

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – AUGUST 7, 2007

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, at the Township Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville, PA. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman) and Maureen Tatu (Vice Chairman). Leigh Kane (Supervisor) and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr. were absent.

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

Executive Session. Was held on July 16th on a litigation issue.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

Public Comment.

Resident Pat Murphy. This is the lot 54/55 Bonser Road stormwater issue. Mr. Murphy is ready to do some landscaping and he asked the Board if it was ok to keep the adjoining property owner's water on their side of the property. This was a natural swale that was between the property owners lot line. It was suggested by Engineer Jim Freeman to wait for another rain event to see how the swale is currently handling the water. The Board agreed and authorized Engineer Freeman to go out to the site during a rain event to give his opinion on the situation.

Resident Al Bourke. Al had some questions concerning the last meeting when Leigh and Chuck authorized the option agreement and appraisal on the Mondrosch property to extinguish Mr. Mondrosch's development rights. Al's questions were as follows:

1. Does the assessment on the tax rolls change. Chuck said we are extinguishing the development rights in perpetuity and the values should change.
2. What about the use of ATV's on the property. Chuck said this is private property just an anyone else, the property owner would not allow that.
3. What does any other taxpayer get out of this. Chuck said the opportunity of not having residential housing that would increase the school taxes.

Resident Bob Baker. He said he does not disagree with Chuck's motives but he does not feel this should be paid with borrowed money from the bond proceeds. Maureen spoke that she did approve of the bond for infrastructure, however, the park needs 13 million dollars to develop. We have preserved 1000's of acres in the Township already. She has recently voted down any further open space expense because she wants to see progress elsewhere, especially senior housing possibly she would vote in favor after she see's a shovel in the ground for senior housing.

Minutes. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2007 meeting, as distributed. (2-0) On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2007 meeting, as distributed. (2-0)

Correspondence.

Litter Control. Jacquelyn Hakim, Litter/Vector Control Coordinator sent a letter thanking us for our continued support of the Litter and Deer Disposal Programs that they are providing. She is once again asking for our support. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve a donation of \$500.00. (2-0)

Gypsy Moth. Dave has taken a tour with Jacquelyn Hakim in search of gypsy moth's larva. The highest area of concern is on the corner of Rte 115 and Rocky Mountain North and South in the Sierra View Development. The size of the infestation area has grown from 2 blocks last year, to 4 blocks this year. Ms. Hakim feels this area may qualify for spraying.

Western Pocono Lioness Club. The Lioness are asking for a donation to support their 11th Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show on Sunday, September 30, 2007 from 12-4pm. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve this donation request with a full page ad for \$75.00. (2-0)

Camp Cadet Troop "N". This is a donation request for the annual State Police Camp Cadet. This camp is law enforcement oriented. Organizations such as FBI, Secret Service, PA State Police k-9 unit, PSP Fire Marshall, PA Game Commission and Lift Flight may be showcased. There is no cost to the attendees. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve a \$250.00 donation request. (2-0)

Conference Requests. There were two conference requests for continuing education. Joanne Wernet, EIT Collector in Lancaster September 23-26. The cost would be \$542.84 including registration and room. The second request is from June O'Neill, Property Tax Collector in Johnsonstown October 12-13. The cost would be approximately \$500.00 plus mileage, this includes registration, hotel and meals. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve these two requests. (2-0)

MC Association of Township Officials. This is for the annual business meeting on Thursday, September 27th at the Stroud Township Municipal Building and the annual dinner at Hideaway Hills on Friday, September 28th. Cathy and Leigh will be attending.

Pocono Medical Center. The CEO has invited the Board to a breakfast meeting on either August 16th or Sept 20th to discuss issues within the community. Maureen will be attending the Sept 20th breakfast meeting.

Old Business.

Award Bi-Metal Can bids. There were two bids as follows:

Monroe County Recycling - .04 cents per pound.

Waste Management - .06 cents per pound.

On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to award the bid to Waste Management. (2-0)

Resident Al Bourke complimented Dave on the great job being done at the Transfer Station.

CJER Intergovernmental Agreement. This agreement has to be adopted via Ordinance. Dave is asking the Board for authorization to have Atty. McDonald draft and publish this Ordinance. The hearing would be on September 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to have Atty. McDonald take care of this. (2-0)

New Business. None.

Bills. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to pay the General Fund and State Fund bills. (2-0)

Parks.

Circuit Rider. Dave mentioned the Regional Park Commission has received approval for the grant to hire a circuit rider. The grant for the first year is \$42,500.00. This Wednesday August 8, 2007 the Board will make their recommendation to hire. We have an office ready down at the Chestnuthill Township Park Building. The new person's title will be Executive Director.

Movie in the Park. We will be having a fall movie again, September 15th, it will be a family movie G or PG . Movie will be announced.

Fall Walk with Don Miller. A naturalist walk will be held in September or October. This will be on the farmland agriculture preservation program.

Plans.

Burger, Norman & Janice. (Lot Line Adjustment) Robert Beers. In for final approval. This is a simple lot line adjustment. All the corrections have been made. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve and sign this plan upon receipt of any outstanding fees. (2-0)

Syracuse, Donald & Victoria. (Lot Line Adjustment) Effort Associates. In for final approval. This is a simple lot line adjustment. All the notarizations have been completed and signed. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve and sign this plan upon receipt of any outstanding fees. (2-0)

Hawk, James and Gloria & Brong, Jeffrey. (Lot Line Adjustment) In for final approval. This is a simple lot line adjustment. All the notarizations have been completed and signed. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve and sign this plan upon receipt of any outstanding fees. (2-0)

Kal-Tac Inc. (Land Development Plan/Reverse Subdivision Plan) Effort Associates. In for final approval. It was asked via phone to table this plan tonight. On motion made by Churck seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this plan tonight. (2-0) (**open ended waiver**)

Weis Markets, Inc (Prelim/Final Plan) First Capitol Engineering. It was asked via phone to table this plan tonight.. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this plan, until the 2nd meeting in August. (2-0) (**waiver received until 9/26/07**)

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. (2-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary