

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322  
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 19, 2006

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:25 p.m. immediately following a public hearing before the Board, at the Township Municipal Building, Rte 715, and Brodheadsville. 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 Dave Albright.

**Executive Session.** Was held on December 5<sup>th</sup> for a personnel matter.

**Unit Care Agreement.** None.

**Public Comment.**

Resident Mr. & Mrs. Sottile. Update on 55 Bonser Drive, Country Terrace Acres.

Resident Bob Baker. Asked for an update on the woman in Sun Valley we spoke of at the last meeting. Zoning Officer Hansen said the county is working on this situation and going through the proper agencies.

Burger King. When that burnt down it had a fence around it within 48 hours. Down the street is a burnt out building on a property with silo's on it and there is no fencing. Some corrective action should be taken.

**Minutes.** On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2006 minutes, as distributed. (3-0)

**Correspondence.**

Fire Police. The West End Fire Company has asked the Board to sign an authorization form to allow the West End Fire Police to maintain law and order outside of the Township when it is a non-emergency event. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve and sign this form. (3-0)

**PSATS.** Is holding their annual Supervisors Convention on April 22-25, 2007. We will need a head count by the next meeting to sign up for this conference.

Atty. McDonald. Spoke to Atty. Gross regarding Jessica Wentz cost estimate for construction.

Atty. McDonald. Received a Letter of Credit release notice for North Penn Bank from HRG Engineer. Cathy spoke to Theresa Yocum from the Bank and she is going to put a formal request for release in writing. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to release the Letter of Credit once the request is received. (3-0)

Atty. McDonald – PVSD. This is regarding the delinquent real estate tax law suit that was filed earlier in the year. Judge Vican ruled that it was inappropriate to take the original public records and send them to the collection agency; they are not available for public access. This decision was appealed and a stay was ordered in favor of Judge Vican. This is not resolved yet and our Tax Collector June O’Neill needs direction on where to return the 2006 tax records. Atty. McDonald advised that June O’Neill should remit her 2006 delinquent records to the school district collection agent. This is the course of action to follow until this matter is resolved. Atty. McDonald will advise Ms. O’Neill.

**Road master.** Authorization to bid for a used 4x4 pickup truck. Several months ago the road crew put a list of equipment/vehicles together for sale that we no longer needed. Because we sold the explorer that was used by the Road master to check the roads in inclement weather, we need to purchase a vehicle for the Road master to use. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to authorize the advertisement of a used 4x4 pickup truck. (3-0)

**Township Manager.**

Award Aluminum Can Bid. We had received three bids:

BIDDER	DELIVERED PRICE	PICKUP PRICE
BA Hawk Trucking	\$ 0	\$ .42 cents per pound
Brenner Recycling	\$ .60	\$ .57 cents per pound
Cogle’s Recycling	\$ 0	\$ .71 cents per pound

On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to accept Cogle’s Recycling Bid at .71 cents per pound picked up. (3-0)

Freon contract extension. The freon contract is due to expire at the end of December and Dave is asking the Board to extend the current contract with Rick Zito until April 30, 2007 for freon removal. One of the workers at our Transfer Station from Burnley Workshop is currently getting trained and he should be certified in freon removal by April 2007. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve this extension. (3-0)

Resolution to correct Zoning Map. This is to correct a zoning map amendment that was inadvertently left off the last printing of the map. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve resolution 2006-25 with the corrections included. (3-0)

**Old Business.**

Adoption of the 2007 budget. The budget has been prepared and advertised with **no tax increase.** It has been open to public inspection at the Township Building and on our web site. The budget total is \$7,539,551.00 which includes a 3 million dollar bond for acquisition of open space and a road realignment project (Lake Mineola Road) On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the 2007 budget. (3-0)

Budget transfer 2006. Rusty Lotruglio requested a budget transfer for the 2006 books due to DCED expanding their chart of accounts during the year. The requested transfer is 1,032,445.02. Note: monies do not move, just budgeted categorized amounts for accounting purposes. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to authorize this budget transfer. (3-0)

Request for Haunted Forest Info. Mr. Russ Fisher had requested profit and loss information from 2002 until present for the Haunted Forest. Rusty had completed the report and presented it to the Board for their review. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to send this information to Mr. Fisher (certified, return receipt). (3-0)

Penn-Dot waiver of storm-water ordinance. Our Engineer has not spoke with Penn-Dot regarding this issue, therefore, on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this issue. (3-0)

**New Business.**

Quotes for septic system at the transfer station. Helen has received three quotes for a new septic system at the transfer station they are as follows:

BIDDER	PRICE
Down to Earth Esc.	\$7480.00
Hillside Drive Enterprises	\$7400.00
Henry Yeska & Son	\$ no bid at this time

On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to accept Hillside Drive Enterprises at \$7400.00. (3-0)

HRG Proposal – Treibel Drive. The proposal is for engineering services associated with the general permit to DEP for the replacement of an existing 48 inch diameter corrugated metal pipe located along Treibel Drive. The cost is \$14,900.00. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to accept this proposal. (3-0)

**Public Comment.**

Resident Art Theiling. Is a member of the park committee and he gave the Board an update of the park's last meeting (December 6<sup>th</sup>), where the haunted forest was discussed. John Mostaffa was present as well as Betty Gambucci and Joan Loveless. Art explained that we do not have anything on paper for the haunted forest except the first sketch of the haunted areas. Ms. Loveless is working on the adult volunteers. It was suggested that we need at least 50 adults to make this work. Art felt the committee will know after the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting if this is going to work or not. He will be at the January 16<sup>th</sup> Supervisors meeting with an update.

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

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, on motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to adjourn into executive session on a legal matter at 8:43 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker  
Recording Secretary