

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brod-headsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chairman) Leigh Kane (Supervisor) and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Mr. Baker.

Executive Session. None.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

Public Comment.

Resident Bob Baker. We should be looking into our flood plain ordinance with the recent flooding in the South.

Resident Al Bourke. Spoke to the Board about 313 Transfer of Development rights and 317 Environmental Development. Also, I went to a red cross meeting last year on disasters, I thought they were misleading the residents, however, I urge the Supervisors to think about emergency procedures in the Township.

Resident Mr. Conigio. Questioning the run-off in the road on Frable & Joanne Drive. Chuck said the Engineer was sent out to look at the issue.

Resident Neil Boyce. When are we paving Firehouse Lane? Chuck said real soon, it is almost finished.

Minutes. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2005, meeting as distributed. (3-0) on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the Minutes of the August 29, 2005, meeting as distributed. (3-0)

Correspondence.

Monroe County Control Center. Minutes for all to read.

Pocono Arts Council. We have been awarded a grant for 2006 in the amount of \$533.00 for Art-in-the-Park.

Monroe County Planning Commission. A letter regarding “Meeting the Challenge” Program with information on how our Municipality can participate.

Monroe County Conservation District. A Water Resource Specialist was in last week to meet with Planning Director Albright; he had reviewed our current Flood Plain Ordinance and went over his comments. He also had a model Flood Plain Ordinance. We will keep you up to date on this issue.

Pocono Mountain COG Dinner. We are invited to the COG dinner being held on September 26th, cash bar at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by a business meeting. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Chuck it was voted to send Maureen to the dinner. (3-0)

Roadmaster.

Sub Contractor Snow Plow Bids. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to authorize the advertising of the sub-contractor snow plow bids. (3-0)

Planning Director.

Park Recreation Field Bids. There were two bids as follows:

Merwine Landscaping \$17,167.00

Nimaris Construction \$19,772.40

On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to award the bid to Merwine Landscaping. (3-0)

Recycling Bailer Bids. These are for two (2) new bailers at the Transfer Station to bail the recyclables. There were two bids as follows:

B&E Equipment. \$28,473.00 plus \$2,610.00 for delivery.

Recycling Equipment Corp. \$22,105.00

On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to award the bid to Recycling Equipment Corporation as long as the specifications meet our requirements, upon review of Planning Director Albright. (3-0)

West End Soccer League. They have sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking for a determination on whether they are considered public recreation for their soccer field to be located adjacent to the Western Pocono Library. After a brief discussion, on motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve and designate as public recreation.

Old Business. None.

New Business.

Insurance Life & Disability. Currently from time to time we review our current policy's to make sure the insurance coverage is adequate for our employees. After review, we have found insurance coverage with Hartford Insurance with an increase in our life insurance of \$10,000.00 additional to make the coverage total \$60,000.00 and disability insurance coverage even if the employee is partially disabled. The yearly increase would be \$770.00 more per year. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this change. (3-0)

Conference Requests.

Tax Collector Seminar. June O'Neill has asked to attend the Tax Collector seminar in October in York, Pa. It would be for hotel expenses and conference. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to pay for half the conference with the School District to pay the other half. (3-0)

Health & Safety Conference. Since we are starting a safety committee, we were invited to a conference in Hershey to be held in October. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to send Cathy, Joe and Maureen. (3-0)

Overtime Request Zoning. The Zoning office has requested overtime for the month of September in the amount of 20 hours for both. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this request. (3-0)

Bills. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the General Fund bills. (3-0) On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the Capitol Projects Fund bills. (3-0)

Plans. Planning Director.

Effort Mini Storage Phase II (Preliminary & Final Land Development) Niclaus Engineering. No one was present on behalf of this plan. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this plan. (3-0)

Mackey, Joseph & Sandra (Preliminary Major Subdivision) Niclaus Engineering. Marv Walton was present on behalf of this plan. This is a seven (7) lot subdivision on McIlhane Road. A brief discussion ensued including discussion of Mr. Mackey offering the road to the Township. Mr. Mackey is aware that the Township is not taking any roads at this time. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to conditionally approve this plan subject to changing item #5 on the plan to read "If roads are offered and should the Township decide to accept" As per Atty. McDonald's advice and receipt of the outstanding engineering review fee's and park and recreation fee being received. A waiver was also granted for storm-water basin slope. (3-0) on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the Planning Module. (3-0)

Sun Valley Lots 336 & 338 (Lot Line Adjustment) Brian Courtwright, P.L.S. In for final approval. Everything is in order. There was an overage on the Engineer's review fees of \$55.41. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve and sign this plan and to waive the overage fee of \$55.41. (3-0)

Becaccio, Doris (Lot Line Adjustment) Niclaus Engineering. In for final approval. Marv Walton was present on behalf of this plan. This is an adjustment to the lot line as the shed is encroaching. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve and sign this plan. No fees are due. (3-0)

ESSA Bank and Trust/Barthold. (Minor Subdivision) Niclaus Engineering. Marv Walton was present on behalf of this plan. This subdivision was pending approval until all the parties involved could sign this plan. Everything is in order, on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve and sign this plan subject to receiving \$600.00 for the park and recreation fee. (3-0)

North Penn Bank (Land Development Plan) Hanover Engineering. In for discussion. Jack Jolly was present on behalf of this plan. Jack has met with Penn-Dot as well as Joe Weston, Roadmaster and David Albright, Planning Director. This property is located on Barney Lane and Rte 115. It was requested that North Penn Bank improve 280 lineal feet of Barney Lane. The existing road will be going through an upgrade. Chestnuthill Township will be the applicant for a Highway Occupancy Permit; Joe Weston will be on site to oversee the work improving 280' portion of road. North Penn Bank agrees to pay the bill roughly \$38,000.00. By the 15th of September, 2005, from North Penn Bank we need revised plans to be built, and what will need to be finished the last 15 to 18'. The plan will be on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 20, 2005. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to table this plan. (3-0)

Public Comment.

Resident Al Bourke. Spoke of Transfer of Development Rights, a lengthy discussion ensued.

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary