

EAST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
November 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 Kristie Taylor, Recording Secretary, and nine 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 since the last meeting on October 14, the Board met on October 22 for a preliminary budget. The proposed Budget serves as the minutes from that meeting.

Correction to the minutes of October 14, 2014: top of page 4; remove “Thousands cheered” from the end of the sentence. **Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2014, as amended. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Public Comments

None at this time.

Emergency Services Report

Fire Chief's Report – no comments or discussion

Eagle Fire Company Report – no comments or discussion

Special Request

Rolling Meadows Community Mailboxes – no one was present on this issue. Mr. Gentzler reported that the Township Staff would like direction from the Board of Supervisors as to whether or not to require a land development plan for the addition of these mailboxes. Does the Township want to keep mailboxes instead of group mailboxes in this development? Vice Chairman Naylor noted that his review of the plan did not include, at the time, group mailboxes, and he feels it shouldn't be changed as this point. Supervisor Rudisill is uncertain as to whether the post office has the authority to require this change. Representative Scott Perry's office responded to Ms. Taylor's query, and the reply urged the post office to be fair. Apparently, there was an agreement that the Township was not a party to, nor did the Township know of the agreement. The group mailboxes pose a safety threat in Supervisor Rudisill's opinion. Mr. Gentzler will contact the post office to see if the post office does have the authority to require this change.

Correspondence

Senior Center – thank you letter received.

Solicitor's report – Attorney Andrew Miller

- Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendments – resubmitted to the Planning Commissions; to be advertised for action at the December meeting.
- Code updates – waiting for a draft of the update to incorporate the changes.
- JJ Four, LP, Zoning Request – based on last month's meeting, the ordinance was revised to rezone the 8.3 acres from R-1 to Village; the ordinance advertised for action tonight. **Motion by**

Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to adopt Ordinance 2014-5. Two members voted aye; Vice Chairman Naylor opposed. Motion carried.

- **Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to adopt Resolution 2014-13 to adopt 2015 Tax Rates. All members voted aye; motion carried.**
- Attorney Miller reported on the enforcement action regarding the property at 391 Park Street, noting that the violations have been corrected and a settlement agreement prepared. Actions by the homeowners to correct the problem have been taken and those actions have been approved by the Township. Accordingly, the Township will withdraw the citations. **Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to approve the settlement agreement between the Sweitzers and the Township. All members voted aye; motion carried.**
- Pending Plan Agenda items

Engineer's report – Byron Trout

Inspections

Plan reviews

Correspondence

No questions or discussion on Mr. Trout's report

Secretary/Treasurer/Manager's report – Dave Gentzler

Sewer Authority – no questions or comments on the minutes/report

Recreation Board – no questions or comments on the minutes/report

Zoning Officer – Ms. Taylor updated the Board on the status of Market Street/Saginaw. Inspection date is December 4. Progress has been made.

Public Works Director – Mr. Gentzler reported that leaf collection has started and will continue until December 5. It's going well so far. The Township is trading leaf collection service in the Borough for manpower; Mr. Gentzler feels that the trade is adequate.

SPCA Contract – Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to release \$3,632 for the SPCA Contract for 2015. Two members voted aye; Chairman Gross opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Gross reiterated that the Board had a Budget Work Session at the end of October. **Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to advertise the 2015 budget. All members voted aye; motion carried.** Mr. Chairman Gross noted that there were no tax increases for 2015. The budget will be open for inspection by the public.

Land Development/Subdivision

Nothing at this time.

Supervisor's comments

Vice Chairman David L. Naylor – none

Supervisor Barry E. Rudisill – recently had several complaints about Beshore School Road and George Street where there's no right turn on red. Residents feel it is needed. Mr. Gentzler noted that twice the Township has requested this change from PennDOT and twice was denied. PennDOT says there's no room to move the left turn lane to afford truck turning. Mr. Gentzler can request again if the Board members wish. Supervisor Rudisill will pass along that information to the residents who voiced the complaints, but he's not hopeful that they will be satisfied. Mr. Gentzler feels that the timing of the intersection is long, as well.

Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr. – none

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

Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gentzler
Secretary/Treasurer/Manager

Julie B. Maher,
Recording Secretary