

EAST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
November 13, 2012

Present: 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 eight citizens. Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr., was absent.

At a regular meeting held at the township building, Vice Chairman David L. Naylor 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.

Supervisor Naylor disclosed that on November 7, 2012, 6 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, and on the same date at 7 p.m., for Budget Workshop and regular business.

Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Supervisor Naylor, to approve the minutes of the meetings of October 9, 2012, and November 7, 2012. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Public Comments

Melissa Smith, York County SPCA, asked if the Board will be executing the 2012 and 2013 contracts. There will be no changes to the fee structure at the SPCA, per the executives at the SPCA. Supervisor Rudisill would like to postpone the Board's decision until Chairman Gross is present. Supervisor Rudisill feels that the per-animal charge as the Board requested (which the SPCA denied) is fairer than the total cost being spread out across the Township residents.

Joe Stevens, Union Fire Company, gave the joint report for the Fire Departments. He also gave the update on the consolidation process. There's a joint meeting tomorrow to continue this work. There are several positions open. The new name will be "Northeast Fire Rescue." In general, the attitude and morale is improving, which is indeed good news. The two companies worked well together to deal with the Hurricane Sandy aftermath. There was also an accident reconstruction project on which both companies worked well together.

Special Request

Codorus Creek Water Trail – Rob Danner was present to outline proposal for a water trail from Glatfelter Station to the Susquehanna River. A water trail is a waterway for canoes and kayaks. These water trails are important in a number of ways – stewardship, safety, recreation, increased property values. He noted that there's no public access to the creek except for right in York City. A Township resident is willing to part with about 4 acres at the end of the Codorus Creek, near the Susquehanna River. Mr. Danner requested that East Manchester Township partner with the landowner and the developers of the project for a mutually beneficial asset to the community. This land would create an important access to the water trail. If the land is made into a park, the owner will lower the asking price. This landowner would like the park to be named after a recently deceased kayaking friend. Mr. Danner provided a sample guide and map. Supervisor Rudisill asked if there's any assistance available from the County Park

Service. Not at this time, unfortunately. How about input from DCNR? No contact just yet, but Mr. Danner will be doing that. Overall, Supervisor Rudisill is in favor, based on the little information that was presented.

Supervisor Naylor asked about the park. Mr. Danner noted that it will be low impact, carry-in/carry-out, perhaps a nature trail/walking path, picnic tables; the area along the creek is to be kept as natural as possible. It was noted that it floods (being right by the creek), which must be taken into consideration for any improvements or amenities. Mr. Danner will keep Mr. Gentzler informed.

From the audience, Joel Klinedinst asked about access by emergency vehicles to assist anyone who's injured at the Codorus Gorge area. Joel's concerned that as this proposal becomes publicized, just anyone might want to try it out. Mr. Danner noted that there would be a guide and suggested skill levels within which to comply. Inexperienced boaters would not be permitted to enter the water at the Gorge area. Mr. Beck suggested that Mr. Danner check with the Yellow Breeches/Conodoguinet area water trail developers to see if there's an EMS plan associated with that water trail use. That would be a good idea.

York County Quick Response Team – it was noted that the Township gives through the police department budget.

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York County Solid Waste Authority Medication take-back program – letter explains the program, launched with the Northern York County Regional Police Department.

Solicitor's report – Attorney Andrew Miller

- Comcast Franchise Agreement – Mr. Miller provided a summary of the proposed agreement and the existing agreement and the differences between the two documents. The Board requested that service be provided at no charge to the Sewer Authority; this is still in negotiations. Mr. Miller's not sure why this couldn't be provided.
- Signs for Private Drives – no discussion
- Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendments – HOA information, changes, and documents underway. There are some new MPC changes which will require a few updates to the Township's ordinance in order to comply. Mr. Miller wants to combine several ordinance changes and bring the entire package to the Board at one time.
- Tax Rate Resolution for 2013 – **Motion by Supervisor Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to adopt Resolution 2012-13 as presented, establishing tax rates for 2013. All members voted aye; motion carried.** The fire hydrant assessment will be a separate Resolution.
- Municipal Pension Plan Agreement -- **Motion by Supervisor Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Municipal Pension Agreement, for action at the December Board of Supervisors meeting. All members voted aye; motion carried.**
- Tax Collector Cash Policy Resolution – **Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Supervisor Naylor, to adopt Resolution 2012-14, limiting the amount of cash that the tax collector is required to accept for tax payments. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Engineer's report – Byron Trout

Inspections – Mr. Trout met with Kinsley on the Canal Road/Espresso Way intersection. PennDOT's additional comments were as follows: the Township is to maintain the striping at intersection which is outside PennDOT ROW; two signs are to be posted along Espresso to discourage truck traffic. Mr. Trout hopes that this will be the last round of comment/requests from PennDOT.

Storm basins were inspected; no significant damage after Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Trout was pleased with the performance of the basins.

Chestnut Valley Surety reductions – wearing course completed in some sections.

Chestnut Valley has requested the following surety reductions: Phase 3A reduction of \$49,902.11, with \$5,136.99 remaining; Phase 3B, reduction of \$42,663.53, with \$7,722.46 remaining; and Phase 4, reduction of \$100,998.17, with a balance remaining of \$171,537.51.

Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Supervisor Naylor, to *table* these surety reductions until the December Board meeting to give the Township staff a chance to review the requests/bonds. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Plan Reviews -- How about Green Ridge? Can the wearing course be applied? Mr. Miller presented a letter to address this issue, to be sent to the developer. This project is to be "mobilized" by May 1, so that the Board can take action on adopting the roads by the August 2013 meeting.

How about the Wellspan project's outstanding improvements? Mr. Trout has had some contact with the representative, but no satisfaction yet. There is no developer's agreement for this plan, but there is surety, and it's on the plan, so they are indeed required to make these improvements. Of course, the actual improvements cannot be done until the spring now, but at least they could feather some sort of paving around the water valve, the inlet, and the driveway area to protect those areas from damage by the snowplow. Could the Township do that feathering? Mr. Gentzler will address this to ensure that this situation is remedied, at least for the winter months. If the Township does this small bit of work, the amount of the repair could be withheld from the bond funds.

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Secretary/Treasurer/Manager's report – Dave Gentzler

Sewer Authority – Report on file. Mr. Coble, from the audience, Sewer Authority member, noted that there was a preliminary budget meeting – no changes except those incorporated with the Inter-Municipal Agreement.

Recreation Board – no discussion

Zoning Officer – Report on file. Ordinance changes from Mr. Beck will be added to Mr. Miller's proposals.

Public Works Director – report on file. Liquid fuels on Park Street issue with the Borough?

Nothing resolved yet. Leaf collection going well. Maples planted in Saginaw. Looks good.

Also, Northeastern Senior Center, thanked the Township for the contribution.

Land Development/Subdivision –

Stonesifer Subdivision -- Patti Fisher of James Holley Associates, was present on this Land Development Plan, Drawing 120905, dated 9/25/12, second revision 10/29/12, Stonesifer. There was a discussion of some ROW issues – Ms. Fisher noted that there is a six-month notice note on the plan for the street widening, so the widening issue is taken care of. Waivers requested: curb, sidewalks, preliminary plan, and street design.

Mr. Miller requested a confirmatory deed review and recording as a condition of the plan approval. Mrs. Fisher balked a bit, even though the applicant will comply. Mr. Gentzler noted that history has proven that sometimes deeds are not recorded properly and this is a good step, particularly for a reverse subdivision such as this.

Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Supervisor Naylor, to approve the waiver requests for the Stonesifer Subdivision for the preliminary plan, sidewalks, curbs, and street design. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Supervisor Naylor, to approve the Stonesifer Plan, Drawing #120905, subject to the satisfactory review and approval of the deed by Attorney Miller. All members voted aye; motion carried.

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

Supervisor's comments

Supervisor David L. Naylor – there was a hurricane prep meeting with interested/involved parties. The Borough needs more barrels. Supervisor Naylor provided the ECRIN List (a list of disabled or handicapped persons within the Township, and their addresses, should they need evacuation measures or assistance during an emergency), to the area fire companies so they would be prepared. Supervisor Naylor feels that this information should be in the 911 database and dealt with by the county, not locally. **Motion by Supervisor Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to release the Recruitment and Retention funds to Union and Eagle fire companies in the amount of \$5,000 each. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Vice Chairman Naylor – further comments or business? Barry E. Rudisill – Nothing further.

Motion by Rudisill, second by Naylor, to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gentzler
Secretary/Treasurer/Manager

Julie B. Maher
Recording Secretary