

EAST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
January 7, 2013

Present: Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr., Vice-Chairman David L. Naylor, Supervisor Barry E. Rudisill, Dave Gentzler, Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, Engineer Byron Trout, Zoning Officer Jon Beck, and three citizens.

At a reorganization and regular meeting held together at the township building, Chairman Gross called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. immediately after reorganizing.

Chairman Gross noted that the pledge to the flag and public comments were earlier in the meeting.

Chairman Gross opened the floor for additions or corrections to the minutes for December 11th 2013. Supervisor Rudisill noted that page four referred to Vice Chairman Rudisill, which should be Supervisor Rudisill.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Naylor, to approve the minutes of the meeting December 11, 2012, with page four corrected, second by Chairman Gross. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Special Request – there were no special requests

Correspondence

Chairman Gross proposed sending a letter to the SPCA; obviously this issue isn't going away. Mr. Gentzler- the SPCA Director, Melissa Smith called me at home Sunday morning and told me I had to pick up my dog. The dog she referred to was a stray, injured, picked up by the police and Mike Ellis Saturday night, and then taken to the SPCA. Melissa also noted that Hospital bills would be charged. Vice-chairman Naylor- I do not agree with the way they get their funding from the municipalities, to me it's a tax, I do not agree with that; I agree with the SPCA's philosophy in what they do with their animals, and I think they do a wonderful job, however, one dog to three thousand dogs, you pay the same, that's wrong, we have to do something. Chairman Gross- we could send them a letter saying we would consider making a donation based on our usage and not a millage rate per resident. Vice-Chairman Naylor- say 3600 divided by 100 dogs, that's 36 per dog, I'm willing to pay that. Chairman Gross- but when they return or adopt dogs, they collect a fee, they are double dipping. Supervisor Rudisill- absolutely. Chairman Gross- I would be in favor of 1500-2000 bucks, but I wouldn't be in favor of 3500 and signing a contract, I don't agree with their contract if you read all of the fine print in their contract, I would be very uncomfortable signing the contract as they presented it to us. Supervisor Rudisill- I would be in favor of proposing to them that they allow us to pay a fee per dog. Mr. Gentzler- we asked for a similar alternative earlier, they did not offer any alternate contract or agreement. Chairman Gross- the County Commissioners have also questioned the large donations to non-profits that pay directors high salaries. Mr. Gentzler- we will put something in writing.

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Andrew Miller (not present, written report was reviewed)

- Comcast Franchise Agreement – Mr. Gentzler- Attorney Miller reported that a preliminary comparison shows that, under the proposed contract, we should receive about four thousand dollars more, without affecting consumer rates.
- Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendments – reviewing with staff

Engineer's Report – Byron Trout

Orchard Business Park improvements continuing. Curbing is in for the most part, steel and wall are going up.

Northern Heights NPDS permit expired, therefore they had to update their permit to the current regulations; They were proposing to store water in the channel directly behind Brendan Mews, above all the houses where we've had the problems; this is a conservation district issue, my letter of consistency contained a statement that we felt this is not the best engineering practice and would increase the pressure on the embankment. Also they will have to do some revisions to the stormwater basin and some of the other channel, but they do not affect the homes.

I am meeting with Mr. Garland tomorrow at Chestnut Valley.

Chairman Gross- any questions for Byron? Supervisor Rudisill- The stormwater project in Saginaw? Mr. Trout- They never finished and we are still holding bonding. Dave and I met with them after the last meeting, but they have still not finished. Supervisor Rudisill- the day care?

Mr. Trout- they said they would turn that in to their insurance and I've been talking to Mrs.

Rineberger, keeping her in the loop; my recommendation would be not to pay them until that's taken care of also. Supervisor Rudisill- absolutely.

Secretary/Treasurer/Manager's report – Dave Gentzler

Sewer Authority – Chairman Gross- we have no minutes

Recreation Board – Chairman Gross – are there any questions or comments? None

Public Works Director – Chairman Gross- how many leaves did we collect opposed to other years? Mr. Gentzler- I do not have the totals handy, I will get them for you. Chairman Gross- any other Public Works questions?

Zoning Officer – Chairman Gross- any questions for Mr. Beck; Supervisor Rudisill need correction to the police sergeant's name, also the solar panel array on Griffith cost \$51k?

Junkyard License- Chairman Gross- Jon did you visually inspect these applications? Mr. Beck- I did inspect the applications, they were previous junkyards. **Chairman Gross- I move to approve the junkyard license if Jon inspects the properties and finds nothing wrong. Vice Chairman Naylor, second.** Chairman Gross- one for Castle on Conewago Creek Rd and one for Klinefelter on Jerusalem School Rd; and Jon did tell me that the one on Wago Rd is going to relinquish his license. Mr. Beck- Mr. Keister came in and told me that his children don't want to take it over so he is retiring and cleaning up the property, so I'll be following up on inspection of that. Chairman Gross- is there further discussion? None. **Unanimous vote; motion carried.**

Supervisor's Comments – Chairman Gross- there are no land development plans so we will move to Supervisor's comments. Supervisor Rudisill- Was there and answer from Keystone about the wearing course on Greenridge? Mr. Trout- when we met in staff he did say that he talked to them, but it didn't sound like they were moving along. Mr. Gentzler- he sent a letter with deadlines, Keystone responded but I'm not sure if they committed to anything. Supervisor Rudisill- how are we doing on the Township newsletter? Mr. Gentzler- we signed the contract, they will be starting this month. Supervisor Rudisill- did we send a letter to PennDOT about the S curves yet. Mr. Gentzler- I did not send that letter yet. Supervisor Rudisill- did we replace tires on truck one; Mr. Gentzler- yes.

Supervisor Naylor- Mr. Nace and I attended Union Fire Company's banquet Friday night, we had a nice time; it was Stations 22 and 23. Officer interviews are tonight. They will announce the officers on January 15th. I'm interested in having an Emergency Response meeting with elected officials from the three municipalities, Police, Fire, EMA and the School District. I'm trying for February. I'm going to set that up, and have someone from the county or the state facilitate the meeting, so you all will get an invitation.

Chairman Gross- I did not get any complaints about snow removal, and that's a good thing, my phone used to ring a lot, they all did a good job.

Chairman Gross – the sign at the end of Auction Lane, the tar paper is blowing off, also I thought the approved name was Rolling Meadows, the place really looks rough, the yard isn't finished on the new house. Mr. Beck- I'll be sending a letter. Mr. Trout- I'll call the conservation district.

Chairman Gross- The house at Asbury is getting worse, we need to do something, I'm not sure what, but enough time has elapsed, we need some options. Mr. Beck- the property next door has contacted me about shoring his property, we could file a condemnation proceeding (for 78 Burberry), issuing it as a blighted property, and we would have to talk to Andy to find out what we can do. Mr. Trout- the last time I was down there, the downspouts were off. Mr. Gentzler- I believe that poor home maintenance was the cause; the disconnected downspouts washed the soil away. Chairman Gross- that netting is blown away and didn't grow anything, I believe in giving someone time to do something, but now we need to do something. Vice Chairman Naylor- I disagree, if we would take that property over, we are liable for remediation, and that's going to be a lot of money; I don't think that's fair to our citizens. Chairman Gross- I agree, but it's also not fair to adjoining properties to do nothing. Chairman Gross, Jon Beck, Andy, and Byron should work on getting us options. Agreed.

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

Chairman Gross- 8:45pm motion to recess into executive session; Supervisor Rudisill second.

Chairman Gross moved to reconvene at 9:10pm. Chairman Gross- motion to increase the Manager's salary by 2% for 2013. Vice Chairman Naylor second. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Chairman Gross – motion to adjourn at 9:15pm, Supervisor Rudisill second.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Gentzler, Manager/Secretary