

SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Business Meeting

October 15, 2014

Chairman Jim Styer called the meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:35 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 3a through 3i.

- a. Approval of A/P invoices
- b. Approval of October 1st minutes
- c. Approval of September Financial Reports
- d. Approval of Committee & Staff Reports
- e. Resolution 14-1702 – authorizing Fire Police at Quakertown Halloween Parade
- f. Resolution 14-1703 – authorizing Fire Police at Sellersville Halloween Parade

Jim Styer questioned responses/inquiries on the complaint log and questioned reference in Planning Commission minutes regarding Navigable Water Act.

Jim Ford briefly explained Navigable Water Act – Barb Lynch suggested contacting PSATS for additional information.

Road Superintendent requested permission to remove the deteriorating foot bridge behind the Township Building.

Tom Neff questioned Finance Committee report regarding Whites Mill Dam funding.

Motion 14-087 by Styer, second by Lynch approved the following. Motion carried 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **SEWER PROJECT CLOSEOUT** – Karen Landis reported a joint meeting with Solicitor will be scheduled to review/handle outstanding issues, provided a brief update on the outstanding connections and 2 recently approved permits – leaving 5 parcels that still require connection.
- B. **PROPOSED BURNING ORDINANCE #165** – Solicitor advised the joint meeting with Fire Company representatives has not yet occurred – therefore, this item tabled for discussion until November.
- C. **NEW WEBSITE** – Jim Styer announced the new website is up and running and continues to be a work in progress

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **ASSESSMENT APPEAL** – Solicitor reported on settlement of an assessment appeal filed **Motion 14-088** by Styer, second by Lynch authorizing Solicitor to execute stipulation settling the Kochanski assessment appeal resulting in \$27.02 refund for township taxes for tax year 2014. Motion carried 3 – 0.

- B. DRAFT 2015 BUDGET(S)** – Jim Styer briefly reported on the 1st draft of 2015 Budget(s) for General, State, Sewer Operating, Sewer Capital and Capital Reserve Funds. BOS reviewed and discussed end of year projections against preliminary 2015 budget. Both BOS and Finance committee to review 2nd draft in early November with preliminary approval expected at November 19th meeting.

NEXT MEETING (NOVEMBER 5TH) AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Further discussion on proposed Burning Ordinance

Barb Lynch proposed Finance Committee do a cost benefit analysis to determine a benefit of switching quarterly sewer billing from flat rate fee to a usage fee. The FSA agreement is based on a flat rate fee; Solicitor clarified and reminded that this option was looked into previously and sewer engineer did not recommend usage billing which would require individual property metering. Barb Lynch also advised North Penn Water Authority is in the process of implementing administrative services where they can do sewer billings for municipalities. Solicitor felt Finance Committee was not the proper venue to analyze and suggested sewer engineer further analyze and make a recommendation. Questions and comments were received from Country View residents on quarterly billing and/or amending the agreement with Franconia Sewer Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barb McMonagle inquired about the re-opening of the Ridge Road turnpike bridge.

Marshall Blum questioned if Clump Road would be restored to its original condition.

Tom Neff questioned if the timing of the traffic light and Allentown and Ridge would be re-set following construction. Jim Styer confirmed with Road Superintendent that all temporary traffic lights will be removed.

Barb Lynch and Country View resident announced the 1st Halloween Parade will be held Saturday, October 25th at 1:00 PM on Meadow Lane – a \$5.00 donation is requested which will be donated to Tylersport Fire Company.

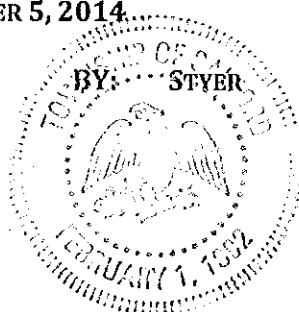
Russ Makos commented on the over-sized shed approved in Country View development, possibly erroneously issued, inquired about township liability and measures to prevent from happening in the future. Barb Lynch advised Planning Commission reviewed zoning regulations which allow 1 story sheds. Solicitor commented on defining a story and process on correction if required. Zoning Officer advised the shed does meet zoning requirements. Tom Neff requested a clear narrative as to the genesis of this issue and why the BOS & Solicitor were not aware for agenda discussion. Jim Styer recommended Solicitor to: (1) review Ordinance, (2) define terms, (3) determine violation, if any, and (4) recommend resolution if needed; if no violation, recommended Planning Commission work on identifying height requirements based on zoning district to prevent this from happening in the future.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, **Motion 14-089** by Styer, second by Neff adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM. Motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 5, 2014

MOTION: 14-090

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)



BY: STYER

SECOND BY: LYNCH & NEFF VOTE: 3 - 0