

Amity Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2015

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

The August 5, 2015 meeting of the Amity Township Board of Supervisors, held at the Township Municipal Building, 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Kim McGrath. The following were in attendance:

SUPERVISORS

Kim McGrath, Chairperson

Richard Gokey, Vice Chair

Terry Jones

Paul Weller

STAFF

Charles E. Lyon, Manager

Jamie Milesosky, Lieutenant

Kathie Benson, Assistant Township Secretary

Brian Boland, Solicitor, Kozloff/Stoudt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. McGrath announced Monarch Fire Co will be holding a Parade and Fire Truck Housing Saturday August 22, 2015. Community Days will be held Saturday September 12, 2015 from Noon to Dusk at the Redner's Parking Lot areas with Fireworks starting after dark.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

MINUTES

Mr. Weller moved, seconded by Mr. Gokey to approve the July 15, 2015 minutes, as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

FINANCE

Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Weller to approve disbursements as follows:

\$	197,274.88	General Fund
\$	6,081.42	Fire Fund
\$	42,379.13	Sewer Fund
\$	18,622.00	EDU Fund
\$	<u>230,079.87</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels Fund</u>
\$	494,437.30	Total

Motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT- Mrs. McGrath called for any questions about the Code Enforcement report. Mr. Gokey questioned the New Home permits total.

ROADS DEPARTMENT- Grader-Mr. Howell-Clarke reported the grader needs repairs. Mr. Weller moved seconded by Mr. Jones to approve repairs to the grader at a cost of \$1,250. Motion carried 4-0.

Seasonal Bid. Mr. Howell-Clarke handed out the Seasonal Stone bid results. Mr. Gokey moved seconded by Mr. Weller to authorize the award go to the lowest bidder. Mr. Jones suggested reviewing

the bid price plus the additional travel, time, & equipment cost for pickup at the different locations. Mr. Gokey moved seconded by Mr. Weller to amend the previous motion and award the seasonal stone bid to H&K Group, Inc at a cost of #3 Stone \$11.00, #4 Stone \$10.00, #4-Rip Rap \$13.00, 1B \$11.00, 2B \$10.25, 2A Aggregate \$5.00, 3A Aggregate \$6.50, 4A Aggregate \$10.00 per ton, plus Co-Stars Bidding price for Temporary Cold Patch, And Co-Stars Bidding for Permanent Cold Patch. Motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Traffic Impact Fees - Mr. Lyon reported the Traffic Impact Fee detail requested states funds received were a result of new home permits for Forino Homes, Landmark Builders and land development at Kirlin's property.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Boland reported a Hydrant Agreement has been prepared. The agreement has been forwarded Pennsylvania American Water for their approval. Mr. Boland reported the Douglass Township Intermunicipal Agreement has been reviewed with Mr. Lyon. A meeting with Mr. Mike Sassaman is needed for further review. A report will be presented after the meeting. Mr. Boland reported he and Mr. Lyon discussed the RFP for Emergency Services. Mr. Boland further explained there are several issues to resolve to move forward and he and Mr. Lyon will continue to review. Mr. Boland reported a Zoning Appeal from Mr. & Mrs. Deal relative to the Barry Shirey Zoning Decision & Order has been received. Mr. Boland has been in contact with Mr. Mogul. Mr. Weller moved seconded by Mr. Jones to authorize Kozloff Stout to prepare a resolution for their firm to participate and intervene on Amity Township's behalf in the Mark A Deal & Kristin N Deal appeal hearing. Motion Carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Notice of Violation-July 27, 2015-occurrence-Mr. Lyon reported there was a sludge discharge spill that occurred at the Waste Water Treatment Plant July 27, 2015. The cause was an inadvertent valve position that occurred during the transfer of aerobic sludge from the digester to the reed beds. DEP was notified and a Notice of Violation was received. Mr. Lyon prepared a response letter to DEP which the Board agreed to send. The equipment operator has received a reprimand.

Leaf Creek Sewer Plan Module - Mr. Lyon reported Sewer Planning Modules have been received. Mr. Boyer reported the 30 Day Public comment has passed with no comments received. All changes as recommended have been incorporated in the Modules as presented. Mr. Gokey moved seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the modules as presented sign and forward to DEP. Motion carried 4-0.

Boone Area Library- Mr. Matt Lamm, Ms. Susan Fix & Ms. Jennifer Harding presented information and an update on the different things the Boone Area Library has been doing. Currently their records show 26.1% of the users are Amity Township residents.

DYBS - dugout. Mr. Gokey moved seconded by Mr. Weller to waive the Permit & Contractor's Fee to construct new Dug-Outs for the DYBS at the Daniel Boone Middle School on Weavertown Rd. Motion carried 4-0..

Approval of LRM quote for Pump Station 8 Mr. Jones moved seconded by Mr. Gokey to accept the quote and authorize Gangloff to make the recommended changes to Pump Station 8. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Lyon reported this will leave four pump stations remaining to be updated. The plan at this time is complete two in 2016 and two in 2017.

Detention Basin Mr. Eric Friend -306 Kingston Dr- requested the township assist in the removal of sediment from the basin at his property. Mr. Boland reviewed the plans and the information provided for the pond. He stated if the detention basin were to be built today under the current guidelines it would not be much different than what exists. Mr. Friend stated the pond is currently working however there is some sediment that is causing issues that hinder the flow on the eastern side towards his home. The Board of Supervisor's have asked LTL to review the pond and offer an opinion if there are any issues. After the report the Board of Supervisor's will determine if we will assist in cleaning any sediment.

EMPLOYEE/OFFICIAL REPORTS

Manager: Mr. Lyon reported Exeter does not have a traffic study for the Meeting House Road area. Mr. Gokey moved seconded by Mr. Jones to authorize LTL to conduct a traffic study for Meeting House Road intersection. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Lyon reported the PADEP P.S.2 & 4 letter has been received. We have until 9/1/15 to respond. Mr. Lyon has contacted Ebert Engineer to see if there is a way to reengineer the Leaf Creek Sewer line around the conflicted area. If this is not feasible, we may need to wait till next spring to certify if there are bog turtles in the area. This will cause a delay for Amity Township to comply with the Leaf Creek Sewer Line installation. Mr. Lyon reported Dave Wheeler is currently getting price quotes to clean and repair the lagoon. He will also look at the cost to install a Harvester Tank as an alternative. Mr. Lyon reported the we received a quote from for \$18,000.00 to replace the roof on the Digester Building. Arro Engineering has found this company to be reputable. Mr. Gokey moved seconded by Mr. Weller to accept the proposal. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Lyon reported Daniel Boone School District has contacted staff to review the current Sewer Billing. Staff has reports the EDU Units billed agrees with the information in our files. Mr. Lyon will send a letter advising the school district has the option to place meters on the building at their cost for an exact reading. Mr. Gokey moved seconded by Mr. Weller to Approve the signing of the Winter Services Agreement and Resolution 15-17. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Lyon has filed our answer to the Police Labor Dispute. The hearing has been scheduled for September 2, 2015. Mr. Lyon reported About All Floors has agreed to an Emergency Access Agreement allowing emergency vehicles only access to Monocacy Hill during an emergency event. Mr. Boland's office will record the Easement agreement. Mrs. McGrath moved seconded by Mr. Gokey to accept the agreement in lieu of \$4,050.00 Recreation Fees. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Lyon reported the Recreation Board discussed and agree with the Supervisor's ideas to expand and redesign the Myron Wheeler baseball field and parking. Mrs. McGrath moved seconded by Mr. Jones to authorize LTL to prepare a proposal & costs evaluation. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Lyon reported Earl Township has requested another copy of the Sewer Agreement which he provided. Mr. Lyon reported the final numbers were in for the 2015 street projects. There was approximately a 13% overrun on the aggregate. Mr. Lyon reported staff has met with PA American Water and UGI Utilities to discuss future road work. Amity Township gave them our three year street repair plan for their future planning. The meeting was well received by everyone and there were discussions about making this as an annual meeting. Invitations may go to the electric and phone companies as well for next year. Mr. Lyon reminded all to consider curbing along Richards & Merritt Ave's. The decision needs to be made ASAP.

Police Dept/ Lieutenant: Mr. Milesosky reported the department still has two cars out of service waiting repairs. Mr. Jones moved seconded by Mr. Weller to make not more repairs to 26-3 and prepare for sale. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Jones moved seconded by Mr. Weller to authorize repairs to 26-7 at a cost not to exceed \$1,100.00 subject to Mr. Lyon's review and approval. Motion carried 4-0.

SUPERVISORS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Martino asked for further clarification on the schools requests about the sewer billing. Mrs. Larive inquired if the timing for the Riverbridge Road traffic light was changed. Staff had no knowledge of any change. Staff felt the timing was appropriate to not cause stacking on 422. Ms. Larive questioned if the Leaf Creek Subdivision was submitted and approved. Staff advised a Final plan has not been received for approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45PM, with there being no further business, Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weller to adjourn to executive session without intent to return. The purpose of the executive Session was to discuss the Waste Water Treatment Plant personnel matters. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathie Benson
Assistant Township Secretary