary sketch plans for land development and reviewed the lot-line adjustment for Kessler.

CEO Report: Haan reported that the three zoning hearings that were held were all approved for variances. However, the Zoning Hearing Board and Haan did not believe that a building permit was required for a barn since it will be an agricultural use. A meeting will be set up with the owner, Haan and BIU to discuss.

Solicitor Report: Sileo reported that the Paolucci issue was in court and the judge gave him a final 30 days to comply. Sileo received a verbal report from Comcast with the excuse that there is a problem with the manufacturer of a box that is used for HD. The Cohen Law Group is following through. The Colombo appeal is being handled by the insurance company attorney. The Tennis court issue is in appeal and the Lombardo issue has been sent to the insurance company. Sileo sent a letter to DWA about delinquent wage taxes on June 7 and has not received a reply yet.

Unfinished Business

Community Map: Miller asked what the status of the Township doing the community maps. Businesses that were sent a solicitation to have an advertisement on the map did not respond except for four businesses. Koldjeski stated to send a final letter to those businesses that did not respond.

Township Building: Evans Roofing will start the roof in approximately two weeks and a shingle was picked out (resawn shake). They will be installing solar vents. Miller to contact all the contractors involved for their prices on the remainder of the building. **Motion by Pardue to notify Evans to start the roof for \$15,700 that their bid was accepted, 2nd by Koldjeski. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Bills: Bills were signed and discussed. **Motion by Koldjeski to pay the bills as presented, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Being no further public input and discussion, **Pardue motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Koldjeski. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Miller