

Caln Township
253 Municipal Drive
Thorndale, PA 19372
March 26, 2015 7:30 PM

Call to order and pledge of allegiance.

Attendance – John Contento; President, Cynthia Eshleman; Vice Chairman, Jim Kruse; Commissioner, Lorraine Tindaro; Commissioner, Joshua Young; Commissioner, Greg Prowant; Township Manager, Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM; Township Engineer, Kristin Camp; Township Solicitor, and Denise Miller Recording Secretary.

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

Mr. Deets asked the Board for consideration in sending fines out "certified" or "return receipt requested" because a fine was sent to his address that he never received, for a property that he does not own. Mr. Prowant replied that the township is only required to send first class mail. Commissioner Contento noted Mr. Deets request will be considered. Commissioner Contento also asked Mr. Prowant to follow up on Mr. Deet's fine.

Ordinances and Resolutions for Consideration

Ordinance 2015-01-Chester County Regional Emergency Response Team ("CCRERT") – Mrs. Camp presented the Board with an ordinance to participate in the "CCRERT" that was approved for advertisement at the March 12 meeting. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-01 authorizing the Township and various municipalities located in Chester County enter into a Municipal Aide Agreement, pursuant to which Caln Township police will participate in the Chester County Regional Emergency Response Team. Moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2015-02 – Mrs. Camp noted a hearing previously at 7:00 PM tonight to consider a proposed amendment to the Caln Township Zoning Ordinance which is codified in Chapter 155 of the code, specifically § 155-46.D. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion modifying the Zoning Ordinance of 2005 to add a sub paragraph in § 155-46.D. convenience store or mini market subject to the provisions of § 155-69 of the code and § 155-69.A. be revised convenience stores or mini markets as defined under Article two of this chapter are permitted by Conditional Use within the TV-1 and C-1 Zoning Districts and the Route 30 Bypass Interchange Overlay District and § 155-69.C. (2) to be revised maximum number of fuel positions shall be limited to eight pumps and sixteen fueling stations. Moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Commissioner Contento called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Kruse, Commissioner Contento and Commissioner Tindaro voted yea. Commissioner Young and Commissioner Eshleman voted nae. Vote passed 3-2.

Educational Uses – Mrs. Camp noted there was discussion for the Board to authorize the Solicitor to propose a zoning amendment which would change the use regulations in the R2 Zoning District. Currently the R2 Zoning District does allow educational uses by conditional use and the discussion was that the Board was interested in having an amendment prepared and reviewed by the County Planning Commission and the Township Planning Commission, to delete educational uses as a conditional use within the R2 District. Three sections of the ordinance would have to be revised. § 155-22C.(5); use regulations for the R2 zone, § 155-91.A. educational use provisions that specifically calls out that it's allowed in the R2 District, and Matrix 2 Chart; establishes your area of all educational uses. Commissioner Young made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an amendment to § 155-22C. (5) and § 155-91.A. and Matrix Chart 2 to eliminate an educational use as a conditional use in the R2 District. Seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 5-0.

Commissioner Young made a motion to hold a hearing on the Zoning Test Amendment on April 30, 2015 at 7:00 PM, regarding the proposed amendment to the R2 District related to educational use. Seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 5-0.

Kings Grant Status – Mrs. Camp noted the township has entered a new agreement with the new owner of Kings Grant which is Rouse/Chamberlin (“Rouse”). “Rouse” has also posted a security to complete the improvements.

Finance Report-Ms. Smith

Monthly Report – Mrs. Wertz presented the 2014 update and monthly report.

Bill List – Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to approve, for expenditure, check number 35602 to 35695 and Bond Fund check 1036 totaling \$307,935.56. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Kruse. After Board questions answered, Vote passed 5-0.

Public Safety

Police Chief Elias – Chief Elias presented his February report, and noted a few highlights.

- Carver Court has new lighting, due to Mr. McClintock’s efforts with PECO.
- Officer Culbertson has saved a 31 year old female, using Narcon inter nasal spray.
- Criminal Investigator Shaw saved a 94 year old woman from a home fire.

Commissioner Eshleman noted a meeting at the township building on April 30 for seniors 65 and older on how to protect themselves from fraud. Chief Elias noted if you are a victim of fraud, you should contact your local police department.

Commissioner Eshleman also noted she received a call from a Chester County attorney thanking the police department for their restraint in dealing with a mentally ill patient.

Commissioner Young asked the Chief if the police still have a program where they call seniors for welfare checks. Chief Elias replied they currently have nine seniors on the list who they call by 10:00 PM, if they do not receive a call from them.

Deputy Chief Donnachie – Deputy Chief Donnachie presented his February report, and noted a few highlights.

- Township truck fire at the golf course.
- Fire Department urges the township to secure the Farm House, due to recent break in.
- Three building fires in less than two weeks.
- \$34,000 budget Thorndale Fire Company deficit.
- Fund raising committee has been established.

Commissioner Contento noted the grant to buy four acres of wetland on the parcel next to the fire department’s main parcel. Mr. Prowant noted the county grant will pay half the cost, \$17,500, and a grant has been submitted for Peco’s open space grant program o pay 25% of the cost. When the project is funded with the grants, the township will have a \$35,000 acquisition fund to acquire the floodplain/woodland, and not include the parking lot area. Commissioner Young recommended not using the money to fill the budget deficit because it won’t solve the problem.

Commissioner Young, Commissioner Eshleman, and Commissioner Tindaro volunteered to help with any fund raising events. Commissioner Young’s help is contingent with the club room having no smoking, being easier to join, and accepting credit cards.

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

Report Chart Discussion – Mr. McClintock noted there is no Board action necessary, at this time.

Engineering – Mr. Jeffrey McClintock PE CFM-Township Engineer

2015 Caln Township Traffic Signal Improvements Project Status – Mr. McClintock noted this project is a combination of two projects. CTCP 2015-07 Bondsville/GO Carlson Intersection Improvements Project and CTCP 2015-11 ARLE 2011-CCTV Procurement/Installation Project. Mr. McClintock also noted four bid packages have been picked up by perspective bidders thus far, and a pre bid meeting was held on March 23. The bid opening is scheduled for March 31. Commissioner Contento asked if Downingtown is sharing the project costs. Mr. McClintock replied the ARLE project is full grant money and the Bondsville/GO Carlson Project is Bond issue items for 2013.

Capital Project Accounting Status – Mr. McClintock handed the Board his Capital Project Accounting Status for review. Included is the General Fund, Capital Fund, 2013 Bond Fund, Wastewater, and Liquid Fuels Fund. Mr. McClintock noted the 2013 Bond Fund items: GO Carlson Boulevard East Pavement more than the reported 105,000, Fisherville \$102,000, Humpton \$300,000, GO Carlson/Bondsville Intersection \$75,000, Bondsville Road Pedestrian Bridge \$210,000, and the ARLE Incident Management \$51,423. Commissioner Contento noted he would like to see all the projects and then they can talk about the importance and priority of the dollars. Mr. McClintock replied that he will present that to the Board in May.

Township Manager – Mr. Prowant

Act 537 Plan Update-January 2015 Draft – Mr. Prowant noted at the Monday Municipal Authority meeting, he was asked to convey, to the Board of Commissioners, their proposed update to their Act 537 Sewer Plan, and get BOC approval to convey to DARA for all inclusion with the package with the other municipalities to be put together and sent to the EP for their direction and decision. Commissioner Contento asked Mr. Prowant the cost of the consulting engineer to put this package together. Mr. Prowant replied that he will find out the cost. Commissioner Contento noted the consulting engineer has been working on this plan for at least a year, and because of changes and decisions that needed to be made. Currently Caln Township is holding up DARA's efforts to consolidate the Act 537 plans and forward for review and approval that leads to the permit to build the expansion. Commissioner Contento also encouraged the Board to pass the plan. Mr. Prowant noted Scot Gill's efforts on the Act 537 Plan. Commissioner Contento made a motion that this Board approve the Act 537 Plan as submitted and submit it to the Downingtown Area Regional Authority. Seconded by Commissioner Young. Vote passed 5-0.

Lloyd Park Maintenance – Mr. Prowant noted conversations with Commissioner Kruse regarding the muddy areas in Lloyd Park, specifically along the creek where dogs are going into the creek and climbing out of the water. Commissioner Eshleman would like to fence off the area. Commissioner Kruse would like to reseed, re-grade and fix the creek. Mr. McClintock noted a permit from PADEP will be needed. Commissioner Contento asked if the township has enough time to get a permit to coincidentally work with the Gas Company when they come through. Mr. McClintock noted the Gas Company coming in between May to August. Mr. McClintock also noted that he and Mr. Rathman can pull the permit together, and also ask the DEP to review the area and see what they would like done. The Board would like Mr. McClintock to secure the needed permit.

Boards and Commissioner Update-Summary by applicable Board Liaison

Park and Recreation – Commissioner Young noted April 4 Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 PM, April 18 Caln Pride Day at 8:00 AM. Mr. Young also noted they will finalize their movies, concerts, and First Friday's programs, at their April meeting.

Green Task Force – Commissioner Young noted no meeting held in March.

COG – Commissioner Young noted they changed the bylaws to let the executive committee spend up to \$250 without approval of the group, May 13 NIMS training for IS700 and IS100 at 6:30 PM at the South Coatesville Training Facility, and West Sadsbury longtime Supervisor Frank Haas passed away.

Municipal Authority – Commissioner Kruse noted they approved the Act 537 Plan, discussions on the layout of sewers on Dogwood Lane/Blackhorse Hill Area, Dwell Development, DARA Sixth Amendment, and Assessment Agreement.

Fire Board – Commissioner Contento noted no meeting was held in March, and the next meeting will be April 14.

Planning Commission – Commissioner Contento noted an organizational meeting was held for the Comprehensive Plan.

Historical Commission – Commissioner Tindaro noted the past events held. Commissioner Tindaro also noted they are selling calendars, available at the Quick Stop Pharmacy, April 19 presentation, at the township building, on the underground railroad at 2:00 PM, and Historical Society flea market May 9 from 9:00 AM–2:00 PM.

Zoning Hearing Board – Commissioner Contento noted no meeting was held in March, due to the weather.

DARA – Commissioner Young noted they approved a 25 million dollar contract for electrical upgrades and some fiber optic cable and discussions on the Sixth Amendment and Act 537.

Additional Business

Mr. Prowant noted April 11 as the Annual Shredding and E-Recycling Event in the Kmart Parking lot from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Commissioner Eshleman would like the township to find out who takes CRT TV's. Commissioner Contento suggested having a dumpster for CRT TV's, at the next Community Day Event.

Mr. Prowant also noted the yard waste program starting on April 3 – December 11.

Public Comments

Resident Noel Bernard informed the Board that there are many huge pot holes on Reeceville Road and Route 340. Mr. McClintock noted he will inform the state right away. Mr. Prowant noted in the newsletter coming out there will be a phone number to call for state roads regarding pot holes as well as a township phone number.

Adjournment

Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to adjourn the March 26, 2015 meeting at 9:15 PM. Moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Young. Vote passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Denise Miller
Recording Secretary