

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWNSHIP OF PINE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday, May 18, 2009

Township of Pine Municipal Building

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

Members in attendance were: Michael J. Dennehy, Chair; Philip D. Henry, Vice-Chair; Frank Spagnolo; Ted Owen; and Ed Holdcroft. Also in attendance were Gary Gushard, Tucker Arensberg, P.C., Solicitor, Township Solicitor; Cheryl N. Fischer, Manager; Scott D. Anderson, Assistant Manager; and Jack C. Fasick, Director of Public Works.

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Owen to call an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Owen to terminate the Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING

This meeting of the Township of Pine Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Michael J. Dennehy, Chair.

Mr. Dennehy questioned Mr. Gushard if the prior Executive Session met the guidelines of the Sunshine Act and Mr. Gushard responded affirmatively, as the discussion related to personnel and real estate.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance were: Michael J. Dennehy, Chair; Philip D. Henry, Vice-Chair; Frank Spagnolo, Ted Owen, and Ed Holdcroft. Also in attendance were Gary Gushard, Tucker Arensberg, P.C., Solicitor; Cheryl N. Fischer, Manager; Scott D. Anderson, Assistant Manager; Larry Kurpakus, Director of Land Development; Jack C. Fasick, Director of Public Works; Joni K. Patsko, Director of Parks and Recreation. Also present was Kevin Brett of Lennon, Smith Souleret Engineering, Inc. and Richard Voll, Wexford Volunteer Fire Company. Carole Keeley and Catherine Boyle, Northern Tier Library Board, was present through Carole Keeley's report.

There were approximately five visitors present.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no additional correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board of Supervisors at this time.

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CATHERINE BOYLE

Mr. Dennehy recognized resident Catherine Boyle for her volunteer service of five years on the Northern Tier Regional Library Board.

COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation Commission

Ms. Patsko reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission is currently working on upcoming summer programs.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

Northern Tier Regional Library

Mrs. Keeley provided March 2009 library statistics, specifying that circulation was 22,953, 116 borrowers were registered and 796 items were added to the collection. Mrs. Keeley reported that the Pennsylvania Senate has noted for a 50% reduction in State funding for libraries that will result in a loss of more than \$70,000 for the Northern Tier Library. She then highlighted upcoming summer programs and noted the new Library Board of Trustees members Rob Sapinkopf and Cheryl Schoone.

North Hills COG

Mr. Spagnolo stated that he will be attending the Council of Governments meeting on May 21, 2009.

Mr. Dennehy noted that one of the topics of discussion will be proposed County-wide earned income tax collection, which the Township opposes.

Mr. Owen questioned if the meetings are open and was informed, by Mrs. Fischer, that they are open to public attendance.

Pine-Richland School District

Mr. Henry reported that Dr. Mary Bucci has been named Superintendent of the Pine-Richland School District, replacing Dr. James Manley, who is retiring at the end of June.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint Police Board

Chief Amann was not present.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Wexford Volunteer Fire Company

Mr. Voll reported that the Fire Company responded to 30 calls in March. He also reported that the fire company has received delivery of the new fire truck.

Fire Marshal

Mr. Dennehy acknowledged the April 2009 Fire Marshal's report.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Gushard had no report at this time.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Administration

Plan Recordation

Mr. Kurpakus explained that the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development has provided the proper method to extend an approval of a plan that was not recorded within the ninety days stipulated in the Municipalities Planning Code. He suggested that the Board grant the Township Manager authorization to reapprove the plans, within one year of the original approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Holdcroft and seconded by Mr. Spagnolo to authorize the Township Manager to grant extensions to the 90 day recording time limitation as specified under the Municipalities Planning Code. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

Developments before the Planning Commission

Greek Catholic Church Property

Mr. Kurpakus reported that the Planning Commission, at their May 11, 2009 meeting, reviewed a sketch plan for a 118 lot Planned Residential Development on the Greek Catholic Church property on Logan Road. He advised that the applicant is now preparing his submission to the Environmental Advisory Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Spagnolo corrected the Planning Commission minutes where it indicated that the plan would have access through Langdon Farms.

Mr. Kurpakus agreed, specifying that Phase I will have access via Logan Road.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Developments before the Planning Commission

Frontiers Plan of Lots

Mr. Kurpakus reported that the Frontiers Plan of Lots subdivides the existing lot, located in the Treesdale Convenience Commercial Area, into two lots, each with one of the existing structures. He noted that the subdivision will require a modification to the Treesdale West Grove Planned Residential Development, therefore requiring a Public Hearing. Mr. Kurpakus provided the Planning Commission's recommendation for preliminary and final approval, which can be held until the conclusion of the required public hearing for the modification to the Treesdale PRD.

Motion was made by Mr. Owen and seconded by Mr. Holdcroft to authorize advertisement for a Public Hearing for a modification to the Treesdale PRD for the Frontiers Plan of Lots. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORT OF ENGINEER

Mr. Firek highlighted Lennon Smith Souleret's May 13, 2009 summary of the engineering work performed or authorized in the month of April.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Fasick reported that he has scheduled a demonstration of a remote control mower that could be used for detention basin areas, as the State "MS4" program requires their maintenance.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Owen and seconded by Mr. Spagnolo to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – April 2009

Mr. Dennehy suggested that the April Financial Statement be tabled, as it had just been distributed that evening.

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Henry to table the April 2009 Financial Statement. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Mr. Henry advised that the applicant for the Recreation Subcommittee had not arrived at that evening's interview.

PARKS SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Owen and seconded by Mr. Holdcroft to appoint John Gill to the Parks Subcommittee for a term to expire December 31, 2010. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY ASSOC. OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS CONVENTION

Motion was made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Spagnolo to designate Michael Dennehy as the Official Delegate and Phil Henry as the Alternate Delegate to the Allegheny County Associations of Township Officials (ACATO) Annual County Convention on May 30, 2009. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

2009 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Brett distributed the bid report for the 2009 Roadway Improvement Program, noting that eleven sets of bid specifications were requested, with five of those returning a bid. Mr. Brett noted that the Township's budget for the project is \$1.6 million, although a portion of that amount will be necessary for the landscaping contract.

Mr. Anderson referred to his and John Swinderman's memorandum regarding the proposed paving, and recommended awarding the base bid, minus crosswalk signals (Items #53 and #54) sidewalk near the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and Add Alternate #4, for the Community Park parking areas & the access road, and base repair and patching of part of Gateway Avenue, and Alternate #14 for Manor Road patching, to the low bidder, Shields Asphalt Paving.

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Holdcroft to award Contract 09-R01 to Shields Asphalt Paving, Base Bid Amount \$1,329,891 (Base Bid less \$34,245 for items #53 and #54), Add Alternate 4 \$133,885, Add Alternate 13 \$46,235, and Add Alternate 14 \$26,750. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Spagnolo noted the cracks in Bradford Road, near Atria's.

Mr. Brett stated he would view the area and possibly add it to the 2009 paving program.

Mr. Fasick advised that PENNDOT is currently reviewing a new material that is considered a rejuvenator and will be tested on English Road as a part of the crack sealing bid.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ROAD SALT BIDS

Mrs. Fischer distributed the North Hills Council of Governments bid tabulation for rock salt, noting that Morton Salt was the low bidder in the amount of \$58.73 per ton. She pointed out that it is a dramatic decrease from the 2008 bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Holdcroft to authorize execution of Base Year 1 –Articles of Agreement for 2009-2010. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

REVIEW PROPOSED AGENDA FOR MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009

The Board reviewed and approved the following agenda for Monday, June 1, 2009.

Unfinished Business

Public Hearing for modification to the Treesdale PRD – Frontiers Plan of Lots

Public Hearing for Ordinance 349 authorizing a cooperative repair of Mount Pleasant Road with Marshall Township.

New Business

Action on the Road Maintenance – Crack Sealing Bid, Contract 09-R02

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Owen to hold an Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Owen to terminate the Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING

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ADJOURN

Motion was made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Owen to adjourn. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.