

EAST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
May 9, 2017

Present: Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr., Supervisor Barry E. Rudisill, Attorney Andrew Miller, Dave Gentzler, Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, Engineer Byron Trout, Zoning Officer Kristie Masemer, Recording Secretary, and eight citizens. Absent with prior notice: Vice-Chairman David L. Naylor.

At a regular meeting held at the township building, Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Gross disclosed that since the meeting of April 26, 2017, the Board neither met nor conducted any business.

Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Chairman Gross, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 26, 2017. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Public Comments

Nothing at this time.

Emergency Services Report

Fire Chief's Report – Supervisor Rudisill asked if Mt. Wolf was involved with the recent training exercise, as no mention was made in the Chief's report. From the audience, Kelly Altland said that Chief Stevens noted at a previous meeting that four companies were involved with that training, and maybe Mt. Wolf was one of those companies. Unknown. Also, Supervisor Rudisill asked about the progress on the Starbucks 911 call incidents. It was noted that an occupancy permit had been issued long before the issue of frequent 911 calls came about. Apparently, the calls have continued. Can the Township withhold any permits or the like from this company until they resolve this issue satisfactorily? Mr. Miller noted that Chief Stevens will need to have input on any of their requests for building permits, etc., keeping this 911 call issue in mind before giving his approval. Attorney Miller asked if the Board would like him to send a letter outlining potential enforcement actions by the Township if this practice continues unabated. Great idea. **Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Chairman Gross, to authorize Mr. Miller to issue a letter to Starbucks, informing them that the Township will proceed with enforcement issues if the issue of the "false" 911 calls is not satisfactorily resolved in a timely fashion. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Special Request

Northeastern Senior Center -- Jane Deamer was present on behalf of the senior center. She gave the report, noting that the home-delivered meals program is going strong. They would love to find a different, larger facility from which to operate. Spread the word for volunteers and services, and thanks to the Township for its ongoing report. Chairman Gross requested the figures on what the other municipalities contribute; Ms. Deamer will provide that information to Mr. Gentzler.

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Solicitor's report – Attorney Andrew Miller

- Municipal Waste Contract – the bid package was advertised, and one set of questions was already received. How about the contract fee of \$5,000 in the Township's ordinance? The successful bidder has always paid that fee, but, in the past, it was paid under protest. Penn Waste would like to know if that fee will be charged again this year. This is up to the Board, if it would like to charge or waive that fee. What is the fee for in the first place? Costs of advertising, preparation of the bid package, paying the attorney to answer the questions, etc. *Keep it in the package.*
- Mr. Miller requested an Executive Session following this meeting. As you wish.
- Chairman Gross asked about the lawsuit naming the Township as a Defendant in a death case. It's a work in progress, with reports and other discovery being requested and exchanged.

Engineer's report – Byron Trout

Inspections

Plan reviews

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MS4 and Chesapeake Bay Plan

Green Ridge – Mr. Trout met with the Greenridge representative a surety reduction request will be forthcoming as soon as the project is stable. Also, Lots 6 and 9A were previously combined in a security reduction request. The applicant has requested that those lots/reduction requests be separated into one for Lot 6 and one for Lot 9A, with separate Developer's Agreements. Mr. Miller feels that this might be a dangerous precedent to start, and he cautioned the Board against starting the practice. The Board says no split, and Mr. Trout will inform the applicant.

Mr. Trout reported that the YCPC sent out options for funding for the PRP plan. Yearly cost estimates run from \$58,141 to \$85,713. The YCPC would like to have the Township's preference on which option it might be leaning towards. Mr. Gentzler would like to respond to this request in June, not the end of May, as the YCPC requested. It's a complicated issue. Chairman Gross wonders where the funds will come from... a fine question, indeed. How many other municipalities have said yes to this project/option? Mr. Trout will provide that information.

Secretary/Treasurer/Manager's report – Dave Gentzler

Sewer Authority – no discussion.

Recreation Board – no minutes available. Chairman Gross asked about another access to the Starview Church lot– any progress? The property's now listed with a realtor. The alternate access would run through two private lots, with little likelihood of obtaining a ROW.

Public Works Director – Supervisor Rudisill noted that two vehicles were vandalized on Gut Road (all windows were broken out). Police reports have been filed. Street sweeping project has been completed. Mt. Wolf Borough was also swept and will be issued a separate bill for that service.

Zoning Officer – It was noted that there is a ZHB meeting this month for a Variance to exceed maximum lot coverage.

Firemen's Workmen's Compensation Insurance -- Mr. Gentzler reported that the figure is the same percentage as last year. **Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to authorize payment of Mt. Wolf's workers' compensation insurance, using the same percentage as last year with the usual deduction for the ambulance club. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Land Development/Subdivision –

None at this time.

Supervisor's comments

Supervisor Barry E. Rudisill – no comments.

Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr. – Chairman Gross requested that Mr. Gentzler submit a grading plan and get some fill ground to level the lot beside the Township Building in preparation for the improvements to [eventually] be made to that area. **Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to authorize Mr. Gentzler to complete the grading plan for the lot next door, and to place the buffer/screening trees as preliminary measures. All members voted aye; motion carried.** Mr. Trout requested that Mr. Gentzler document the “before and after” placement of the trees as proof of compliance with the stormwater regulations. Will do.

Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Chairman Gross, to pay the bills as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to recess to an Executive Session. All members voted aye; motion carried. At 7:50 p.m., the meeting recessed.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:29pm. There was no further discussion.

Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gentzler
Secretary/Treasurer/Manager

Julie B. Maher,
Recording Secretary