

SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Business Meeting

June 18, 2014

Chairman Jim Styer called the meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance. Present were:

Jim Styer, Chairman
Barb Lynch, Vice Chairman
Tom Neff, Supervisor
Robert Iannozzi, Solicitor

Karen Landis, Secretary
Doug Hedrick, Road Superintendent
Wayne Mensinger, Zoning Officer

CONSENT AGENDA – Jim Styer reviewed items 2a through 2f. **Motion 14-060** by Styer, second by Neff approved Consent Agenda. Motion carried 3 – 0.

- a. Approval of A/P invoices
- b. Approval of June 4th minutes
- c. Resolution 14-1691 – authorizing Fire Police at Quakertown Fire Works
- d. Resolution 14-1692 – authorizing Fire Police at Sellersville Carnival
- e. Approval of May Financial Report(s)
- f. Approval of Committee and Staff Reports

COMMITTEE RELATED:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE -

- i. Audited 2013 Financial Statement(s) – draft financial statement was reviewed by Finance Committee. **Motion 14-061** by Styer, second by Neff approving the audited year-end financial statements. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Jim Styer reported on the following Finance Committee recommendations:

- i. Going forward, funds received for Whites Mill Dam repairs be set up in a Capital Reserve Fund with disbursement from that fund.
- ii. Public Sewer Fund depreciated as much as possible.
- iii. Sewer Capital Fund should begin to make principle payments back to the General Fund beginning 2014.
- iv. Increase loan from General Fund to the Sewer Capital Fund and payoff outstanding principle to QNB.

B. PARK BOARD – Frank Jarrett explained Park Board recommendation that prior to beginning construction (Tylersport Community Park) that a definitive engineering study be authorized to perform the following:

- i. Review current storm water plans to verify adequacy for current park plans
- ii. If current plans are adequate, calculate how much additional impervious the current design could handle
- iii. If current plans are not adequate, design a detention basin
- iv. Develop a soil erosion control plan
- v. Provide written documentation of findings/recommendations to BOS

Mark Matucci clarified existing design, suggested obtaining auto-cad plan from WB Homes. Proposal from Gilmore & Associates identifying storm water plan, scope of work to be presented at July 16th meeting.

C. PLANNING COMMISSION –

- i. Zoning Ordinance Audit – Nothing to Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **TREE LIABILITIES** – Solicitor defined legal responsibility/liability prior to presentation from Steve Redding on how the Emerald Ash and Red Oak borer is affecting area trees. Steve Redding (arborist) provided a brief outline and explained the rapid decline, challenges and expected loss of woodlands in our Township. Discussion was held on identifying hazardous trees, distribution of educational materials to residents, etc. A routine ordinance was suggested as a mechanism to ensure safe enforcement, define hazardous trees, and required removal. Motion 14-062 by Styer, second by Neff authorizing Solicitor to prepare tree removal ordinance. Motion carried 2 – 0. Supervisor Lynch abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **KING ROAD REPAIRS** – Mark Matucci summarized Gilmore Associates memo dated 6/13/2014 explaining field meeting(s) held with various agencies regarding repairs to the dirt road portion of King Road detailing the scope of work for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 repairs. Approximately \$40,000 in grant funding is available for this project. Discussion was held on asphalt paving versus DSA (Driving Surface Aggregate) i.e., the final look/condition of the road, life expectancy, overall maintenance costs, etc. Motion 14-063 by Styer, second by Lynch accepting recommendation to complete Phase 1 DSA repairs to King Road. Tom Neff commented he was comfortable with research and recommended if this option is not successful that paving be seriously considered the next time. Motion carried 3 – 0. Gilmore Associates to prepare grant application in the amount of \$27,000.
- B. **WEBSITE SITE PLAN** – Jim Styer briefly explained the proposed home page site map and progress with Bergey Creative in designing the new website. There being no concerns/comments, Motion 14-064 by Styer, second by Neff approved the site map as presented. Motion carried 3 – 0.
- C. **FSA SEWER INCREASE** – Response from Franconia Sewer Authority (FSA) was received late, therefore further discussion will be tabled until July meeting. 3rd Quarter public sewer billing to be sent at current rate of \$165.00. Jim Styer asked for additional questions that need to be clarified before the July meeting. Barb Lynch commented that details regarding the late payments to Telford Borough Authority and DEP fines for violations were not quantified. Jim Styer to request additional clarification specific to late payments and penalties from FSA.

D. DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE #78 – Doug Hedrick requested approval to replace driveway pipes upon resident request. Discussion was held on the current ordinance specifications – Jim Styer suggested either follow ordinance or update as needed. Tom Neff commented on township should only be involved as stated in current ordinance. Both Solicitor and Engineer advised appropriate standard application specifications, etc. are required to ensure consistency. **Motion 14-065** by Styer authorizing Solicitor and Engineer to develop driveway application package and revise Ordinance #78. No second – Motion fell. Following discussion the response to Road Superintendent was to follow Ordinance #78 – driveway repairs only after proper notice to residents regarding road safety concerns.

E. AMBULANCE GARAGE POLE BUILDING – Jim Styer briefly summarized building offer to Fire Company, advertising to determine interest, etc. and made the following solutions: 1) assist Fire Company with funding, 2) give building to Fire Company and let them handle in entirety. Barb Lynch commented this is the same option proposed by the Fire Company. **Motion 14-066** by Lynch, second by Styer conveying the Ambulance Garage Pole Building to the Fire Company with removal by August 30th. If there are any issues related to removal of concrete floor the Fire Company should contact the Township for additional assistance. Jerry Jones commented on interest in purchasing the building and/or making a donation to the Fire Company in lieu of purchasing from Township. Suggestion to Mr. Jones was to contact the Fire Company directly. Motion carried 3 – 0.

NEXT MEETING (JULY 16TH) AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Review Revised Procurement Policy
- b. Land Development Plans – Linh Quang Buddhist Temple
- c. Roof Replacement – Maintenance Garage

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wayne Mensinger commented on land development application received from Linh Quang Buddhist Temple and zoning hearing board conditions from 1998.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, **Motion 14-067** by Styer, second by Neff adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM. Motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVED: JULY 16, 2014

MOTION: 14-068 BY: STYER SECOND BY: LYNCH & NEFF VOTE: 3 - 0

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)

