

Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr., called the regularly scheduled meeting of the East Manchester Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Vice-Chairman David Naylor, and Supervisor Barry Rudisill. Present on behalf of the Township: Attorney Andrew Miller, Engineer Byron Trout, and Manager David Gentzler. Also present: Recording Secretary and 19 citizens.

Following the Pledge to the Flag, Chairman Gross noted the following: there is a Recording Secretary present tonight to take the minutes to relieve the staff of this duty; Katrina Rife was not reappointed for 2012; and the Board of Supervisors met on December 19, 2011, to discuss personnel matters.

Minutes

Motion by David Naylor, second by Barry Rudisill, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2011. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Barry Rudisill, second by Chairman Gross, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 28, 2011. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Barry Rudisill, second by Chairman Gross, to approve the minutes of the Reorganization meeting of January 3, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Darryl Albright, North Sherman Street, Mt Wolf, asked if the swastika mark will be removed soon. It's potentially offending many people in the Township and those driving by. Mr. Gentzler admitted to neglecting to have this removed; it will be removed tomorrow. Shane Richardson, 5958 Lincoln Highway, York, is running on the ballot for state representative. and just wanted to introduce himself.

Chief Brenneman from the Eagle Fire Company gave the report for 2011. Eagle will meet with York United on February 21, 2012, to discuss options.

Ken Dunbar, Zion's View Road, spoke on behalf of the Recreation Board, urging Township residents to fill out the survey, either on paper or on the Township's website. The Recreation Board is gathering interest for bus trips, etc. The Township will collect the money for any bus trips that are arranged.

Mark Will, JPM Northern, asked about the availability of building permits. Will he be able to get building permits soon? Question by the Board, have their violations been resolved? Not yet; no confirmation on some issues. Mr. Miller feels it's not appropriate for the Board to say whether or not any permit applications might be approved. The compaction test results should be in to Mr. Trout by the end of this week. Mr. Will can have the applications in at the same time. The compaction tests are the important factor in this delay. The Township doesn't want to open itself up to any liability or repercussions if the compaction in question is not up to standards. John Hoffer, JPM Northern, asked if the Township could grant one permit for a homeowner who needs to move in by the end of March, while the other information is pending. Mr. Gross recounted that the work was done without proper inspections, which is why this project got delayed in the first place. The Board would likely not look favorably on granting one permit, based on the history of this project. Mr. Hoffer noted that he does not recall that an

inspection was necessary at the time he was present at the project. Mr. Miller reminded everyone that an inspection is essential to protect both the developer and the Township. Mr. Will recounted that he notified the Township of the problem initially, being pro-active on the issue. The developers are not opposed to making sure that the project is completed properly. Mr. Rudisill asked if they can give permission to go forward and then stop construction if the compaction is found lacking. They could do a conditional approval. Mr. Miller suggested that the Board discuss this issue more in an Executive Session, taking action after that Session. The Board members agreed. Are the developers willing to do the compaction tests and provide those results to the Township? The HOA is responsible for the repair so they must do the compaction test. Mr. Will will notify the HOA tomorrow to inform them of this course of events.

No special requests

No correspondence

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Miller reported that Comcast Cable is planning to have a proposal on the franchise agreement to the Board for the February meeting. The other items on Mr. Miller's report will be addressed in the Executive Session.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Trout requested a surety reduction in the Phase II bond for Leg-Up Farms in the amount of \$9,084.68, leaving a balance of \$0. **Motion** by Gross, second by Rudisill, to reduce Leg-Up's surety as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Naylor, second by Rudisill, to reduce the surety for Asbury Pines in the amount of \$2,9330.40, leaving a balance of \$0. Mr. Trout confirmed that the concrete monuments have indeed been placed as required. Motion passed unanimously.

Any information on grants pending? The Township has another month to submit the Phase II application.

It was noted that the property at the intersection of George Street and Meeting House Road is staked, but there is no further activity yet. Perhaps the stakes are for the utility poles to be relocated. Spring will bring more activity, certainly.

Secretary/Manager's Report

No Sewer Authority minutes

Mr. Rudisill is pleased with the Recreation Board's activity and interest in involving Township residents in future plans.

Mr. Gentzler presented a list of tax exonerations as recommended by the Tax Collector. Most are relocations, some are deaths. **Motion** by Gross, second by Naylor, to approve the list of tax exonerations as recommended by the Tax Collector. Motion passed unanimously.

There's an option to purchase short-term disability. The Board will review the information and discuss at a later date.

The trash collection contract runs out in 2012. **Motion** by Naylor, second by Rudisill, to authorize Attorney Miller to start the process for advertising for bids for the trash collection contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gentzler noted that the Township charges \$3.50 for trash bags for residents; Penn Waste is recommending a \$.20 increase. Is a resolution required for this increase? It was missed on the Fee Schedule. Was the other rate increase approved by a Motion? Is the waste hauler permitted to unilaterally increase the rates? Attorney Miller advised that a motion is not needed; the bag price goes up automatically as the trash collector dictates.

Supervisors' Comments

Mr. Naylor commented that the sewer line on Manchester Street is getting worse. There are now grooves in the road from motorists hitting the dip in the road. This section is in the Borough; Mr. Gentzler will call again to request repair.

Mr. Rudisill questioned pulling the surety on Mar-Ben; it automatically renewed, per Mr. Miller. Sovereign Bank confirmed; Mr. Miller is satisfied that all's in order.

Mr. Gentzler urged the board to appoint Gordon Brown's office as Interim Zoning Officer and Middle Department or Commonwealth Inspection Agency as BCO. **Motion** by Rudisill, second by Gross, to appoint Commonwealth Inspection Agency and Middle Department as BCO on a permanent basis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gross, second by Naylor, to appoint Gordon Brown and Associates as Temporary Zoning Officer. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Approval and Payment

Motion by Gross, second by Rudisill, to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gross, second by Rudisill, to *recess* to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting recessed to Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 9:15. No further action, the meeting was adjourned per **motion** by Chairman Gross at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Gentzler
Township Manager

Julie B. Maher
Recording Secretary