

**Chanceford Township, York County
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
October 12, 2009**

MEETING DAY AND TIME: October 12, 2009

David Gemmill opened the regular meeting of the Chanceford Township Board of Supervisors at 7:03 p.m. in the Community Bldg., 51 Muddy Creek Forks Rd., Brogue, PA. He led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag.

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

Others present: Engineer John Klinedinst, Solicitor Timothy Bupp, Zoning Officer Jeffrey Koons and Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Gohn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Eric Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes of 8/24/09/09 as amended. Seconded by Bradley Smith, motion carried. David Gemmill abstained due to not being present at the 9/14/09 meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Witmer reported that there were 10 calls in September, 44 calls for the quarter and an \$80,000.00 loss for the quarter.

There will be three volunteer firemen attending fire school for training in flammable liquids.

Chief Witmer also stated that due to the number of dead area zones throughout the township, York County is going to erect a tower in the area.

Chad Arnold from Felton Fire Company was present to submit the second and third quarter reports. Mr. Arnold also reported on the fire company's various activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Wagner was present to inquire as to whether a decision was made regarding closing an approximately 3/10 mile portion of Pickel Road. The Township Engineer's opinion is that there is no fundamental reason for not closing it.

Daniel Pickel voiced his concern because he was under the assumption that the entire road was going to be closed. The Board assured him that they have no intention of closing the entire road.

This will be discussed further later in the meeting.

William Frey was present to inquire about the progress of the stormwater pit setback issue on the Heindel Family LP property located at 2555 Delta Road. John Klinedinst brought up the issue that if setbacks are addressed in the Stormwater Management Ordinance, this ordinance is part of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and therefore, its requirements may be waived. Mr. Klinedinst further stated that even if the pit were moved to conform to the setbacks, it would not have any different effect on stormwater. This issue will be discussed later in the meeting.

Allen Miller was present and approached the Board concerning Shenbergers Chapel Church holding a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in early December on the New Bridgeville Recreation Area. Eric Bacon explained that the township does not allow this type of use because then the township would have to allow every organization the use of the property regardless if it was objectionable or not to the community.

Atty. Bupp stated this land is set up as a public recreation area and is used for that purpose which does not involve getting into first amendment rights or certain liability issues.

Floor was closed.

SUBDIVISION PLAN:

Philip P. Kauffman Final Plan #L-5036 – Eric Bacon made the motion to table the plan due to lack of representation and revised plans. Seconded by Bradley Smith, motion carried.

ROADMASTER’S REPORT:

The Secretary reported that road materials for winter maintenance have been delivered.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT:

11745 Smith Hollow Rd. property – there has been no change. The Zoning Officer will make a site visit, take pictures and report back at next month’s meeting.

2211 Jacobs Rd. property – David Gemmill made the motion to give the property owner another 30 days in order to clean up the property. Seconded by Bradley Smith, motion carried. Eric Bacon abstained due to conflict of interest.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Act 537 Plan – David Gemmill gave a summary report on the meeting held with the Department of Environmental Protection. Discussion ensued regarding recharge easements, the cost of hydrogeologic studies and the new self contained septic systems.

John Klinedinst will make changes to the maps, to language and any other changes that may be required by the Board.

Bradley Smith made the motion to give authorization to the Township Engineer to edit and publish the Act 537 plan for public comment as well as authorize the final billing and preparation of the request to DEP for reimbursement. Seconded by David Gemmill, motion carried unanimously.

Storm Drainage Facilities:

Markle Road – a general permit is needed for pipe replacement.

Manor Furnace/Cherry Tree Roads – the box culvert needs replaced due to safety issues. A joint permit will be required. The estimated cost of the project will be \$78,800.00.

David Gemmill made the motion to proceed with the permitting process for both projects. Seconded by Bradley Smith, motion carried unanimously.

Joint Comprehensive Plan – public hearing to be held November 18, 2009 in the Chanceford Township Community Building.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Frank Shaffer Case – briefs have been filed and the argument is to be held December 2. A decision will follow sometime later.

Vacation of Pickel Rd. – after discussion of the exorbitant cost of replacing the bridge and there being no funds to do so, David Gemmill made the motion to proceed with the vacation of the 3/10 mile of Pickel Road. Seconded by Bradley Smith, motion carried unanimously.

CHANCEFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

The Red Lion Area School District has leased approximately 20,000 SF of this school to Mission Homes Education and Counseling, Inc. They provide alternative high school education for school age students who have not been successful in the typical educational environment. They have approximately 40 students in the building along with approximately 15-20 staff members.

Jeff Koons talked with Jeff Bryant and he has extended an invitation to the township to take a tour of the school to confirm the use of the building.

Eric Bacon left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

WORKMEN’S COMPENSATION:

The Secretary was directed to pay the third quarter donation to Felton Fire Co. In addition, she was further directed to send a letter to Felton Borough along with a copy of the check letting them know that Chanceford Township’s share of workmen’s compensation was included in this check.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

David Gemmill made the motion to approve the payment of all bills in a manner approved by law. Seconded by Bradley Smith, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The floor was opened and closed since there were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bradley Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by David Gemmill, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda C. Gohn
Secretary-Treasurer