

CALN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Business Meeting
September 26, 2013

The Caln Township Board of Commissioners held its Business Meeting on September 26, 2013, at 253 Municipal Drive, Thorndale, PA 19372. President Vincent Rose called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Other Board members present
Vice President Charles Kramer
Commissioner James Kruse
Commissioner Lorraine Tindaro
Commissioner Joshua Young

Others present
Township Manager Greg Prowant
Assistant Township Manager Tony Scheivert
Township Engineer Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM
Township Solicitor Kristin Camp, Esquire
Police Chief Elias
Fire Chief Cordisco

All present saluted the Flag.

Citizens to be heard

Andy Rumford – Kacie’s Cause – Mr. Rumford made a presentation about the foundation he created to educate people about the effects of heroin addiction. Mr. Rumford’s daughter Kacie died of a heroin overdose in March of this year. His group is sponsoring workshops on how to deal with heroin addictions and the warning signs.

Donna Capriotti on behalf of the Downingtown Library thanked the Board for their support.

Matt Lapp on behalf of the Coatesville Library thanked the Board for its support and mentioned that 2014 is the Library’s 40th year.

Pastor Ricky Wilson was in attendance to asked Township for help in getting grant to run water to Christian Faith Fellowship Property on Route 340. Mr. Prowant explained to Mr. Wilson that he spoke to Representative Pitts’ office and will have more information in January of 2014.

Resolution 2013-05 – proceeding were recorded by Court reporter.

Board entered a formal hearing process. Mrs. Camp stated the El Sequero, Inc would like to transfer liquor license into Caln Township from N. Coventry Township.

President Rose asked for a motion to allow Liquor License to be transferred from N. Coventry Township to Caln Township to El Squero, Inc.

The motion was moved by Jim Kruse and seconded by Charles Kramer. Vote All Ayes.

Mrs. Dowlin asked why process moved so quickly. Mrs. Camp stated that Township needed to proceed at this time because of state regulations.

Ordinance 2013-07 Lincoln Highway Zoning Amendment -

Solicitor Camp reviewed proposed changes: All properties along Lincoln Highway were posted before tonight's meeting. Amendment is being recommended by the Western Lincoln Highway Task Force to encourage redevelopment of area. A good portion of the properties located along the Highway have constraints that make it very difficult to develop and this ordinance's purpose is to assist with making this easier. Ordinance builds in flexibility and allows greater options for Township and Developer.

The Chester County Planning Commission and the Caln Township Planning Commission have both reviewed ordinance and have no changes to ordinance. The CTPC recommend adoption of ordinance.

John McMahon from McMahon Associates asked if proposed changes would affect his apartment project along Lincoln Highway. He has a new developer that is interested. Mrs. Camp recommended bringing forward a plan and Township could evaluate plan and see if a text amendment would be needed.

Mark Milanese of Milanese Remodeling asked about ordinance and how it will be enforced. Family has owned business in Caln since 1957. Mr. Milanese was looking for a copy of actual ordinance. Asked about flexibility and who would enforce that portion of ordinance. Mrs. Camp pointed out section 22 of ordinance and the concept of no setbacks. It also relaxes some other requirements in parking and other issues. Mr. Young mentioned that the ordinance lessens the number of hurdles for developers. Mr. Young noted that any other businesses are welcomed to attend Lincoln Highway Committee meeting on second Monday of month.

A business owner asked about her property and stated that she had tried to open business previously and was given a long list of things she needed to do before it could happen. She had to open her business in Downingtown but would like to move to Caln and hopes this will make it easier. Mr. Kruse recommended calling Mr. Reczek or Mr. Prowant to start discussions about her property.

Public Safety Reports

Fire Chief Cordisco

There were 44 calls for service in August. Average response time of 9 minutes and 16 seconds. Department is working on doing better with response time. There were 31 QRS call in August with 15 no responses. 57 members received 152 hours of training in August part of this number was Drug Lab Testing that offered at the new training center in South Coatesville. Car fire in Lloyd Park damaged 3 vehicles.

Department participated in Community Day and received a \$1581.00 check from Thorndale Dental from the Dunk Tank. Chief Cordisco thanked President Rose and Vice President Kramer for getting in the tank. They are looking into using funds to purchase class B uniforms. The annual Car Show was also held in September and raised over \$1000.00.

Fire prevention open house October 9th at 6:30PM.

Traffic unit is getting ready for service. Getting radios installed and should be ready sometime in October.

Committee meeting and work with consultant on specification for new engine. Looking forward to have truck specifications and probable costs completed in November with bidding possibility done in December. It takes 14 to 18 months for delivery of an engine. Mr. Young asked when we should be budgeting for this, 2015? Chief Cordisco said that this depends on how Township would like to pay for vehicle.

President Rose mentioned that he joined Chief Cordisco and other representatives at Luncheon at Thorndale Dental for presentation of check from Community Day. It was a great event and we should do more of this with businesses.

Chief Elias

In August the police department responded to 1,294 calls for service and 8 reportable accidents further break down is available in police report.

Chief noted that during the heavy rains on August 13th Officer Laura Ashe waded into chest deep flood water to assist an individual who was stuck under one of our underpasses.

Department's Facebook page now has 500 followers. Sgt. Cusick maintains the page and has done a great job. Page has become model for other departments in area.

Department assumed primary security responsibilities at the school board meeting on Tuesday, September 24th with assistance from school district police and Coatesville Police Department. There were no significant incidents or arrests. Vice President Kramer commended department for their planning and presence.

Chief highlighted efforts at Community Day and the positive feedback that has been received. He also mentioned that Mr. Scheivert and he had started discussions about National Night Out for 2014. Townwatch fingerprinted 98 kids at Community Day.

Chief highlighted a burglary at Exxon. There was a significant amount of money stolen. Detective Lippolis did an outstanding job and build the case from nothing to make an arrest. The group was from out of Washington, DC and Det. Lippolis tracked them now.

Chief and Mr. McClintock are working on Computer crime mapping with County.

Mr. Young commented on how nice it was having the Police at Community Day. The activities were great and he personally thanked the Chief for what they did. Chief gave a lot of credit to Lori Daniels for her efforts before the event. Armored vehicle was a big hit. President Rose added that the activity since Chief Elias has been here has been great and the positive environment has been great. Chief thanked President Rose for the support and thank the Department for their support and dedication.

Finance Report

Met with banks Wells Fargo and DNB First about check automation. DNB is now able to do this and will be able to do it in house at the Bank.

Department worked on transferring phone and internet to Comcast at Golf Course. Will be looking into doing this at Township and Police Station after seeing how things go at Golf Course. Vice President Kramer asked about the need for a POTS line at the Police Station. Mrs. Wertz will make sure that this is available.

Status report on Capital Projects was presented to board. There was \$140,000 budgeted for projects at Township building. We estimating \$117,000 will be spent so we should be under budget. President Rose stated that list was a result of Capital Projects Committee. Mr. Kruse asked if everything was in line with what we estimated. Mrs. Wertz said yes and the only thing that will be different is the bond fund due to the refinancing. Mr. Kruse asked about parking lot and is it still planned to be completed in 2013. Mr. Prowant answered yes and Mr. Scheivert added that we will be doing some repair work at the Fire House when we do the Township Building.

Bills List – Motion to approve Checks Number 32735 - 32830 and Bond Checks 1103 and 1006 to 1009

The motion was moved by Jim Kruse and seconded by Charles Kramer. Vote All Ayes.

Questions – Mr. Kruse asked about a bill from Advantage engineering for \$400. Mr. McClintock stated that bill was for test pits on GO Carlson by Beaver Run Knoll. Ms. Tindaro asked about bond payments. Mr. Reymos asked about Higgins bill and was a portion for light at 30 bypass

ramp at Reeceville Road. Mr. McClintock stated that entire bill is not for Reeceville and he is looking into getting insurance reimbursement for a lighting strike.

Township Engineer

Mrs. Camp asked for Board approval for two letters to be sent to Mr. Andersen on Osborne Road for purchase of right of way for the Osborne Road Bridge. The forms are standard Penn Dot forms but need Board approval for President to sign.

President Rose asked for a motion to authorize the President to sign the letters to Mr. Andersen.

The motion was moved by Jim Kruse and seconded by Lorraine Tindaro Vote All Ayes.

Act 167 Ordinance

Mr. McClintock prepared a power point presentation Act 167 and the ordinance he and Mrs. Camp prepared based on County recommendations. Board will need to adopt ordinance before the end of the year.

Land Development Chart Review – No Action necessary at this time.

Capital Project Review –

Humpton Road Drainage – DL Howell has been working on some options for the drainage project for Humpton Road. Mr. McClintock had asked DL Howell to come up with a current conditions base line for the area so that we know what exactly is going on before any changes. That work is complete and DL Howell has presented 4 options for the Township to consider. Option 1 would do nothing and leave area as it is. Area will still receive current flooding issues. Option B would be to widen road and install an 8 foot trapezoidal swale. This would require the relocation of utilities and mailboxes and replace the stormwater pipe under SR 0340 and Turkey Hill's Parking Lot. Option C would widen road and install a four foot shoulder on the northern side of the road. There would be no utility relocation but the stormwater pipe under SR0340 and Turkey Hill's Parking Lot would need to be replaced. Option D would widen Humpton Road, install 4 foot shoulder, and enlarge Larson Drive Basin. No relocation of utilities but we would need to acquire some property. President Rose asked about cost. Mr. McClintock stated that DL Howell is working on cost estimates. President Rose asked which option is the most promising. Mr. McClintock stated that in his opinion Option D is the best. Mr. Kruse stated that there was discussing about shaving crown off Humpton at Larson to get more water going down Larson.

GIS Consortium – Mr. McClintock asked the board to consider entering into an agreement with Chester County for GIS services. Services will include crime mapping and other mapping throughout the year.

President Rose asked for a motion to approve the agreement with Chester County GIS.

The motion was moved by Joshua B. Young and seconded by Lorraine Tindaro Vote All Ayes.

Vice President Kramer had a question on the contract and a \$45.00 hourly rate for service. Mr. McClintock said that this would only be in affect if the Township used its allotted 100 hours. Mr. Contento asked if other Departments in the Township could use the service. Mr. McClintock said yes we have used the service for crime mapping for the Police Department and for plotting storm sewers and roadside signage.

Community Services Department Update – Mr. Scheivert provided board with a copy of the Community Services report. Crew has been working on paving projects. Pad for Lloyd Park is ready, chipping program has begun and leaf collection will start soon. Community Day was a great success.

Solid Waste Collection Bids – Township received 6 bids, one hauler decided not to bid. Two basic bids, one we own the trash and get benefits from recycling and second hauler owns trash and get recycling. The apparent low bidder for trash and recycling collection and Bulk Item collection is Eagle Disposal with a total of 1,895,040.00. Township staff will review bids further and report back to the Board with a recommendation for approval in the next few meetings. Mr. Young asked which bid option would be cheaper. Mr. Prowant stated that base bid option 1 would be cheaper by about \$130,000 per year. Mr. Young also asked if we made any money off of recycling in 2013. Mr. Prowant stated no and that the recycling pay back numbers have been very low all year.

Boards and Commissions Update

Park and Recreation Board – Met on October 7th. Just held Community Day on Saturday, September 14th. . Halloween Parade scheduled for Saturday, October 26th at 1PM.

Green Task Force – Met October 7th. Annual Love Local is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th.

COG – Met last night. Group is working on budget for next year. Dues will be the same as in 2013.

Municipal Authority – Met on September 23rd. Approved 2014 Budget at last meeting. Signed the sewer agreement for the Dwell development.

Fire Board – Board has had no meeting the last two months.

Planning Commission – Discussed Bondsville Road Apartments and Act 167 at last meeting.

Historical Commission – School House and Meetinghouse will be open October 6th. Group is looking for new members. Table at Community Day was a great success.

Zoning Hearing Board – Met September 5th and approved a deck. Next meeting October 3rd.

Minutes - President Rose asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2013 meeting.

The motion was moved by Jim Kruse and seconded by Joshua Young Vote 4-0.abstained because they were not at the meeting.

Additional Business – None

Public Comment - None

President Rose entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was so moved by Chuck Kramer and seconded by Jim Kruse. Polled, all aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.