

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING –AUGUST 21, 2007

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 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 Jim Freeman.

Executive Session. None.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

Public Comment.

Eagle Scout Jordon McMahon. Gave a presentation on his fence project that connects the Township parking lot to the Park parking lot. He installed 700' of split rail fence that is made of spruce and locust wood. He thanked the Board for their \$900.00 donation.

Resident Robert Baker. Spoke to the Board about extinguishing the development rights on the Mondrosch property.

Resident Al Bourke. Spoke to the Board about extinguishing development rights. Mr. Bourke had a list of questions for the Board. Chuck said if Mr. Bourke would put his questions in writing he would answer them.

Resident Pat Murphy. RE: 54/55 Bonser Drive. He spoke on the landscaping proposal for his property. Engineer Freeman reiterated that he must comply with the current approved grading plan for the lot.

Resident Al Bourke. Spoke on the recent accident on Rte 940 where the young man was killed. He spoke on the need for police.

Minutes. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2007 meeting, as distributed. (2-0) (Leigh abstained as she was absent)

Correspondence.

Western Pocono Jaycees Donation. Is asking for a donation to help the Pleasant Valley sports program. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve this donation request for a full page ad for \$95.00 (3-0)

Officer Phil Donation. This is a donation request to help with the funding of workbooks to teach school age children safety. The Sheriff's Department teaches this program. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this ½ page ad for \$499.00. (3-0)

West End Fire Co. Is having a 75th anniversary dinner on September 14th. It is \$40.00 per couple which includes dinner. It is BYOB. An open house and parade will be held on Saturday August 25, 2007.

Atty. McDonald. An equity action from 1994 for Robert & Janet Kunkle is due to expire in the Courthouse. The Board must take action on or before October 22. We will check with the Zoning Department.

Old Business.

Realty Transfer Tax Ordinance. This has been advertised for a public hearing on September 4, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. This is NOT a new tax, this would give the authority to the Department of Revenue to collect the delinquent tax instead of the Courthouse.

Transfer Station Budget Info. Dave said at the end of the second quarter, (6/30/07) the Income was \$56,841.25 and the Expense was \$56,837.92. The annual budget for income was \$182,494.00 which includes anticipated state grants. The annual budget for expense is \$390,937.00 which includes the construction of the recycling bale storage building. In savings we have \$222,000. to cover the cost of the building. Additional reimbursement from anticipated state grants will cover 90% of the building.

Authorization to proceed w/nuisance ordinance enforcement. The nuisance ordinance has a provision in it that authorization by the Board of Supervisors be given to the Zoning Officer to pursue enforcement against the owner as stated in Section 74.12 of the Ordinance. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to authorize the Zoning Office to proceed with enforcement of the nuisance ordinance in reference to parcel # 02635003417250. (3-0)

New Business.

Authorization to advertise bid for snow subcontractors for 2007-2008. It is the time of year to bid snow subcontractors for the season. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to put this out for bid. (3-0)

EMS Designation. Ms. Kerry Knapp and Mr. Bruce Bisbing were present to speak with the Board about doing a blanket designation for ALS/BLS service. By doing an Ordinance this designation would not have to be done every year. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to have Atty. McDonald do research on this Ordinance and to advertise as required. (3-0) This item will be on the agenda for the September 4, 2007 meeting.

Authorization to advertise bid for aluminum cans. Dave said we have almost 30 bales of aluminum cans to sell. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to advertise to obtain bids for the bales. (3-0)

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

Parks.

WE Regional Park Commission. The Commission has recommended hiring Mr. Bernie Kosen as Executive Director. The start date is 10/1/07; the range of salary will be between \$40,000 and \$42,000. This salary is fully grant funded for the first year, and covers 75%, 50% and 25% respectively over the following three years.

Movie in the Park. The movie is scheduled for Saturday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m., participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated.

Nature Walk. Will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. leaving from the Township Municipal Building. This walk will feature agricultural easements.

Supervisor Tatu. Suggested we use some of our bond money to help develop the Romascavage park property.

Supervisor Gould. Was in disagreement, he said with pending commercial development in front of us now, we can use the park and recreation fee's for the development of the park. Since this park will be open to all perhaps the other Municipalities will contribute their fair share.

Plans.

Weis Markets, Inc. (Prelim/Final Plan) In for final approval. Engineer Eric Snyder was present and said the plan was in order. A brief discussion ensued and on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to conditionally approve this plan subject to receipt of the sewage maintenance schedule, the construction cost estimate and any outstanding fees. (3-0)

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary