

Caln Township  
253 Municipal Drive  
Thorndale, PA 19372  
Board of Commissioner's Board Minutes  
July31, 2014 7:30 PM

**Call to order and pledge of allegiance.**

**Attendance** – John Contento; President, Cynthia Eshleman; Vice President, Jim Kruse; Commissioner, Lorraine Tindaro; Commissioner, Joshua Young; Commissioner, Greg Prowant; Township Manager, Tony Scheivert; Assistant Township Manager, Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM, Township Engineer; Finance Director; Karen Wertz, Solicitor; Michael Gill, and Denise Miller; Recording Secretary.

**Executive Session**

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

**Citizens to be heard**

Resident Mr. Robinson thanked the Chief of Police and the Board for putting in additional 15 MPH and Watch Children signs in his development.

**Ordinances and Resolutions for Consideration**

No ordinances or resolutions for consideration, at this time.

**Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Michael Gill**

Solicitor Michael Gill presented the Board with a final draft of a conditional use decision and order agreement, drafted by Solicitor Camp, for the Board's approval. Solicitor Gill also stated that his office discussed the proposed conditions with the Applicant's attorney and all seven conditions were found acceptable to the Applicant. President Contento entertained a motion to approve the Conditional Use application for New Cingular Wireless PCS to be placed at 21 Caln Road. This motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Kruse. President Contento and Commissioner Tindaro recused themselves from the vote. Vote passed 3-0.

**Public Safety – Chief Cordisco**

Chief Cordisco presented his June 2014 fire report, to the Board, and presented some of the high points. Chief Cordisco stated that the fire personnel physicals will be finalized in early October and the Hepatitis B vaccinations will be given by the Brandywine Wellness Foundation. Chief Cordisco also stated that, during training, a fire fighter had heat exhaustion and excitement and anxiety wearing an air pack, and is on light duty. Also, the fire house emergency generator is out of service because it was hit by lightning.

**Finance – Ms. Wertz**

Treasurers Report – Ms. Wertz stated that on the revenue side for the year to date the township is \$78,000.00 favorable, and conservative overall \$105,000.00 favorable for 2014. On the expense side they are 8% below expenses on a year to date basis and will come in at 99% of the budget, which is 85% favorable of the budget. Ms. Wertz also stated that they budgeted a loss of \$260,000.00 for the year and they will come in at a loss of \$68,000.00, and the 2014 ending cash balance will be 1.2 million dollars. All Board questions were answered, by Ms. Wertz, to the Board's satisfaction.

Bill List for checks #34362 to #34456 – President Contento entertained a motion to approve, for expenditure, check #34362 through check #34456. The motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Kruse. Vote passed 5-0.

**Land Development – Mr. McClintock-Township Engineer**

Kings Grant Update –Mr. McClintock stated that this is still in litigation, and there has been cross filing by the Developer and the Developer’s bank, from the complaint that the township previously filed.

Thomas J. and Mary Ann Cortese and Rosemary and Jordan Beacher – Mr. McClintock presented a revised draft of the Motion of Approval for the project that is slightly different than the version provided in the Board packet. He stated that language was added about parcel A to make it more descriptive language, along with a few other minor changes. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to approve the final subdivision application for the Cortese/Beacher subdivision. This motion was moved by Commissioner Eshleman and seconded by Commissioner Kruse. Vote passed 5-0.

Kia of Coatesville –Mr. McClintock stated that he and Mr. Sipala had a meeting with PennDot. PennDOT is suggesting that Mr. Sipala consider having one entrance and one exit as opposed to both driveways being full access. This would eliminate the need for the very wide 25 foot radii on each side of each entrance. Mr. Sipala is currently exploring that possibility with his designer.

Report Chart – Mr. McClintock stated that there are no items, at this time, that require Board action

**Engineering Items – Mr. McClintock-Township Engineer**

Osborne Road Bridge Inspection Consultants –Mr. McClintock stated that he will continue to work with Mr. Piersol and East Brandywine to review the eleven statements of interest. A meeting with East Brandywine is scheduled for early August in an effort to provide a recommendation to the Board by the last meeting in August.

East Fisherville Road Bridge – Mr. McClintock stated that he solicited proposals from McCormick Taylor, Traffic Planning and Design, McMahon Associates, and Larson Design. All proposals came in under \$2,050.00, however Mr. McClintock stated that would like to ask for the Board’s approval to engage one of the firms to a price not to exceed \$2,000.00, possibly split between East Brandywine. He wanted to verify the terms and conditions of each of the proposals with the Solicitor and Manager prior to selecting a particular firm. President Contento entertained a motion to authorize the expenditure not to exceed \$2,050.00 for the inspection of the East Fisherville Road Bridge. This motion was moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Kruse. Vote passed 5-0.

**Community Services Department Report –Mr. Scheivert**

Ingleside Golf Course Update –Mr. Scheivert, General Manager Chris Ward, and Golf Pro Jim Baer gave their individual reports regarding Ingleside Golf Course. Mr. Scheivert stated that the rounds have been lower because of the weather, and they are \$18,000.00 under the average. Mr. Ward stated that they are doing coupons, promotions, and selling food and beverages to attract new customers and keep current customers.

Road Resurfacing Bids – Mr. Scheivert stated that bids were opened today for paving Hazelwood, and G.O. Carlson Roads from North Bailey Road to Route 340. Single coat bids were from Martin paving for \$1.37 per yard, Dosch-King Inc. \$1.53, and Asphalt Industries for \$1.59 per yard. Single coat with a pretreated aggregate bids were from Dosch-King Inc. for \$1.71 per yard, Martin paving \$1.81 per yard, and Asphalt Industries for \$2.65 per yard. Mr. Scheivert recommended Martin Paving Inc. for the single coat at \$1.37 per yard. President Contento stated that he went to the Beaver Knoll sidewalk dedication where he learned that the contractor saved himself an enormous amount of money putting in milling that long side of sidewalk by contracting with a milling machine, and milled out the cavity of the sidewalk and got a clean straight consistent cut for the entire length. President Contento asked Mr. Scheivert if he could look into this ahead of

time if they are successful with the grant. Mr. Scheivert replied that a milling machine on our road and the milling machine beside a sidewalk is the same premise, and you will get the same exact cut as the contractor did through the grass as they will through the blacktop. Mr. Scheivert also replied that he will definitely look into it the next time they do a sidewalk. President Contento entertained a motion to contract with Martin Paving Inc. for a price of \$1.37 per yard for work to be done on Hazelwood and G.O. Carlson Roads. This motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 5-0.

Departmental Update – Mr. Scheivert presented his report on the township's road work progress. Mr. Scheivert also stated that he received an email from Chris Taylor, the United Way, stating that Caln Township has been selected as Chester County's 2013 Community Partners of the year. The award will be presented at a breakfast on August 20 and the next Color Run will be held on April 26 2015.

#### **Township Manager – Mr. Prowant**

Trash Cart Purchase –Mr. Prowant asked the Board for approval to order 4,020 65 gallon trash carts and 1,008 35 gallon trash carts, The 35 gallon trash carts can be requested, if desired by a resident, and two water tight trash bags/containers that equal no more than 65 gallons, can also be used. The township will stay with the 130 gallon contract limitation of trash for pickup. These carts will be delivered in September or October. Mr. Prowant also stated that the total cost is \$267,301.20 which will fit into the budget of the PaDEP grant money along with the \$91,000.00 in the current budget and a loan, without taking dollars out of the fund balance. Resident Mr. Kramer had several questions on the trash cart purchase discussion. Commissioner Kruse moved to purchase 4,020 65 gallon carts and 1,008 35 gallon carts with shipping, delivery, and assembly included in a contract from Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems for \$267,301.20. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Young. Resident Bob Ramos agreed with moving forward on the purchase of the trash/recycling carts. Commissioner Eshleman voted nay. Commissioners Kruse, Young, Contento, and Tindaro voted yea. Vote passed 4-1.

Yard Waste Discussion –Mr. Prowant stated that the unsupervised yard waste drop off service has been abused with other material than yard waste being dropped off, and non-residents dumping. Currently the township is having a supervised drop off from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday through Friday. Mr. Prowant presented the Board with three options to use moving forward. 1-Supervised Saturdays or week nights. 2-Use cameras for tracking drop off, after hours. 3-Curb side pickup and eliminated the drop off option. Mr. Prowant also directed the Board to the proposal, in their packet, from Eagle Disposal for yard waste collection. Mr. Contento asked if the township would get recycling credit for Eagle Disposal collection. Mr. Prowant replied "yes." Resident Bob Ramos stated that he favors curb side pickup with the contractor. Commissioner Kruse made a motion to contract with Eagle Disposal of PA, Inc. for \$19,000.00 for bi-weekly collection of yard waste material at no additional cost, to the trash fee, to the township citizens. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Eshleman voted nay. Commissioners Kruse, Young, Contento, and Tindaro voted yea. Vote passed 4-1.

Vision Partnership Grant – Mr. Prowant informed the Board that The Chester County Planning Commission has opportunities for a 75% planning related grant, due September 10, 2014. Mr. Prowant suggested updating the 2003 Comprehensive Plan ("Comp Plan") as a short action oriented plan which identifies the townships current assumptions and objectives for the future, efforts and proposed plans for Thorndale as the township's town center, complete a new section on proposed transportation improvements throughout the township, prepare a list of action items for implementation of recommendations by the township, a section that updates some of the prior plan's sections with new data, and a section reflecting recommendations from past activities studies and plan. Commissioner Kruse and Commissioner Young are concerned with who will utilize this Plan. Mr. Prowant replied that you need the "Comp Plan" to apply for grants. Mr. Prowant also presented the Board with three consultant "Comp Plan" proposals. Urban Research & Development Corporation, Rettew, and Glackin Thomas Panzak Land Planning/Landscape Architecture. After Board discussion the Board would like the Township Planning Commission to hold a meeting with the Board of Commissioners

present to give their input and recommendations. The Board would also like Mr. Prowant to schedule the three consultants to give a presentation to the Board and find out how the Board can make it "our" plan. Resident Bob Ramos had concerns and several questions on the Vision Partnership Grant. Commissioner Eshleman made a motion to move forward with filing a grant for the "Comp Plan." The motion was seconded by President Contento. Commissioner Kruse and Commissioner Young voted nay. Commissioners Contento, Eshleman, and Tindaro voted yea. Vote passed 3-2. Commissioner Kruse stated that after hearing the consultant presentations that he may change his mind. Mr. Prowant stated that the Township Planning Commission is the care keepers of the plans. Mr. McClintock recommended using the consultant to write the grant.

Stormwater Discussion –Mr. Prowant presented the Board with a slide show regarding a stormwater management advisory committee, committee tasks, outreach activities, and program goals. Resident Bob Ramos had questions on stormwater fees. Commissioner Eshleman and President Contento replied that fees have not been discussed, at this time. Mr. McClintock stated that Solicitor Camp and Cory Rathman, Township's Stormwater Consultant, have offered to explain stormwater and a fee structure, if it gets to that stage. The Board tabled further discussion until Solicitor Camp or Mr. Rathman can attend a future meeting..

**June 12, 2014 Board minutes** – President Contento entertained a motion to accept the June 12, 2014 minutes as submitted. This motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 5-0.

**Boards and Commissions Updates--Summary by applicable Board Liaison:**

Park and Recreation –Mr. Scheivert stated that there will be a movie on August 15, and Community Day on September 13.

Green Task Force –Commissioner Young stated that Kmart is donating sixty fruit trees that they were going to dispose of. These trees will be planted at the Farm House.

COG –Commissioner Young stated that there was not a quorum at the last meeting, and the August meeting has been cancelled.

Municipal Authority – Commissioner Kruse stated that Matthew Plagen is resigning so there will be a vacant position available. Also their 537 plan has been submitted to DARA.

Lincoln Highway Committee –Commissioner Kruse stated that they did not meet in July but will have their meeting in August.

Historical Commission –Commissioner Tindaro stated that the Historical Society picnic was a big success; they also elected their new officers. The Historical Commission annual picnic will be on August 20, information to follow. The Octagon School house will be opened from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Fire Board –President Contento stated that a July meeting was not held.

DARA –President Contento stated that DARA is planning a major electrical overhaul of transformers and new generators. DARA is also progressing with consolidating the Act 537 Plan with the five member municipalities in preparation with for a consolidated submission to the Department of Environmental Protection. There may be backtracking based on initial submissions to review a more common and consistent methodology of projecting flow needs.

Zoning Hearing Board – Commissioner Contento stated that he did not attend the July meeting.

Planning Commission –Commissioner Contento stated that the July meeting was cancelled.

Commissioner Eshleman stated that the first “National Night Out” will be on August 5, 2014.

Mr. Prowant stated that Sunday was the Poker Run, for Jeff Nash, which had a good turnout. Resident Bob Ramos asked how Mr. Nash is doing. Commissioner Eshleman replied that he is still going through cancer treatments. Commissioner Eshleman also acknowledges Laurie Daniels for working on the Poker Run and National Night Out.

**Public Comments:**

No publiccomments.

**Adjournment:**PresidentContento entertained a motion to adjourn the July31, 2014 Board meeting. The motion wasmoved by CommissionerYoung and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 5-0.

Submitted by,

Denise Miller  
Recording Secretary