

Caln Township Board of Commissioners
253 Municipal Drive
Thorndale, PA 19372
August 27, 2015 7:40 PM

Call to order and pledge of allegiance.

Attendance – John Contento; President, Cynthia Eshleman; Vice Chairman, Lorraine Tindaro; Commissioner, Joshua Young; Commissioner, Greg Prowant; Township Manager, Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM; Township Engineer, Karen Wertz; Finance Director, and Denise Miller Recording Secretary.

Absent were: Commissioner Jim Kruse, and Solicitor Kristin Camp.

Executive Session

Commissioner Contento announced that prior to tonight's meeting, an Executive Session was held to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Citizens to be heard

Jim Benko of 313 Municipal Drive requested the Board do something about the storm drains that go through his property. Commissioner Contento noted the Board has begun discussion, with the Township Solicitor to formulate a policy to be fair across the township.

Jay Hess of 5 Grainger Lane stated that in the cu-de-sac the snow and cinder's leak into the stormwater grate which drain onto his property. Mr. Hess also stated that he will send his supporting documentation to Mr. McClintock.

Claresa Whitfield of 1318 Blackhorse Hill Road asked the Board if there is a proposal regarding the water that drains onto Acorn Road into a grate at the corner of Acorn and Blackhorse Hill Road and runs along Blackhorse Hill Road and erodes their properties. Commissioner Contento noted this is a PennDot road and noted for residents to contact their State Representative and ask for help with PennDot. Mr. McClintock noted he has previously spoke with PennDot several times and will approach them again with this issue. Ms. Whitfield also asked the Board for an update of the Dogwood/Scott Sewer Improvement Project. Commissioner Contento noted that the Board of Commissioner's has accepted the grant money for the project, and directed Ms. Whitfield to the Municipal Authority.

Michael DeHaut of 1320 Blackhorse Hill Road stated that they were never notified when the Municipal Authority was discussing the Dogwood/Scott Sewer Improvement Project updates nor were they sent any updated mailings. Mr. DeHaut also voiced his concern with the grinder pumps.

Peter Giampietro of 505 Barley Sheaf Road requested a 50' extension correction of the ineffective pipe that was installed by the Township in 2004. Commissioner Contento again noted that the Township Solicitor has been asked for assistance with this item.

Ordinances and Resolutions for Consideration

N/A

Public Safety

Police Chief Elias – Chief Elias presented his July 2015 report. Mr. Reymos had several questions for Chief Elias.

Fire Chief Cordisco – Chief Cordisco presented his July 2015 report.

Land Development – Mr. Jeffrey McClintock PE, CFM-Township Engineer

2015 Intersection Review Project-F. Tavani Associates – Mr. Tavani reviewed his challenging intersection report with the Board. Mr. Tavani also suggested using a boom mower to trim back vegetation at various intersections in an effort to improve sight distance at some of the locations. Resident Bob Reymos had several questions and concerns regarding Mr. Tavani's presentation. A resident of the Barley Green Homes Association spoke about coming out of the complex and stopping at the stop sign and the difficulty in making a left turn, and requested anything the Board could do to make sure they can see as far back as possible and possibly putting up some kind of signage. Commissioner Contento noted this issue should continue between Mr. McClintock and Mr. Tavani. Commissioner Contento also noted the Board looks forward to seeing the whole report so they can see what plan of action they can take, and start to address some of these challenging intersections. Mr. McClintock noted that it is a good time to look at the costs, since its budget time, to see what can be done this year as well as possible budgeting for next year.

Report Chart Status – No items for Board action, tonight.

Sketch Plans - Mr. Jeffrey McClintock PE, CFM Township Engineer

Mr. McClintock presented three sketch plans that have been reviewed by the Planning Commission.

3521 Lincoln Highway Rudy Sketch 2015 – Jack Robinson, P.E., of JMR Engineering, presented an official sketch plan for a proposed sporting facility with the existing lot to the left as their accounting firm office. Mr. Robinson noted they are required to get Conditional Use in order to use this property as a recreational facility and there is also a condition the Commissioners can make to maintain two lots within less than two acres (1.9 acres). Commissioner Young noted his comment from the last two years regarding not enough parking. Mr. Robinson presented an agreement with the Church next door to utilize their parking as well as use their onsite parking. Mr. Robinson also stated they will submit a parking study with their submission. Commissioner Eshleman noted they will have to proceed with preliminary plans before the Board can say yes or no. Commissioner Young agreed. Commissioner Contento noted concern if the sporting facility did not work out regarding who could utilize a two story building with 30 parking spaces. Commissioner Tindaro noted concern with parking and stormwater. Resident Bob Reymos had several questions and concerns with the presented sketch plan. No action was taken on the sketch plan.

2131 Lincoln Highway Sketch 2015 – Jill Nagy, Esquire, representing Metropolitan Development Group introduced Denny Howell, P.E., of D.L. Howell and Associates, Inc., who presented a 15 acre property for a 192 unit apartment building on the north side of Route 30 in the rear of the former Royal Paper and Verizon location. Mr. Howell stated he is present tonight to get the Board's feedback on the proposed sketch plan. The Board had concern with the stormwater, school bus stop drop off area, and emergency service rescue. Residents Mrs. Bernard and Mr. Reymos had questions and comments on the presentation. Mr. McClintock asked what their time frame is. Mr. Murphy of Metro Development Group noted they are ready to proceed and start construction spring of 2017. No action was taken on the sketch plan.

4060 Edges Mill Road Sketch 2015 – On behalf of Vince and Jean Antini, Mr. John Jaros, Esquire, of Riley Riper Holland and Colagreco presented a 4.6 acre property located in the C2 district where they are proposing a 31,300 SF flex building. There will be a Conditional Use Application required if this project moves forward. Mr. Jaros noted the property is within the Caln Township flood hazard district as well as the carbonate district. Public water and sewer is also required for the property and prior to moving forward with the development of the property the client has to proceed to the Zoning Hearing Board and request a variance from the public water requirement because the cost to get public water is very high along Edges Mill Road. Commissioner Young noted he is meeting with someone on Monday that is interested in constructing a hotel in the area and will inquire

if they are interested in working together on the water issue. Commissioner Tindaro noted she is concerned that there may be historic homes in the area. Mr. Jaros also noted a dry system was investigated and it would work in this area. Resident Mrs. Callaghan had comments on historic homes in the area. Commissioner Contento noted there seems to be no major objections so far, and would like to see something in the design as a buffer between the building and the historic homes. Commissioner Young agreed. Resident Mr. Reymos had questions on the presentation. No action was taken on the sketch plan.

Engineering – Mr. Jeffrey McClintock PE CFM-Township Engineer

2015 Generator Procurement & Installation Project – Mr. McClintock noted earlier this afternoon sealed specifications were received and signed by the engineer and he will be finalizing specifications by the end of the week. He also noted the next step is to get a third party electrical inspector to review the plans and once they give their approval they can submit for their building permit.

Osborne Road FABP Status – Mr. McClintock noted the Notice to Proceed was issued on August 21, 2015 with a completion date of June 30. He also noted Osborne Road closing on September 8, 2015 for two to three weeks. Board consensus was for Mr. McClintock to send a notification to homes in the area via US Mail.

253 Municipal Drive Subdivision Project – For Board consideration, Mr. McClintock offered a price from Cedarville Engineering in the amount of \$11,975.00 for subdivision of the property at 253 Municipal Drive into two parcels with the right-of-way of G.O. Carlson Boulevard being officially subdivided out as well. He also noted the need to separate the park portion of the property from the rest of the parcel to resolve a note on the park covenants from the early 2000's. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to accept the proposal from Cedarville Engineering in the amount of \$11,975.00, to subdivide township property on both sides of G.O. Carlson. Moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 4-0.

3609 Lincoln Highway/TVFC Open Space Subdivision Project – For Board consideration, Mr. McClintock offered a price from Cedarville Engineering in the amount of \$9,300.00 for the subdivision of the property owned by the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company to subdivide off a portion of the property associated with a grant application the Township is pursuing. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion authorizing the expenditure of \$9,300.00 to Cedarville Engineering to perform the necessary subdivision work on the current Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company property. Moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 4-0.

Storm Drainage Maintenance Items Status – Previously discussed under Citizens by Request.

Humpton Road Culvert – Mr. McClintock noted Pennsylvania American Water's Contractor will be milling Lynn Boulevard, mill and do trench restoration on the upper part of Humpton Road, and then pave Lynn Boulevard out to Humpton Road prior to Humpton Road being final paved. In preparation of this work, Mr. McClintock noted that the inlet on the far eastern end of Humpton will need to be moved back off of the edge of the road. With that, Mr. McClintock offered, for Board consideration, a price in the amount of \$9,600.10 to Veterans Construction to perform this inlet relocation. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion authorizing the expenditure of \$9,600.10 to Veterans Construction for the movement of an inlet on Humpton Road, paid from the Bond Fund. Moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 4-0.

G.O. Carlson East – Mr. McClintock reviewed the project with the Board. Since the 2013 geotechnical study, some areas that were delineated in the report have further deteriorated and the limits of repair need to be enlarged to effectively resolve the issues associated. For Board consideration, Mr. McClintock offered a change order in the amount of \$47,700.00, which is 5% from the original cost of \$51,263.16 if they can do the work as part of the contract, for the additional base repair required, equaling 884 square yards. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion authorizing a change order in the amount of \$47,700.00, paid out of the Bond Fund, to Veterans Construction for the work on G.O. Carlson East. Moved by Commissioner Eshleman and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Resident Peter Callaghan had a question on the motion. Vote passed 4-0.

Finance Report – Ms. Wertz

Monthly Report – Ms. Wertz presented the July finance report, and gave a summary of work performed in July. Ms. Wertz also noted a meeting was held with Mr. Maulo and procedures were put in place to have the audit completed by May of next year.

Bill list – Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to approve check numbers 36472 to 36565 and bond checks 1078 to 1089, in the estimated amount at \$469,095.49. Moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 4-0.

Township Manager – Mr. Prowant

2016 Police Pension Plan MMO – Mr. Prowant offered the 2016 police MMO in the amount of \$546,388.00. to add to the 2016 budget, and consider at the end of the year. Commissioner Young made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tindaro, approving the police MMO in the amount of \$546,388.00. Resident Peter Callaghan had a question on the motion. Vote passed 4-0.

Non-Uniform Pension Plan MMO – Mr. Prowant offered the 2016 non-uniform pension plan MMO in the amount of \$210,357.00 Commissioner Contento entertained a motion authorizing the 2016 MMO for the non-uniform pension plan in the amount of \$210,357.00. Moved by Commissioner Eshleman and seconded by Commissioner Young. Vote passed 4-0.

Ordinance to eliminate Mechanical Device and Amusement taxes – Mr. Prowant offered an ordinance to eliminate Mechanical Device and Amusement Taxes, for advertisement. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to advertise an ordinance eliminating both the Mechanical Device and Amusement Taxes. Moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 4-0.

Mr. Prowant noted the township newsletter to go out, to the public, approximately October 1. Mr. Prowant also noted “Michael’s Run” starting at 8:30 AM on August 29.

July 9, 2015 Board Minutes – Commissioner Eshleman’s and Commissioner Contento had several corrections. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to approve the July 9, 2015 Board minutes, with said corrections. Moved by Commissioner Eshleman and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Commissioner Young abstained. Vote passed 3-0.

Additional Business

Mr. Contento called for any Additional Business. There was none.

Public Comments

Mrs. Bernard asked if the Board meeting dates could be put on the north side of the outside sign, as well as plant new flowers.

Adjournment – Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to adjourn the July 30, 2015 Board meeting at 10:57 PM. Moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Denise Miller,
Recording Secretary