

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWNSHIP OF PINE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday, July 20, 2015

Pine Community Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mr. Michael J. Dennehy, Chair, called this meeting of the Township of Pine Board of Supervisors to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members in attendance were: Michael J. Dennehy, Chair; Phil Henry, Vice-Chair; Pat D. Avolio, Edward J. Holdcroft, and Frank J. Spagnolo. Also in attendance were: Gary Gushard, Tucker Arensberg, P.C., Solicitor; Scott Anderson, Township Manager; Amy Pampiks, Administrative Operations & Human Resources Manager; Joni Patsko, Director of Parks and Recreation; Larry Kurpakus, Director of Land Development and Code Enforcement; Tony Barbarino, Director of Public Works; Tim Flaherty, Fire Marshal; Jan Kowalski, Financial Administrator & Business Tax Collector; Dave Kovak, Lennon Smith Souleret Engineering; Chief T. Robert Amann, Northern Regional Police Department; and Diane Illis, Northern Tier Library Board.

There was 1 visitor present.

PINE-RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATES

Dr. Brian Miller, Superintendent, and Peter Lyons, Director, Pine-Richland School Board, were in attendance to report on the 2014-2015 school year and the direction of the school district.

Dr. Miller highlighted many academic, art, and athletic achievements in 2014-2015 school year.

Mr. Lyons gave a detailed overview of accomplishments, budget, and strategic planning. Discussion ensued when the transportation contract with Student Transportation of America (STA) was addressed. PRSD is proposing to allow STA to park its fleet temporarily on the lots at the High School and Middle School campuses, and at Wexford Elementary School, if necessary. The parking would occur mostly overnights and weekends.

Mr. Dennehy stated that he would like to have a meeting to discuss maintenance, safety, and legal issues of the temporary bus parking in Pine Township. Dr. Miller and Mr. Lyons were agreeable to meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mr. Anderson reported that there is no additional correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation Commission

Ms. Patsko highlighted the Pine Community Day's great attendance, beautiful weather, and spectacular fireworks; she thanked everyone who volunteered their time to make it another successful year! The Board commended Joni on a job well done!

Friends of Pine Community Parks

Ms. Patsko noted that the Friends of Pine Annual Golf Outing fundraiser is at Olde Stonewall Golf Club in Ellwood City on August 20, 2015. There is still room for players and teams.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

Northern Tier Regional Library

Ms. Illis reported on the rise in June circulations. She stated that the Library took part in Pine Community Day by holding a used book sale and roulette wheel with prizes. Ms. Illis also highlighted the Summer Reading Club Bash that will be held on Saturday, August 1, at 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

North Hills COG

Mr. Spagnolo had nothing to report on the North Hills Council of Governments.

Pine-Richland School District

Mr. Henry had nothing to report on the Pine-Richland School District.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint Police Board

Chief Amman had nothing to add to his written report.

Fire Marshal

In addition to his written report, Mr. Flaherty stated that the Wexford VFC received notification from FEMA that their 2014 application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program has been awarded. The award amount is \$22,267 for a \$23,380 project to purchase seven complete sets of turnout gear. After receiving 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for \$44,222 to purchase a new breathing air compressor, the fire company decided to apply for a micro-grant under the 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. The micro-grant option allowed departments to apply for focused projects under \$25,000. The grant will allow the fire company double the number of fire gear sets that are typically purchased in a year.

Chief Amman reported that the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority has an ambulance housed at the Wexford VFC building on Chapel Road during the daylight hours. It has improved the response time.

Wexford Volunteer Fire Company

In addition to the written report, Mr. Flaherty emphasized that June was a very active month with 57 calls. There were many storm related calls with 15 responses to cut up trees down on roads, 6 incidents involving damaged utilities, and 2 houses struck by lightning.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Gushard had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Developments before the Planning Commission

120 Wexford Bayne Road Consolidation Plan

Mr. Kurpakus reported that Beechtree Realty is proposing the consolidation of property at 120 Wexford Bayne Road and 171 Church Road for the purpose of a new commercial land development. The developer is proposing to renovate the former Wexford Post Office Deli property and 171 Church Road for mixed commercial use. The plan includes shared parking, landscaping and stormwater management. The Planning Commission recommends preliminary and final approval with conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Avolio to grant preliminary and final approval of 120 Wexford Bayne Road and 171 Church Road Consolidation Plan with the following conditions: 1. Compliance with the LSSE review letter dated July 1, 2015. 2. Recording plan to include utility easement for existing pedestrian light utility boxes.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

120 Wexford Bayne Road Land Development Plan

Mr. Kurpakus stated that the Planning Commission reviewed and tabled the 120 Wexford Bayne Road & 171 Church Road Land Development Plan. This will be presented to the Board at a future date.

RESOLUTION 924

Mr. Kurpakus stated that Resolution 924 regards the Spirit of Pine Sewage Facilities Plan. Section 71 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code; require municipalities to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for adequate sewage services.

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Avolio to enact Resolution 924 regarding the Spirit of Pine Sewage Facilities Plan. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

ALLEGHENY HEALTH NETWORK ENTRANCE SIGNS

Mr. Kurpakus stated that the Township has been working with the Allegheny Health Network and they are requesting replacement of the entrance signs for North Way Christian Community and Walnut Grill that include wording that the Allegheny Health Pavilion entrance is accessed via Wallace Road Extension. The signs will be similar in design.

Mr. Spagnolo questioned if Walnut Grill is agreeable with this request. Mr. Kurpakus stated that Walnut Grill is on board and documentation will be provided to support their agreement with the request.

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Henry to grant approval of Allegheny Health Network's request for new entrance signs for North Way Christian Community and Walnut Grill that includes Allegheny Health Pavilions access information. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SIGN UPDATE

Mr. Anderson stated that an agreeable location has been determined for the Township Community Message Sign at the intersection of Route 19 & North Chapel Drive. The sign will be managed from the Pine Municipal Building and the plan includes maintenance of the landscaping. Mr. Anderson concluded that PennDot and the Township are finalizing an agreement for the location.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Kovak gave overview of the written report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Barbarino had nothing to add to his written report.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Avolio and seconded by Mr. Spagnolo to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes of June 15, 2015. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Avolio to approve the Financial Statements and the payment of bills thereon. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 923

Mr. Anderson stated that Resolution 923 acknowledges the Township's acceptance of the 2015-Act 13 unconventional gas well and impact fees revenue.

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Avolio to enact Resolution 923 accepting the 2015-Act 13 unconventional gas well and impact fees revenue. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

2015 JOINT FALL CONFERENCE AT SEVEN SPRINGS

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Avolio to authorize the Board of Supervisors to attend the 2015 Fall Conference at Seven Springs, September 24-27, 2015. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

AUGUST 3, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Henry to cancel the August 3, 2015 Board meeting due to lack of agenda items. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

PRSD BUS PARKING

Mr. Dennehy stated that there are security, maintenance, and environmental issues that need addressing before permitting temporary storage of buses on the requested properties in Pine Township. Mr. Gushard asserted that Pine staff should contact Richland's Planning Department to get the details and the timeline regarding bus storage.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Township Manager