

**CALN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2014**

The Caln Township Board of Commissioners held their business meeting, Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 253 Municipal Drive, Thorndale, PA 19372. President John Contento called the meeting to order at 7:34p.m.

Other Board Members Present:
Vice President, Cynthia Eshleman
Commissioner Lorraine Tindaro

Other Present:
Township Manager Greg Prowant
Assistant Township Manager Tony Scheivert
Finance Director Karen Wertz
Township Engineer Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM
Police Chief Joseph Elias
Fire Chief John Cordisco

All present saluted the flag

President Contento noted an executive session was held before the meeting to discuss legal and personal matters was discussed. President Contento also mentioned that on Monday February the 10th they held another executive session discussing legal and personal matters.

Citizens to be Heard

N/A

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2014-03: Police Personnel Matter

Mr.Prowant discussed a resolution providing for the amendment of the bargaining agreement with the Caln Township Police Association.

President Contento entertained a motion for the Caln Township Board of Commissioners to accept Resolution 2014-03 to accept the proposal to amend the collective bargaining agreement for the four year term effective January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2016. The staff and legal counsel were directed to prepare an amended agreement for execution by the Board of Commissioners and the Association in the near future.

The motion was moved by Lorraine Tindaro seconded by Cynthia Eshleman. Polled, all aye with the exception of Commissioners Young and Kruse who were not present.

Public Safety

Police Chief Joseph Elias

Mr. Elias gave his January report on the police department responded to 1,287 responses for services, 9 reported accidents, 27 non reported traffic accidents, 9 felony arrest, 12 misdemeanor, 7 juvenile arrest, 9 summary non traffic arrests, 103 traffic stops, 47 traffic citation, 21 pedestrian stops, and 5 parking violations. President Contento asked what a pedestrian stop was. Chief Elias noted it is when an officer encounters a suspicious person walking along Lincoln Highway and conducts a brief interview. Mr. Elias also addressed the Intermediate Unit incidents as well as commercial business crime alerts.

He noted he also had the honor of swearing in new fire police in January. The police department will be participating in a prescription drop off program on March 17, 2014. Mr. Elias wanted to thank Mr. McClintock for helping with the two incidents on Osborne Rd and Mr. Miller for his expertise and efforts with the recent storms.

Fire Chief John Cordisco

Mr. Cordisco stated there were 37 fire calls with a response time of 9 minutes and 9 seconds with an average of 8 responders per call and a total of 268 responders for the month of January. Had 47 members participate in 249 hrs and 30 minutes of training, also received a grant for \$500 from PA AQUA for hand tools.

Proposed New Fire Truck Bids

President Contento entertained a motion for the Caln Township Board of Commissioners to reject all bids for purchase of new fire trucks.

The motion was moved by Cynthia Eshleman seconded by Lorraine Tindaro. Polled, all aye with the exception of Commissioners Young and Kruse who were not present.

Emergency Coordinator Steve Miller

Mr. Miller discussed the recent conditions of the ice and snow storm. From February 4-12th the ice storm caused around \$80,000 of expenses which include: salary, damages, equipment, materials, and etc. He noted that 83% of the county was without power with some as long as 5 days. We had thirteen roads closed and damaged bridges. We are looking to seek assistance from FEMA and PEMA for funds. He noted that certain thresholds/levels have to be met to receive that funding.

Commissioner Eshleman wants to thank Steve Miller, Ray Stackhouse, and Mike Murphy on their services. She also recognized Mr. Prowant and Mr. Scheivert for their efforts. She also wanted to thank Mike Fragle and his crew, and Mr. McClintock for this expertise. Ms. Eshleman thanked Chief Elias for being available and his officers for checking on residents and the fire department.

Ms. Noel Bernard thanked everybody for coming together and doing a good job on the storms.

Commissioner Tindaro thanked everyone for helping during the storm.

Finance Report

Ms.Karen Wertz

Treasures Report

Ms.Wertz stated the Street lighting tax bills went out. The liquid fuels report was submitted to the state. She noted that staff work on the general audit is done and the municipal authority will be done next. The real estate reconciliation was completed and sent to the County and we have \$45,000 in outstanding liens which is about 150 accounts, and the real estate tax bills will be going out this week.

Bill List for checks 33562 through 33631

President Contento entertained a motion for the Caln Township Board of Commissioners to authorize payment for bill list checks #33562 - #33631.

The motion was moved by Cynthia Eshleman seconded by Lorraine Tindaro. Polled, all aye with the exception of Commissioners Young and Kruse who were not present.

Township Engineer

Mr. Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM

Capital Projects

PennDot Meeting Update

Mr. McClintock noted that due to the various storms, the meeting scheduled for early February was postponed until this past Tuesday. He noted that the meeting topics included the Humpton Road/Humpton Farms neighborhood drainage issue, the Bondsville Road/Humpton Road Intersection Improvements, the Bondsville Road/GO Carlson Boulevard intersection Improvements, and the pedestrian bridge over Valley Run along Bondsville Road, and the Osborne Road Bridge project. Mr. McClintock is awaiting a response from PennDOT prior to providing a meeting summary for the Board's review.

GO Carlson Boulevard East

Mr.McClintock discussed the professional land survey proposal included in the packet. This survey will aid in the development of a design plan for the repairs and drainage modifications to GO Carlson East. This is a follow up item to the January 30 Board Meeting.

President Contento entertained a motion for the Caln Township Board of Commissioners to approve a contract not to exceed \$5,200 for Howell Kline survey for G.O. Carlson East.

The motion was moved by Cynthia Eshleman seconded by Lorraine Tindaro. Polled, all aye with the exception of Commissioners Young and Kruse who were not present.

ARLE 2013 Grant Application

Mr. McClintock stated that he received notification from PennDot that our grant project to make improvements to the Bondsville/Lincoln intersection was not selected for funding during this round of grant funding. **Lane Development**

Kings Grant Development

Mr. McClintock discussed the Permit extension law and how it affects the Kings Grant Project. He noted that the Township has engaged a private contractor, Veterans Construction, to take over winter maintenance given Dewey's email of February 13, 2014 that noted their (Dewey's) contractor had maxed out their resources. The private contractor cleared the snow from the streets of the development, curb to curb, starting on February 17 and finishing on February 21 for a cost of \$19,025.40. This amount was invoiced to Dewey Homes (DHLP_King's Grant, LP). In conjunction of this invoice, the Township Solicitor issued a letter dated February 26, 2014 to DHLP-King's Grant, LP demanding reimbursement of this invoice, along with the overdue expenses related to the land development project in the amount of \$74,713.72, totaling \$93,739.12. This letter requires payment within 30 days; otherwise the Township will exercise remedies permitted by the Development Agreements.

Lloyd Avenue Sketch Plan

As a follow-up to the discussion at the last Board meeting, Mr. McClintock noted the applicant is looking for any direction the board may have pertaining to the ten unit proposal for the vacant property along Lloyd Avenue. Commissioner Eshleman is not interested in trying to change ordinance and Commissioner Tindaro has mixed feelings because they are twins, and they are packing them in. President Contento noted his position to forcefully create an HOA and force it to responsible is not favorable. Mr. Contento noted that the other Board members not in attendance may have other comments. Mr. McClintock indicated he will relay this information back to the Applicant.

Cash Shed Waiver

Mr. McClintock noted the CASD would like to put in some dugouts and they are asking for a waiver. Mr. McClintock suggested that, if the Board is willing to grant this waiver request, the Board may want to impose two conditions: (1) The installation shall comply with the Township's new Storm water Management Ordinance, Chapter 135, as applicable; and (2) the District shall prepare a concept/master plan for the athletic facilities prior to any further land development waiver requests being considered by the Township for the campus.

President Contento entertained a motion for the Caln Township Board of Commissioners to approve a waiver of Land Development as outlined by Mr. McClintock, including the two conditions.

The motion was moved by Cynthia Eshleman seconded by Lorraine Tindaro. Polled, all aye with the exception of Commissioners Young and Kruse who were not present.

Report Chart/ Deadline Chart Review

N/A

Engineering Items

Osborne Road Federal Aid Bridge Project Update

Mr. McClintock discussed the various agreements associated with the redesign of the bridge replacement project. He passed out a summary sheet of the various contracts and their associated amounts. He noted that the bridge is scheduled for replacement in 2015; however, in his meeting with PennDOT earlier this week, he asked PennDOT to consider moving up the schedule to 2014 if there are available monies.

Osborne Road Geotechnical Study Update

Advantage was onsite to do its geotechnical work earlier this week. Once the report is completed, he will discuss the result with the Board.

Osborne Road Bridge 020514 Incident

Mr. McClintock noted for the record that yet another tractor trailer truck damaged the Osborne Road Bridge. He noted that this driver did some damage to the bridge, which required the bridge to be closed until repairs and a certification could be performed. The bridge was repaired on February 12 and reopened to traffic on February 14. The driver of the truck was cited for his vehicle code violations.

Osborne Road Issues Update

Mr. McClintock had requested the assistance of the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) as it relates to some of the issues that were noted at a prior meeting by Mr. Garn Anderson. Mr. McClintock noted that he has been in contact with Mr. Anderson and advised him of the same. The meeting has been rescheduled for February 28.

Columbia Gas ESE Project Update

Mr. McClintock noted that Caln Township, West Bradford Township, East Brandywine Township, Uwchlan Township, and Upper Uwchlan Township all met with Columbia Gas on February 21 to discuss the East Side Expansion project. At that meeting, it was confirmed that Columbia did submit a revision to their FERC application showing a revised location of the proposed pipeline near SR 282. This revision was previously discussed as part of the proposed land development on the MGJAD property at Parkside and SR 282. Mr. McClintock indicated he will provide updates on the status of the project as they become available.

Community Services

Mr. Tony Scheivert

Police Building Roof Repairs

Mr.Scheivert noted we are still waiting on 4 out of 5 bids that are being reviewed by Dave Weightman.

Departmental Update

Mr.Scheivert discussed plowing snow and the ice storm. Mr.Scheivert noted there were no major accidents and we have safe workers. He also noted the chipping will be pushed back a week.

Team Rubicon a nonprofit organization made up of veterans in the medical field that go help out residents, was discussed and the Board wanted to see if we can send them a letter thanking them on helping our residents in our township.

Township Manager

Mr. Greg Prowant

Sidewalk Discussion

Mr.Prowant discussed every year our township crew constructs a new section of sidewalk and curbing along an existing roadway in the Township. A budget of \$15,000 has been set aside for sidewalk construction materials in the 2014 Budget. The Board came up with the agreement to start on Buchanan with a secondary project on N. Bailey if time and budget allows.

West Brandywine Act 537 Report

Mr.Prowant discussed an Act 537wastewater plan prepared by West Brandywine Township and a copy has been sent to Caln Township for comment.

A consensus to draft a letter of support was recommended by President Contento and so moved by Commissioner Tindaro. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kruse and carried unanimously.

Vision Grant Plan

Mr.Prowant discussed that staff will update the Board of Commissioners about the meeting with the staff of the Chester County Planning Commission about the 75% matching planning grant.

Minutes Approval

President Contento entertained a motion for Caln Township Board of Commissioners to approve the meeting minutes for December 19, 2013. Mr.Contento and Ms.Eshleman abstained for absence.

The motion was moved by Josh Young and seconded by Lorraine Tindaro. Polled, John Contento, abstain and Cynthia Eshleman, abstain, Jim Kruse, Joshua Young, and Lorraine Tindaro, all ayes.

Additional Business

Kings Grant residents wants to thank the township for coming out and cleaning the streets.

Boards and Commissions Updates – summary by applicable Board Liaison

COG

Commissioner Tindaro state it is 13 municipalities to work together to save money on streets, paving, and medical insurance. There will be a meet and` greet for township officials on March 21, 2014 held at Freedom Village from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Historical Commission

Commissioner Tindaro noted “back in the day” interview will be held on March 30, 2014 at 2pm at Township building. Video interviews will be held by five participants.

Fire Board

President Contento noted they had a reorganization meeting last week. Chief Cordisco was elected and there will be a look at the agreement with the Fire Company and township.

Zoning Hearing Board

Canceled

Planning Commission

Postponed

DAREA

President Contento noted it is a five member municipality that oversees the treatment plant in Downingtown PA. They are seeking an expansion of 7.5 million gallon facility by one million gallons.

Public Comments

Adjournment

President Content entertained a motion for the Clan Township Board of Commissioners to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was so moved by Josh Young and seconded by Lorraine Tinder. Polled, all aye with the exception of Commissioners Young and Kruse who were not present.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.