

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 20, 2007

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the Township Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville, PA. 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 Atty. Vance Meixsell.

Executive Session. None.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

Public Comment.

Drainage Update-Bonser Road. M/M Sottile were present with their Attorney Vance Meixsell. Atty. Meixsell has spoke to Atty. McDonald regarding this matter and is in the process of preparing a letter to Atty. McDonald after reviewing the documents of this issue. Atty. Meixsell pointed out some requirements that have not been completed on the Sunrise Homes construction site such as a three section trench dug 4' deep by 4' wide, there has been a great buildup of topsoil 2 to 3 feet high that should not be there, the driveway has been built up as well. Atty. Meixsell hopes we can avoid litigation on this issue. Our Township Engineer still needs the run off calculations prior to construction to determine whether the site storm water management is in accordance with the Ordinance. A lengthy discussion ensued. Pat Murphy (the homeowner's son-in-law) gave the Board a presentation and showed pictures as well as a drawing he sketched of the runoff on both properties.

Safety Day- Patty Saam. Patty in conjunction with State Farm Insurance is holding a safety day again this year at the Fire House on Rte 715, Brodheadsville. She asked if we would be willing to apply for a grant for safety bike helmets. She cannot apply as she is affiliated with State Farm. The Board had no problem with this. Patty will contact Cathy to start the paperwork.

Resident Mr. Baker. Commented on the condition of Weir Lake Road.

Resident John Verhage. Asked the Board if we are going to blacktop Allegheny Road this year? Allegheny Road is in both Tunkhannock and Chestnuthill Townships. Tunkhannock is going to pave their portion and he was wondering if we could pave our portion so the entire road would be done. Chuck said we will have to check with the Road master.

Minutes. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting, as distributed. (2-0) (Maureen abstained as she was absent at that meeting)

Correspondence.

Resignation Park Committee Member. A letter dated March 4, 2007 was given to the Board from Julia Cattaneo resigning her position on the Park Commission. She is moving out of the Township. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to accept this resignation. (3-0) The Board appreciated Julia's service to the committee and she was a true asset.

Eagle Scout Project. Jordan McMahon. Jordan is proposing to erect a 345 foot split rail fence on both sides of the trail connecting the Township Building parking lot and the Park Building parking lot. The Park Committee recommended approval of this project and suggested the same to the Supervisors. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this project. (3-0)

Burnley Workshop. Is holding an appreciation dinner on April 20th.

Senator Pat Brown. Letter reminding everyone of the change in grant application dates.

Wesley Senior Housing. Wants to hold a work session with the Board.

Vector Control. Judy from Vector Control is holding a volunteer clean up day April 7th on Hysie Gap Road in conjunction with the McMichaels Hunting Club. Judy was asking each Township to pick up the garbage they clean up at the roadside.

Old Business.

Pocono GIS – Bill Chappell. Bill gave an update on the 911 readdressing project. Phase I has been completed and Phase II is near complete. He has driven the Township to identify properties, sorted them into a data base and marked up the maps which will go to Monroe County for them to forward to their consultant. This information will also be shared with the post office for their input. Next the county will identify conflicts in addresses, streets, etc.

HRG Warner Drive bridge project. This is a proposal from HRG for engineering services for the Warner Drive bridge culvert replacement for \$33,000.00, which includes tasks 1 thru 6 of the proposal. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve and sign this proposal. (3-0)

Senior Center Lease. Atty. McDonald is working on a new lease for the senior center. Our previous lease has expired. The Board asked Atty. McDonald to add a 90-day clause if either party wants to get out of the lease and that we may want to use two offices at the park building for our circuit rider.

New Business.

James Greer Letter of Credit. Mr. Greer has asked the Board to release the remainder of his letter of credit as all the required improvements of his land development have been met. Engineer Al Handy has inspected the property and it was his opinion to release the monies. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to release the remaining \$8,703.14. (3-0)

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

Plans. None.

Resident Al Bourke. Again suggested the Board start the steps for a police department. A lengthy discussion ensued on the police issue.

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to adjourn into executive session on a litigation issue. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary