

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322  
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:06 p.m. immediately following a Public Hearing for the Article IV Map on Tuesday, September 7, 2004, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chair), Supervisor Leigh Kane and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald Jr.

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

**Executive Session.** Was held on August 17<sup>th</sup> for pending litigation.

**Unit Care Agreement.** None.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Minutes.** Unfortunately, the minutes were forgotten to be placed on the table, therefore, on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to table them until the September 21, 2004, meeting. (3-0) My apologies.

**Correspondence.**

**Tax Collector Audit.** Monroe County has completed the Tax Collector Audit for Joan Rinker.

**Litter Control & Beautification Program.** A letter thanks us for the generous donation.

**PV School District.** An invitation to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Safety Awareness Fair on Sunday, October 3, 2004 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the PVI campus.

**Monroe County Control Center.** The minutes are available for all to read,

**Fax-Local Control Caucus of Township Supervisors.** This fax is titled “Rendell Administration to Strip Local Control Over Factory Farms and Land Applied Sludge”.

**Repository Bid.** Two more letters have been received on these bids. **Mr. Steve Fisher** sent a letter to the Board asking them to release a parcel Lot 606 Sec 600 in Sun Valley Development so that he may purchase to adjoin to his existing Lot 604 which he currently owns. This would allow him the increased area in case of a septic malfunction. After a brief discussion, on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to authorize release of parcel #02633001064779 Lot 606, Sec 600 in Sun Valley Development with the provision to enjoin it to Lot 604 as an inseparable part of lot 606. (3-0)

The second letter was received by **Mr. Bob Felker** stating he has purchased lot 635 E in Sun Valley, however has not received the deed from Monroe County. He began septic testing on this parcel. He would like to know what else the Board would require so he may obtain complete this

purchase. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to wait for proof of a septic permit before the Board releases the property. (3-0)

Monroe County Association of Township Officials. The annual convention and banquet will be held at Mountain Manor Inn & Golf Club on Wednesday, October 6, 2004.

Chestnuthill Township Park Committee. Sent a letter asking the Board to have a paid employee who the Township can designate to assist them in the day to day needs of maintaining the park and its activities. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to hold a work session with the park committee at the park committee's regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2004 at the Park Building. (3-0)

Cancel Supervisors Meeting November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Since Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2004, and the Municipal Building is closed, on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to cancel the Supervisor meeting for that evening. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2004. (3-0)

Monroe County Arts Council. Leigh has received notification that the Township is entitled to a grant for next year's for Art in the Park program in the amount of \$845.00.

American Legion. Has notified the Board they will be holding a candlelight ceremony to honor 911, on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

MC Area on Aging. Prime Time Health in conjunction with West End Happenings and West End Printing would like to hold a Pink Light Walk, a Breast Cancer awareness walk on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. from the American Legion, south on Rte 209 for 4/10 mile, to the entrance of the Gilbert Professional Plaza, proceed north on Fairgrounds Road back to the American Legion. They need the Board's permission before Penn Dot will approve this. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this awareness walk with proof of insurance coverage. (3-0)

Tax Property # 02/4/1/13 for the recently acquired Modafferi property. In the past the Atty. McDonald at the Boards request has asked for a waiver on the tax bill on newly purchased properties by the Township. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to have Atty. McDonald ask for a waiver on this tax bill #01157S4.

MC Municipal Waste Management Authority. Sent a letter noting an amendment to the MCWMA plan for review. This amendment is a minor revision that only acknowledges 3 additional state mandated municipalities for recycling and provides for disposal facility capacity through 2014.

### **Roadmaster.**

Snow Plow Subcontractors. It is time to bid for snowplow subcontractors. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to authorize Joe to bid. (3-0)

## **Planning Director.**

White goods contract – modification request. Mr. Lee Mortimer, who picks up our white goods, has asked for a price increase per item due to constant equipment replacement/repair, required insurance and gas price increases. He is requesting an increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00 for every major appliance. This price would remain in effect for the remainder of the contract. Planning Director Dave Albright would like to work with Mr. Mortimer to possibly include electronics pickup free of charge with the increase request. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to have Dave work with Mr. Mortimer to revise the terms of the contract including electronics pickup free of charge. (3-0)

Trommel screen proposal. A proposal has been received from E.M. Kutz, Inc. A trommel screen is a rotating screen used to separate compost material. The cost is \$126,280.00 with 1 full year warranty. We have already been approved for a \$78,000.00 grant and can apply for additional grant monies. This is an important piece of equipment to get a product that is usable. This is under the PACC contract; however, Atty. McDonald would like to see proof of that. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the purchase of the Wildcat model 516 after verifying that this purchase qualifies for piggyback financing. (3-0)

Metal Recycling. Dave would like authorization to negotiate metal recycling proposals and authority to execute it. We have an agreement with MCWMA for recycling, however we can do better in other markets such as aluminum and light metal. It was felt that Dave should pursue this and bring back offers & quotes that will determine if bidding requirements apply. If it is \$1,000.00 or less it does not have to be bid. For an exclusive buyer it must be bid. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to authorize Dave to negotiate metal recycling proposals and bid if required. (3-0)

**Old Business.** None.

## **New Business.**

Eagle Scout Resolution-Christopher Weinman. The rank of Eagle Scout is achieved through hard work, motivation and discipline. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to honor Christopher Weinman with Resolution #04-16. (3-0)

Bush Deed of Dedication & Road Resolution. There were some minor changes that needed to be changed to these documents, therefore it was asked that we table this for tonight. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to table this DOD & RR. (3-0)

Zoning Map Change Application. A request has come before the Board to change the zoning from R-3 to VC on two parcels belonging to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Touzet. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to hold this Zoning Map Change requested hearing on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with the Board of Supervisors meeting immediately following. (3-0)

Zoning Ordinance – consider revising Transfer of Development Rights Section 313.

Atty. Matergia was present along with Mr. Frantz to request a change in the CHT ZO to permit the optional transfer of development rights (TDR) provisions to apply to properties employing on-lot water wells. Atty. Matergia feels the TDR's are effectively useless as written, and is also suggesting adopting a well construction ordinance. Mr. Bourke, a member of the Zoning Hearing Board told the Supervisors they had heard the case and turned down this request for many reasons. Atty. Matergia said central water systems do not work, they have a poor history in the county. Since a portion of this subdivision is in Jackson Township what was their response to this? Chuck asked. Atty. Matergia said Jackson Township Supervisors turned down their request, which is presently on appeal. A lengthy discussion ensued, and on motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to set a public hearing to consider revising or not revising TDR Sec 313. (3-0) **On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to RESIND the previous motion. (3-0)** On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to authorize Dave Albright to coordinate with Atty. Matergia to select a date to hold a public meeting regarding the possible revision of TDR section 313. (3-0)

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

Plans. None.

Adjournment to Executive Session. There being no further business, on motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to adjourn into executive session at 9:55 p.m. on a real estate matter and no decisions will be made at the outcome. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker  
Recording Secretary