

Caln Township  
253 Municipal Drive  
Thorndale, PA 19372  
Board of Commissioner's Work Session Minutes  
July 10, 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, Greg Prowant; Township Manager, Tony Scheivert; Assistant Township Manager, Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM; Township Engineer, Kristin Camp; Township Solicitor, and Denise Miller; Recording Secretary. Commissioner Joshua Young was absent.

**Executive Session:**

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

**Citizens to be heard:**

Nicole Bernard asked the Board if there is a plan in place regarding township generators. President Contento replied that there is not a plan, in place, at this time. Commissioner Eshleman stated that she is working with a committee to look at studies on how to proceed, and will have a public presentation when they have a plan. Ms. Bernard asked Solicitor Camp the cost if the township would be sued. Solicitor Camp replied that she cannot answer without knowing the exact legal matter.

Mr. Prowant stated that the highest price could be as high as \$150,000.00 for three buildings. Mr. Prowant also stated that there is no money in the 2014 budget for a generator.

**Solicitor Report – Kristin Camp**

Solicitor Camp presented the Board with an agreement between Caln Township and the Borough of Downingtown for Caln police officers to use their firing range. After the Board reviewed the agreement, President Contento took a vote on the approval of the agreement with the Borough of Downingtown, for the use of their firing range. This motion was moved by Commissioner Eshleman and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 4-0.

Solicitor Camp informed the Board that a decision could not be made at the New Cingular Wireless Conditional Use Hearing, because two Board Members had to reclude themselves, and Commissioner Young was absent. Therefore it will be deferred until the July 31 meeting.

Kings Grant Litigation – Solicitor Camp informed the Board that Bank of America filed a complaint and Dewey Homes has filed preliminary objections to this complaint. They are claiming, to the court, that our complaint failed to state a cause of action upon which we would be entitled to relief.

**Ordinance and Resolutions for Consideration:**

President Contento entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-11 to officially withdraw the Act 537 planning module, approved by this Board February 24, 2005, for the Penncroft Subdivision. Solicitor Camp also stated that this resolution needs to be approved in order for the Faddis Subdivision to be approved.

This motion was moved by Commissioner Eshleman and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 4-0.

**Thorndale Fire Department Truck Committee:**

Purchase of Fire Vehicle – Deputy Chief Danny Donnaachie, presented the Board with a proposal to purchase a new fire engine, to be delivered in 325 to 365 days. He discussed comments received by the fire consultant and explained which items were addressed and which were not necessary. President Contento entertained a motion to approve the expenditure of \$495,560.00 for the purchase of a new fire engine for the volunteer fire department, as provided in the specifications. The motion was moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 4-0.

**Code Enforcement: Mr. Reczek**

Mr. Reczek updated the Board on receiving three estimates for the demolition of 618 West Bondsville Road. Commissioner Eshleman stated that she has to reclus herself, because one of the bids is from a client of hers. Solicitor Camp stated that Commissioner Eshleman can vote on whether the Board should advertise and move forward. The Board directed Mr. Reczek to have the bidders check for asbestos before any work is done, because there may be additional charges that are not in any of the bids. The Board also directed Mr. Reczek to get clarification on the exclusions in the bids. This issue was tabled until clearer contracts are presented for review.

Mr. Reczek informed the Board that the Bondsville Road apartment's special exception hearing is scheduled for July 17.

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

MOA for the Faddis Minor Subdivision 2013 Project – President Contento entertained a motion to approve the Edge Faddis Minor Subdivision 2013 Project. The motion was moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 4-0.

KIA of Coatesville Update – Mr. McClintock reported that Mr. Sipala is working with PennDot to see if he can do a one way in and one way out on each of his driveway cuts.

Report Chart – No items were in need of action this evening.

**Capital Projects Grant Application - Mr. McClintock-Township Engineer:**

Multimodal Funding-PennDot – Mr. McClintock reported that the application has been submitted. The total project cost is \$1.703 million dollars, grant amount \$1.192 million dollars, and the bond fund expenditure for township money was \$511,000.00. (30% match.)

ARLE 2014-Incident Management – Mr. McClintock reported that the application has been completed. The total project cost is \$341,507.27, grant amount \$290,083.82, and the township match \$51,423.45. (15%)

ARLE 2014-Adaptive Traffic – Mr. McClintock presented the dollar amounts for the Adaptive Traffic. The total project cost was \$600,000.00, grant amount \$570,000.00, and the township match of \$30,000.00. (5% match)

Growing Greener Grant Application – After discussions with PADEP, Mr. McClintock decided to discontinue pursuit of the Growing Greener Grant due to some of the criteria for the program not being met with our proposed stormwater project.

The Flood Mitigation/Watershed Protection grant application – Mr. McClintock stated that the township is not in a position to move forward with these applications, because they do not have enough information, at this time. Mr. McClintock also stated that a study was done in 2005/2006 called Beaver Creek Assessment and Valley Run Assessment that identified six areas that need some stream bank restoration and stream reconfiguration. These are grants to look at for the future.

Mr. McClintock suggested the Board schedule time at an upcoming meeting to discuss a plan for seeking grant monies since most of the opportunities either require a substantial contribution amount and/or engineered plans in progress for more favorable consideration. Also, Mr. McClintock asked the Board to keep all projects on the agenda, until action is taken. The Board agreed.

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

Osborne Road Bridge Inspection Consultant – Mr. McClintock informed the Board that he received bids from eleven firms, and will present the top three at one of the meetings in August.

Osborne Road Bridge Right of Way Status – The Township issued a settlement agreement, on July 3, for the Right a Way to the Andersons along with the \$3,306.00, the amount representing payment in full for the settlement agreement.

Humpton Road Reconstruction Project; Mr. McClintock provided an update on the project.

Traffic Signal Modifications: Mr. McClintock noted that both the GO Carlson/Bondsville intersection and the Lincoln/Bondsville Intersection request letters have been sent to PennDOT as directed at the last meeting. He is awaiting revised permits for both intersections.

Fisherville Road Slope Repairs: Commissioner Kruse asked about the status of the slope repairs. Mr. McClintock noted that he was not successful in working out the right to enter agreement with the property owner and has asked the Township Solicitor for assistance. Ms. Camp is currently working with the property owner's attorney in an effort to secure the necessary agreement.

East Fisherville Road Bridge: Commissioner Kruse asked about the status of the annual inspection of this bridge. Mr. McClintock noted that he will be soliciting proposals from various engineering firms to perform this work.

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

Mr. Scheivert stated that Mr. Fowler and his crew will be pouring concrete next Tuesday and Thursday which will complete the sidewalk project on Buchanan Drive. A handicap ramp will also be put across the street. After Board discussion The Board agreed to open the drop off service from Monday to Thursday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and the chain put up after those hours.

**Township Manager – Mr. Prowant:**

HUD Block Grant Income Survey – Mr. Prowant stated that HUD now has a new income survey that needs to be filled out in order to be eligible for grants, and if the Board wants to be considered for the Moore Road sewer grant, the survey is due by July 25. There should be a 100% return, on the income surveys, with 51% being low to moderate income.

HUD Block Grant Application – Mr. Prowant stated that the Board may also apply for a grant project in the new eligible area of the township. A possible project could be Wedgewood sidewalks and street lights starting at Colonial Hyundai and stopping at the Chiropractor Office. The Board agreed to move forward with this grant. Mr. Prowant stated that he will have to advertise a public hearing on July 24. The Board agreed to have a meeting on July 24 at 6:00 PM. Mr. McClintock stated that the Board may have to get Right of Way to do this work.

Vision Partnership Grants Notice – Mr. Prowant stated that this is the second round of the grant money for planning grants which could be for the update of the Comprehensive Plan. The Board would need to act on this by the end of August because the grant application is due September 10. Mr. Prowant also stated that he and Mr. McClintock have met with three consultants regarding the Comprehensive Plan updates. President Contento asked Mr. Prowant to send the Board the information from those meetings.

Trash Cart Discussion – Mr. Prowant reviewed with the Board a new proposal for the purchase of trash carts. After Board discussion, the consensus of the Board was to use one 65 gallon and two trash bags or one 35 gallon and two trash bags, both with no stickers sold. The consensus of the Board is also to promote more recycling and less trash. Commissioner Eshleman would like to see the contract ran through with 128 gallons picked up every week. Commissioner Kruse asked Mr. Prowant to get updated prices for the carts, for presentation at the next meeting.

Bill List –Checks #34287 to #34361 and Bond #1020 – After a few Board bill questions satisfactorily answered, President Contento entertained a motion to approve check #34287 to check #34361, and Bond #1020 totaling \$190,123.57. The motion was moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 4-0.

Minutes of May 29, 2014 – President Contento entertained a motion to approve the May 29, 2014 minutes, as presented. The motion was moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 4-0.

Additional Business – President Contento asked the Board if they would like to authorize the staff to gather information on a stormwater advisory board for the Board’s consideration. The consensus of the Board was to move forward. This vote was not unanimous.

Commissioner Eshleman asked Mr. McClintock the status of the Amtrak trailer. Mr. McClintock replied that he will follow up on his previous email.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments.

**Adjournment:** President Contento entertained a motion to adjourn the July 10, 2014 Board Work Session meeting, at 10:00 PM. The motion was moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 4-0.

Submitted by,

Denise Miller  
Recording Secretary