

**Amity Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Meeting Minutes**

May 16, 2018

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

The May 16, 2018 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  
Dave Hackett, Vice Chair  
Paul Weller  
Terry Jones  
Kevin Keifrider

**STAFF**

Brian Boland, Kozloff/Stoudt Attorneys  
John Weber, LTL Consultants  
Troy Bingaman, Manager  
Andrew J. Kensey, Chief of Police  
Kathie Benson, Assistant Township Secretary

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. McGrath announced Pennsylvania American Water is conducting routine flushing throughout the area. If you notice any discoloration in your water please wait until it runs clear before using. More information is available at their website [www.pennsylvaniaamwater.com](http://www.pennsylvaniaamwater.com).

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

None

**MINUTES**

Mr. Keifrider moved, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of May 2, 2018. Motion passed 5-0.

**FINANCE**

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

\$ 214,335.63	General Fund
\$ 71,218.52	Fire Fund
\$ 70,928.63	Sewer Fund
\$ 10,056.39	EDU Fund
\$ 7,997.86	Capital Fund
<u>\$ 852.04</u>	Liquid Fuels Fund
\$ 375,389.07	Total

Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Jones questioned which police car is being taken out of commission after the new car is placed in service. Mr. Kensey stated 26-6 will be taken out as a daily patrol car and will be used as a training car. Mr. Jones questioned if the Rosewood Glen project is progressing and if the payment in the disbursements is the beginning costs. Mr. Bingaman stated the project has progressed nicely and near completion and the bills are starting to arrive.

Mr. Boland questioned if payment has been received from the Homeowners Association. Mr. Bingaman stated the first payment has been received and the second is on the way.

The Board reviewed the Overtime by Department and had no questions.

## **REPORTS**

**Amity Fire Co.** – Mr. Zomolsky reported the Carnival was a success and will be seen in the financial report next month.

**Monarch Fire Co.** – Mr. Gabel stated they are holding a **Golf Outing this Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>** at Blackwood Golf Course. All are welcome. They have scheduled their second **Chicken Bar-B-Que for Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>**. The new Fire Police truck has been received and will be on display at a Fire Show in Harrisburg. Mr. Gabel also questioned when the first of the biannual payments to the Fire Companies was planned. Monarch Fire Co chose to not take any loans for the truck and would like to replace the funds as soon as they can. Mr. Bingaman will take care of getting the payments processed.

**Planning Commission** – Mr. Weber reported Mr. Yocum has written a letter requesting withdrawal of his preliminary plan. Mr. Keifrider moved seconded by Mr. Hackett to withdraw the **Blacksmith Subdivision Preliminary Plan** as conditionally approved on 9/11/13. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Jones questioned if the Monocacy Pointe subdivision was still an active plan. He saw a sign on the property saying it was an approved plan. Mr. Boland did not believe the plan to be active and agreed to look into the matter. Mr. Weber reported the **Blacksmith Annexation Plan** has been conditionally recommended by the Planning Commission for approval. The plan has been revised to meet those conditions and will be reviewed prior to the next meeting June 6, 2018.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**2018 Paving Contract** – Mr. Bingaman reported three bids were received. New Enterprise was the lowest responsible bidder at \$395,921. Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Hackett to award the bid to New Enterprise. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Jones asked that the Board be notified when the project is to begin due to all the bridge work in the area there are several detours in the Township this summer. Mr. Bingaman stated the bid is lower than the 2018 budgeted amount.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Boland had nothing further to report.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Weber submitted a letter recommending **Escrow Release No. 3 for Dollar General Land Development Plan**. Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Keifrider to approve Escrow Release No. 3 for Dollar General Land Development in the amount of \$81,114.25, in accordance with the LTL letter dated May 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Jones requested Mr. Loomis contact the adjoining lot owner to have the grass mowed. Mr. Weber reported **Woods Edge Phase 3B** is nearing the time to close out their 18-Month Improvements Agreement. They expect to complete their final seeding to the basin as soon as the weather cooperates. Mr. Weber reported **High Meadows Phase 3 Section 1** is looking to close this section, offer the streets for dedication and move to the 18-Month Improvements Agreement. They have a few items to complete from their punch list. Mr. Weber has been contacted by **Speedway Gas** and will be meeting with them to look over their redesigning of the site. Mr. Bingaman is in contact with them for a commitment to cover any and all costs.

**EMPLOYEE/OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**Manager's Report**

***Lake Drive Park Rehabilitation Project*** – Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Hackett to adopt Resolution #2018-11 to request grant monies from PA Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program for the Lake Drive Rehabilitation and designate authorized signers. Motion carried 5-0.

***PS2 and PS4 Modifications*** – Work has begun. The by-pass pumping will begin next week and is expected to take 3 weeks. Mr. Bingaman requested the police patrol the area more often to be sure the pipes are secure and safe.

***Leaf Creek Interceptor*** – Work has begun. The line marking stakes are being placed and the equipment is being mobilized. Pipe installation will commence shortly

***N. Monocacy Creek Rd & SR422*** – Mr. Bingaman reported this intersection is not a part of the Act 209 Study therefore there are no 209 funds available. Mr. Jones moved seconded by Mr. Keifrider to authorize McMahon & Associates to apply for grants to improve the intersection at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Motion passed 5-0.

***Summer Playground Program*** – Mr. Bingaman reported there were over 60 children registered for the program and eight leaders were hired. Other applicants have been placed on stand-by for leader positions should the Township continue to receive additional registrations.

***Daniel Boone Music Booster*** – Mr. Bingaman received a request from the Daniel Boone Music Boosters to hold 5 Movie Nights at Amity Community Park. The events will be open to anyone at no charge to see the movie. They will sell snacks and drinks to the attendees. Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Hackett to waive the Park closing hours on the 5 nights the events are held. Motion carried 5-0.

***DEP Rolling Hills Landfill Public Meeting*** – Mr. Bingaman announced DEP will be holding a public hearing Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM, at the Earl Elementary School, 22 School House Road, to discuss the Rolling Hills Landfill expansion plans. Mr. Bingaman stated PennDOT has concerns with traffic. Everyone with a concern or question is encouraged to attend.

***Shirey Turkey Farm*** – Mr. Bingaman reported Michael Shirey has contacted him advising the trees have been planted and is looking for an escrow release. Mr. Weber reported he is reviewing the AsBuilt plans and will need to schedule a site visit to inspect the trees on the back of the site as well as the end walls.

***Main Street Bridge*** – Mr. Jones requested all supervisors be notified when this project was expected to begin.

**Police Chief**

Chief Kensey commended ***Officer Kenneth Moyer*** for completing the training and becoming a part of the Berks County Hostage Negotiation team. Chief Kensey reported there have been several complaints received about ***motorcycles and 4 wheelers causing a nuisance*** around Griffith Dr & Welsh Dr. The residents were in attendance and stated the sound levels are very high at times. Chief Kensey stated he has patrolled the area and did not observe any nuisance behavior but did advise the residents to call when the activities are happening so they may assess the situation.

The Board advised Chief Kensey to send a letter to the owner advising about the complaints. Mr. Boland will look into any possible Ordinance change recommendations, barring use of recreational vehicles in the MDR Zoning District.

**SUPERVISORS**

Nothing at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50PM, with there being no further business, Mr. Hackett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keifrider to adjourn to executive session to discuss police personnel matters and personnel matters with no need to return. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie A Benson  
Assistant Township Secretary