

**Chanceford Township, York County
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
July 14, 2008**

MEETING DAY AND TIME: July 14, 2008

David Gemmill opened the regular meeting of the Chanceford Township Board of Supervisors at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Bldg., 51 Muddy Creek Forks Rd., Brogue, PA. He led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Gemmill announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters and to discuss issues with the Township Solicitor.

Members present: Chairman David Gemmill, Vice-chairman Eric Bacon and Member Bradley Smith.

Others present: Township Engineer Casey Deller, Solicitor Timothy Bupp, Zoning Officer Jeffrey Koons, Assistant Zoning Officer Clifton Baldwin, Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Gohn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bradley Smith made the motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2008 as written. Seconded by Eric Bacon, motion carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Ronald Witmer reported there were 16 calls in April, 7 call in May and 14 calls in June. There were 37 calls for the second quarter and 109 for the year to date.

David Gemmill made the motion giving the Fire Chief discretion to determine when to send the fire police to assist other municipalities. Seconded by Bradley Smith, motion carried.

Chief Witmer stated that out of the five volunteer firemen that took the heavy equipment rescue classes, three signed up to complete the remaining classes.

AMBULANCE CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

No report.

HARDSHIP:

Henry Tyson, on behalf of James Howard, requested the board allow an 8' x 35' travel trailer be placed in Whispering Pines as a hardship. It would be placed on a separate lot with its own septic and water hookup.

Bradley Smith made the motion to approve the hardship as a temporary permit based on Section 503/504 and to be revisited at the end of six months at which time, the Zoning Officer will grant an extension if the hardship still exists. Seconded by Eric Bacon, motion carried. The trailer must be removed when the hardship no longer exists.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Douglas and Rachel Stephens of 2479 Delta Road were present to obtain information regarding stormwater issues on Susan Drive which is affecting their property.

Casey Deller stated that C. S. Davidson has investigated the problems on the side of Gum Tree Road and also on the down slope side of the cul-de-sac from which the Stephens property is located. History has shown that the stormwater management that they proposed, while it met the requirements of the ordinance, either is not functioning or is inefficient to handle the stormwater. Suggestions were made by C. S. Davidson. However, Mr. Marshall's engineer is ultimately responsible for the functioning of the facilities on the plan.

David Gemmill questioned why the stormwater management plan was not working since Mr. Marshall's engineer designed it to work, the Township Engineer told the Board that it would work and at which time, the plan was then approved by the Board.

Casey stated that at the time the plan was reviewed, C. S. Davidson felt it would function.

Attorney Bupp stated that one way or another, the problem must be resolved and he concurred with Casey Deller that ultimately David Marshall and his engineer are responsible to repair it.

Bradley Smith feels David Marshall is working to resolve the problem and should be given ample time to do so.

Eric Bacon stated that the high velocity of water is following the natural contour of the land and not getting into the seepage bed which in turn is causing these problems. Eric stated that a retention basin at the cul-de-sac with a spillway may work but questioned who is going to be responsible for the maintenance.

Casey stated there are numerous ways to solve the problem with the down slope. The Gum Tree Road area is going to be more difficult because of limited space.

David Gemmill and Eric Bacon feel the current ordinance needs improving since the township is frequently being confronted with these types of issues and asked Casey to bring to the next meeting suggestions for improving the current ordinance.

David Gemmill directed Casey to intervene with Soil Conservation and DEP to let them know that the township is working on resolving these issues. Dave further requested that Casey draft a letter to David Marshall and his engineer making them aware there is not only road issues but also neighbors property issues which need to be resolved.

Mrs. Stephens stated they have been contacted by DEP concerning an inspection of their property with regards to wetlands. Casey was directed to draft a letter to the Stephens reflecting that the township is pursuing the stormwater issues in order for them to pass this onto DEP should it become necessary.

The Stephens were assured that Mr. Marshall cannot walk away for this problem.

Jeffrey Heindel was present to discuss a letter he received concerning stormwater management issues on his property located at 2555 Delta Road. He inquired as to how long the stormwater management plan review process will take. He was advised by the Township Engineer that the review will be completed in a timely manner.

David Gemmill asked the question as to why he needs the stormwater management plan. Casey Deller explained it is because of the increased impervious area

that was added. Casey assured the Board that he will make certain what Mr. Heindel is proposing will work properly.

Floor was closed.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT:

Roadmaster Ronald Miller reported that the Hively Road Project is completed with the exception of the shoulders.

Gipe Road will be oil and chipped using township labor if finances allow.

Old Bridgeville Road will be repaired at the area where it is washing out.

Salem Church Road needed repair maintenance from the storm washout.

The Secretary was directed to send a letter to the York PennDOT district office regarding the water problems on Richmond Road.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Wilbur Posey – Jeffrey Koons would like to meet with Mr. Posey along with his attorney and the Township Solicitor to resolve the few remaining issues.

David Gemmill asked the Zoning Officer to investigate the apartments at the intersection in New Bridgeville for burning and noise violations and a resident on Burkholder Road who is working on cars late into the night which is creating noise.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Act 537 – Casey Deller clarified, on behalf of John Klinedinst, that the well testing locations and results will be plotted on the map for the Act 537 Plan. C. S. Davidson will meet with the Board at a later date to discuss the over all results and findings.

Eric Bacon asked Casey to make any necessary improvements to the stormwater management pamphlet that is handed out to residents when obtaining building and zoning permits.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A resident asked that a "Children at Play" sign be erected on Short Cut Road. David Gemmill made the motion to give permission to the road crew to erect this sign along with a "Limited Sight Distance" sign as well. Seconded by Eric Bacon, motion carried.

The COG has contracted Terry Dougherty of Advanced Skills Center to install customized viewers for all members of the COG. A data base and training will be provided as well. All is free of charge.

A complaint was received regarding corn that is planted too close to Brownton Road which is creating a very hazardous situation with sight distance. The person who farms this property will be contacted.

The Secretary was directed to request a traffic study be conducted at the intersection of Brownton Road and West Snyder Corner Road regarding erecting a "Stop Except Right Turn" sign.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Eric Bacon made the motion to amend the bills list of 6/9/08 from a total of \$75,359.96 to \$73,196.72 due to the deduction of a Comprehensive Plan invoice that should have gone to York County Planning Commission for payment. Seconded by Bradley Smith, motion carried. Bradley made the motion to approve the payment of all bills for 7/14/08 in a manner approved by law. Seconded by Eric Bacon, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The floor was opened. Since there were no further comments, the floor was closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Eric Bacon made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by David Gemmill, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda C. Gohn
Secretary/Treasurer