

**EAST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 11, 2011**

Present: Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr., Vice-Chairman David L. Naylor, Supervisor Barry E. Rudisill, Attorney Andrew Miller, Engineer Byron Trout, Secretary/Treasurer/Public Works Director Dave Gentzler, and Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer Katrina Rife

At a regular meeting held at the township building, Steven H. Gross, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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

Steven H. Gross, Jr. disclosed that since the 12/14/10 meeting, the Board has met for reorganization on 1/3/11.

The minutes of 12/14/10 were accepted per motion from Barry E. Rudisill, seconded by David L. Naylor and carried unanimously.

The minutes of 1/3/11 were accepted per motion by Steven H. Gross, Jr., seconded by David L. Naylor and carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Steven H. Gross, Jr. mentioned that as a follow up to last month's comment regarding a sidewalk issue at Smith Gardens, he visited the site and could see that a trail is beat down. There is a question of how much yard the properties would loose to consider sidewalk installation.

Byron Trout mentioned that the area does not meet income survey to be eligible for block grant; Saginaw is the only area that qualifies.

Joel asked about sidewalk at 400 Wago Road. Dave Gentzler has not look at this yet, will follow up.

Barry E. Rudisill asked Byron Trout of cost associated with Smith Gardens sidewalk. Prevailing wage would be paid in addition to \$16.50 l.f. for curbing, \$9.00 sq. ft. sidewalks, a PennDOT permit, road widening, and pavement restoration. It would be a costly job.

Byron Trout mentioned he can look into other grants.

Mark Shroyer from Eagle Fire Co. presented a request for signature to be added back to the response for cardiac arrest on 4 boxes that were dropped. Discussion on why dropped – unknown. Three of them are in Township; one is in Mt. Wolf Borough.

David L. Naylor motioned for Dave Gentzler to contact Melanie Grove for clarification, after which the request can be signed. Motion seconded by Steven H. Gross, Jr. and carried unanimously.

Dave Bloss mentioned that the township sign could use lighting. Zoning requirements were mentioned.

No Subdivision/Land development plans

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Andrew Miller

- Intermunicipal Agreement – a draft of the agreement incorporating all 3 municipal comments with changes highlighted is to be reviewed. An accounting of surcharges is suggested. Determine if phase out is appropriate. An ordinance to adopt will be needed. Barry E. Rudisill commented that 10 years seems long, but it is moving. Steven H. Gross, Jr. mentioned that any future upgrades to the system are spread over the board. Attorney Andrew Miller explained that surcharges won't include post construction or maintenance, will be actual capital cost. A system-wide benefit is not a surcharge. Steven H. Gross, Jr. motioned to authorize Attorney Andrew Miller to take steps to prepare for adoption of ordinance in March depending on Boroughs scheduling. Motion seconded by Barry E. Rudisill and carried unanimously.
- YCCD MOU – Zoning, SALDO and stormwater changes that should be made to conform with new MOU and existing practices. Will work with Byron Trout to complete
- Saybrook agreement – have not heard back from Dan Hayes, will push Stacey to get signed
- Coates agreement – ok for signature and recording
- Tax assessment appeal from GEA
- Rumsey complaint – could look into performance standards, which would incur the cost of professional measurement of odor. Barry E. Rudisill reported that he and Dave Gentzler accompanied Katrina Rife on a fact-finding visit. Discussion was held. This will be revisited in Spring/Summer as weather warms.

Engineer's Report – Byron Trout

- Surety reductions:
 - Asbury Pines in the amount of \$33,313.05 as per motion by David L. Naylor, seconded by Barry E. Rudisill and carried unanimously.
- The 3 PCTI projects that were applied for were not granted
- Rentzel Heights pavilion for lot 161 – Recommendation to proceed with 24' x 36' Rigidply structure purchased through CoStars program, steel cost was considerably more. A motion to purchase the building and advertise for installation was made by Steven H. Gross, Jr., seconded by David L. Naylor and carried unanimously. One request from developer was to try to match shingles to existing pavilion.

Correspondence

- Police Memo – 60 hours on monitoring Oak Drive
- Northeastern York County Sewer Authority refund request – needs CCIS final paperwork, then review
- Northeastern York County Sewer Authority thank you letter for use of meeting room. Request to use in future for meetings exceeding their facility's capacity.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Dave Gentzler

- Northeastern Sewer Authority – draft of 12/20/10 minutes
- Recreation – no report.
- Zoning Officer – no questions
- Public Works Director – no questions

- Junk Yard License renewals – Cassell, Keister, Klinedinst approved per motion from Steven H. Gross, Jr. based upon Katrina Rife's recommendation, seconded by Barry E. Rudisill and carried unanimously.
- Tax exoneration – Tax exonerations for year-end were approved by motion from Steven H. Gross, Jr., seconded by David L. Naylor and carried unanimously.
- Police building debt – payoff \$64,656.08 to Susquehanna Bank by 3pm of 1/14/11. Interest rate of 5.75%. Discussion on earnings and consideration of pay off. Budgeted amount can be paid all at once per Attorney Andrew Miller. Steven H. Gross, Jr. motioned to pay off by 14th. Barry E. Rudisill seconded motion, which carried unanimously.

Supervisors' comments

Steven H. Gross, Jr.

- personnel policy update – a work session with Attorney Andrew Miller scheduled for 2/2/11 at 1:00pm
- Website – needs attention, maybe bring in-house, Dave Gentzler will gather info
- Chestnut Valley lot 71 - no further communication since Planning Commission meeting

David L. Naylor

- over 1 year ago, if you can remember I brought a motion to the floor naming Union Fire Co. as the Township fire department, but during the meeting and after listening to some of the residents opinions that were in the audience that I respected, I rescinded the motion in order to study the effects of a possible consolidation before proceeding. I was successful in bringing the 3 emergency providers together, but was unsuccessful in sustaining the urgency or for that matter the interest of meeting at all. Over the past year, I've made constant inquiries to both Chiefs on how the process was coming and it has become clearly evident to me that not all the parties are interested in stepping outside of their comfort zones. I want to make it perfectly clear that all 3 entities have good people that volunteer their time to the community. Anyone who would leave their families on a night like tonight to risk life and limb to rush to aid someone in distress has my deepest gratitude and thanks. This is not, I repeat, not my concern. My concern is to sustain the longevity of the emergency services volunteers within our community. In a nutshell, calls for response are going up, new trained volunteers are going down. I got some stats off the internet today and in 1970 there were 300,000 volunteer firefighters in PA and today the fire commissioner estimates 50,000 – that concerns me. My reoccurring nightmare is sitting in a budget meeting trying to fund a line item for fire and emergency services somewhat similar to our regional police costs when we eventually run out of volunteers – that concerns me. So basically, my intent of this is 2-fold, #1 personally I will do whatever I can to prolong volunteers and breath new life into the ranks and do whatever I can to increase their funding and #2 the residual effect of the effects of #1 will save our residents considerable tax dollars in the future. And speaking of future I sense my fears are closer than we would like to think. Being proactive on this issue in my opinion is good government because keeping our heads buried in the sand only results in a too little too late approach that will cost everybody in the end tax dollars. I am sorry I have to take this approach but all 3 entities can't seem to meet on a common table and resolve their differences. So to reiterate before I make my motion, it is imperative to me that the 3 emergency services providers get together and decide on how they are going to maintain

their solvency #1 and enhance and continue their premier service to the community. So with that being said, Mr. Chairman, I want to make a motion to authorize our solicitor to draft a resolution naming Union Fire Co. #1 (York County station 23) responsible for fire and rescue services for East Manchester Township for the year 2011. This would entail a monthly report by the Chief or his designee, and also be charged with bringing representatives of the three emergency providers within our community together in an effort to study the feasibility of consolidation, it's benefits as well as drawbacks. This study will culminate with a final report on or before January 2012.

Motion seconded by Steven H. Gross, Jr. for discussion.

Funding, disbursement of funds, service, lack of service, effect on Eagle, and concern of losing ability to get quick response were part of the discussion.

After much discussion, Steven H. Gross, Jr. called for vote Yes-1 David L. Naylor, Oppose-2 Steven H. Gross, Jr. and Barry E. Rudisill. Steven H. Gross, Jr. stated that he is not in favor now but if no decisive action is taken and it comes time to disburse money; he will make a decision.

Barry E. Rudisill

- A contract with a fire company should be addressed

Public Comment

Joel did some research on Shady Lane and it appears that in the aerial views, a realignment with Steamboat could work.

Dave Bloss commended Board on the timing of getting Brylea settled prior to the death of Mr. Bryant.

Steven H. Gross, Jr. motioned to recess to Executive session to discuss personel matters at 9:13pm.

Meeting reconvened at 10:20pm.

Motion to pay bills as presented by Steven H. Gross, Jr., seconded by Barry E. Rudisill and carried unanimously.

Steven H. Gross, Jr. motioned to adjourn at 10:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gentzler
Secretary/Treasurer