

SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Work Session Meeting

April 1, 2015

Chairman 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

Karen Landis, Secretary

Tom Neff, Vice Chairman

Doug Hedrick, Road Superintendent

Barb Lynch, Supervisor

Robert Iannozzi, Solicitor

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - held at 7:00 PM to discuss Zoning Hearing Board appointments.

CONSENT AGENDA - Jim Styer reviewed items 2a through 2b; there being no questions **Motion 15-033** by Styer, second by Neff approved the following. Motion carried 3 - 0.

- a. Approval of A/P invoices
- b. Approval of March 18th minutes

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **2015 ROAD BIDS** - Doug Hedrick opened the 2015 road bids. The paving bid could not be awarded until further analysis. **Motion 15-037** by Styer, second by Lynch awarded Oil & Chip bid to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions. Motion carried 3 - 0.
- B. **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP) UPDATE** - Circulated and reviewed by all BOS **Motion 15-034** by Styer, second by Lynch approved submitting updated signature page to Department of Public Safety. Motion carried 3 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **ZONING HEARING BOARD** - As a result of two (2) resignations, the BOS reviewed and discussed interest from six (6) interested candidates (John Baker, Charles Loughery, Marvin McKown, Adrian Scioli, Jim Wellington & Nate Yothers). Jim Styer commented the ZHB should have knowledge of the township and understand subdivision and land development issues. Jim nominated Charles Loughery and Marvin McKown to fill the vacancies - Tom Neff agreed with both nominations. Barb Lynch commented Mr. Loughery would be a fine addition and also had no issue with any of the other 5 candidates. **Motion 15-035** by Styer, second by Neff appointing both Mr. Loughery and Mr. McKown. Motion carried 3 - 0.
- B. **TOWNSHIP BUILDING RENOVATIONS** - Follow up from discussion at March 18 meeting, Jim Styer reported contact was made with another local architect who agreed that the \$2,000 cost to start with a "wish list" and begin to develop preliminary plans was very reasonable. Discussion was held on whether the

plans should or should not include the post office remaining in place. **Motion 15-036** by Styer, second by Neff approved authorizing Warren Taylor and Tim Clemmer to begin Step 1 – Preliminary Plans at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Motion carried 3 – 0.

C. SEWER BILLING – Jim Styer reported on March 27th response from Franconia Sewer Authority (FSA) regarding billing concerns and the additional quarterly fee charged to Salford residents for operating costs. Salford Township is a customer of FSA – Salford users are customers of Salford Township. Since this topic has been discussed many times over the past year, Jim Styer raised three (3) options for BOS consideration:

1. General Fund subsidize the sewer system by paying the operating costs.
2. Consider revising the Act 537 plan which would require formation of a 537 review committee and recommended Barb Lynch the most knowledgeable about the sewer system chair the committee. This option requires DEP approval and would incur significant legal and engineering cost. Barb Lynch declined offer and noted the current Act 537 plan is the most recent in Montgomery County (not necessary at this time) and when it's time for re-review (February 2018) she would be happy to chair this committee.
3. Per Township Engineer recommendation – continue under the current agreement until such time another alternative is available.

Comments and discussion among residents and BOS on contract issues, operating expenses versus administrative expenses and the cost to maintain on lot systems. Marv McKown suggested sending a newsletter to sewer customers explaining the \$20/quarter additional operating costs. Barb Lynch requested to inquire about buying out additional EDUs. Following lengthy discussions it was concluded to continue with the current plan until such time a better alternative is available. **Action Item:** Jim Styer to contact FSA regarding interest in buying out remaining EDU's and if amenable to renegotiation of service agreement.

NEXT MEETING (APRIL 15TH) AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Award 2015 Paving Bid
- b. Consider Minh Dang Quang LD Approval
- c. Approve amended 2105 Fee Schedule – Resolution 15-1713
- d. Planning Commission – SD/LD process improvement (May 6)
- e. Planning Commission – VR zoning district recommendation (May 6)

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, **Motion 15-038** by Styer, second by Neff adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM. Motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVED: APRIL 15, 2015

MOTION: 15-039
(TOWNSHIP SEAL)

BY: STYER

SECOND BY: NEFF

VOTE: 3 - 0