

EAST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
March 11, 2014

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

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 the majority of the Board met on February 24 at a Sewer Authority meeting; no action was taken; no minutes either.

Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2014. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Chairman Gross noted that the gentleman who was present last month to discuss his back taxes has indeed paid his arrears.

Public Comments

Spark Shuman, 140 Meeting House Road, voiced a concern with the speed limit of 25 miles per hour not being observed through that area. Can anything be done? Vice Chairman Naylor noted that the speed trailer will be placed.

Floyd White, Board Road, Mt. Wolf, asked if any citations were issued in January and February for failure to remove snow from sidewalks. Mr. Beck reported that no citations were issued; he placed door hangers giving people notice; then a letter was sent. When satisfactory results were not forthcoming, names/addresses were sent to the District Justice's office. Mr. Beck noted that the Township cannot issue citations, so it needs to wait for the District Justice's office to act. Mr. Miller confirmed that the procedure might have recently changed to this updated method. Mr. Gentzler noted that the Township has never been quick to issue citations but rather the door hangers and letter method. He also noted that the violators in question did clear the walk, but much later than required. Mr. White brought up the violation concerning a bee-keeping issue.

Joel Klinedinst noted that the intersection of Bashore School Road and George Street has a serious water drainage problem at the Record Club. The water freezes and poses a traffic hazard. He's fearful of a traffic accident. Mr. Gentzler will contact the appropriate people to alleviate or correct this problem.

Richard Eicher, Northern Heights, commended the Township on snow removal and maintenance this winter. Regarding the mandatory connection to the public water system which the Board discussed in February -- does it apply only to new developments? He feels that forcing private citizens to connect to the private water company system is unfair; please don't make it apply to the existing residents. Perhaps Mr. Eicher is confusing this with the sewer connection. And yes, if the home is within so many feet of the connection (either water or sewer), the home must connect. Is there a mandatory connection requirement? The conversation last month was to add York Water Company to the other companies which already have mandatory connection requirements, such as the Northeastern Sewer Authority. Mr.

Eicher noted that last month the Board was not in favor of an unfunded mandate to protect the Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Gentzler explained how this new situation is set up; it's for future development. Mr. Klinedinst noted that this is merely a matter of housekeeping.

Bill Marks, Sherman Oaks, echoed the commendation to the road crew, but complained about the non-compliance of the residents with snow removal policies. Also, the snow emergency routes are not kept clear during those designated times; Mr. Gentzler noted that violations are difficult to enforce. The only alternative is to designate the areas as No Parking zones.

Cheryl Klinedinst, Saginaw, commented on the amount of recyclable trash along the sides of George Street. This doesn't look good for the Township. The Jaycees do the road cleaning/trash collection only once a month. Is the trash blowing out of the trucks?

Joel Klinedinst asked if the Township benefits from the trash collection/tipping. The hauler reports to the Township; the Township reports to the state. Mr. Klinedinst feels that the Township should benefit in some way from all the trash collected, much of which is from other municipalities.

Emergency Services Report

Ambulance Club and Mt. Wolf presented reports; Chief Stevens gave his report as well.

Special Request

Ashley Brenneman Firefighter 5K Fundraiser—Ms. Brenneman was present to request approval for the fifth annual run; to be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014; starting at 8:15 a.m. at the Chestnut Valley development for the one-mile route; the 5K starts at 9 a.m. from a different location (school). It was noted that this is the same route as last year.

Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to approve the fire company's 5K run as requested. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Correspondence

York County Solid Waste free tire dumping – residents can drop off up to ten tires, starting March 3, 2014; call first to register.

Strinestown Fire Company – fireworks – reminder that no one is planning to sponsor the activity this year.

York Water Company – fire supply – the Township will be informed as to its rating, which will affect homeowner's insurance rates.

Solicitor's report – Attorney Andrew Miller

- Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendments – reviewed by the Township Planning Commission; still need to go to YCPC – any changes will need to be resubmitted to the Township and then YCPC. Any corrections? Bring them up now, before the submission to the YCPC, to minimize the number of times the YCPC must look at it. The Board members will review the proposed ordinance changes and will be ready to discuss/amend next month.
- Mandatory Connection Ordinance – no response from the York Water Company. Mr. Gentzler did not get a response either. Can't move forward without the Water Company's approval.
- LERTA program – proposed ordinance presented to codify the existing LERTA ordinance. Mr. Miller added the items that the Board discussed in February. **Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Vice Chairman Naylor, to authorize Mr. Miller to advertise the LERTA Ordinance for adoption. All members voted aye; motion**

carried.

- Rezoning request – JJ2, LP (?)—does the Board want to proceed with the rezoning? Schedule the public meeting for the April 8, 2014; advertise; Mr. Miller will draft an ordinance. **Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Vice Chairman Naylor, to authorize the advertisement/scheduling of a public meeting for April 8, 2014, to discuss the rezoning request. All members voted aye; motion carried.**
- Mr. Miller reported that he has been in contact with the counsel for Hillwood project; progress is being made.
- Mr. Miller also reported that PPL sent a letter regarding Brunner Island; the Township has 30 days to submit any comments to PA DEP; time expires March 14, 2014. Mr. Miller recommended sending Mr. Beck's letter to DEP with a copy to PPL. Will do.
- No Executive Session requested by Attorney Miller for tonight.

Engineer's report – Byron Trout

Block Grant funding application information due June 6, 2014; any projects to suggest? The Board members will consider; Mr. Gentzler will meet with Mr. Trout and make some recommendations.

Mr. Trout reported on the Susquehanna River plan grant process. Has the property been sold? If not, it was suggested to apply for a DCNR Grant. Between Mr. Gentzler and Mr. Miller, they'll try to get some information. It wouldn't make sense to start a DCNR grant application if the property's not even available. It was noted that the outside group that was interested in making improvement to this property is still interested.

Inspections

Plan reviews

Correspondence

WIP and Chesapeake Bay Plans – at the last Bay meeting, most municipalities chose the weighted cost option of support. Mr. Trout will attend the Bay meeting at the end of March and will report back to the Board. How about modifying some of the storm water basins?

From the audience, Mr. Eicher suggested submitting lots of projects for consideration to get in the chute, so to speak. Mr. Klinedinst asked if stabilization would include removing the sediment from the Conewago Creek. Possibly.

Secretary/Treasurer/Manager's report – Dave Gentzler

Sewer Authority – Minutes are available for review. No settlement on the property yet.

Recreation Board – Minutes are available for review.

Zoning Officer – Supervisor Rudisill commented on Mr. Beck's inclusion of delinquent tax properties.

Public Works Director – no questions

Junkyard License – **Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to renew the junkyard license for Bradley Klinefelter. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

2013 Survey of Financial Condition – **Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to affirm that the Board members reviewed the report and to authorize Mr. Gentzler to submit it to DCED. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Manchester Borough Union Fire Company Workman's Compensation Insurance Premium – premiums have increased significantly. Could Mr. Gentzler contact the agency responsible for setting this rate? Sure. **Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to table the payment of part of the Union Fire Company's Worker's Compensation Insurance premium at this time, pending further information. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

York County 911 CAD System Approval – Chief Joe Stevens reported to the Board on this subject, the updating of the 911 CAD system. **Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to approve and submit the updated York County 911 CAD System information. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Discussion was held on coordination of responders based on need, location, and availability of services/personnel. It's important to have the closest available unit respond in the event of an emergency.

West Nile Virus/mosquito spraying – Mr. Gentzler spoke with the coordinator of the County's spraying department and found that the agency tested before it sprays. Some reports are of "tiger mosquitoes" which do not carry the virus.

Township Truck replacement quote – 1986 Louisville model truck needs to go; it's breaking down too often with replacement parts unavailable. The last notable breakdown was during a recent snowstorm. Chairman Gross noted that the road crew needs to have decent equipment with which to do their jobs. Discussion was held on spending that much money and taking the budget categories down to low levels. Where will funds come from in the event of another emergency? From the audience, Mr. Klinedinst, a plow driver, noted that when the big truck breaks down on the job, the little trucks can't absorb the work well enough. **Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to authorize the purchase of a 2015 model truck AND the snow plow at a cost NTE \$117,461, with the funds coming from the Capital Expenditures and the Repair budget categories. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Land Development/Subdivision –
None at this time.

Supervisor's comments

Vice Chairman David L. Naylor – is there an agreement with Manchester Borough for the parks program? Yes, and the agreement expires at the end of 2015. If not renewing, come up with an alternate plan.

Supervisor Barry E. Rudisill – is it possible to get grant money to repair the bridge on Shady Lane? Possible – can apply. Mr. Trout will look into it. Also, might be a good idea to get it inspected.

Sidewalk and curbing extension on Board Road – no update. No six-month note on the plan, Mr. Gentzler noted. No sidewalk shown on the plan at that location. What now?

Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr. – Brief Executive Session will be held after the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Vice Chairman Naylor, to pay the bills as presented (except the one that was tabled). All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to authorize Mr. Gentzler to advertise the road work supplies for the next year. All members voted aye; motion carried.

At 9:17 p.m., the Board recessed to an Executive Session with no formal motion or second.

Motion by Chairman Gross , second by Supervisor Rusdisill , to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gentzler
Secretary/Treasurer/Manager

Julie B. Maher,
Recording Secretary