

Caln Township  
253 Municipal Drive  
Thorndale, PA 19372  
Board of Commissioner's Board Minutes  
September 25, 2014 7:35 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, Karen Wertz; Finance Director, Jeffrey W. McClintock PE, CFM; Township Engineer, 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**

**Stuart Deets** – Mr. Deets requested that the Board make a recommendation to PennDot regarding reduction of the 45 MPH speed limit on Kings Highway and Bondsville Road, specifically because of Glen Mills Sand and Gravel equipment on the roads.

Mr. McClintock replied that he has already contacted PennDot, and has had a conversation with representatives from Glen Mills Sand and Gravel.

Mr. Deets also asked the Board to fix the light on Kings Highway, in front of the Tavern, and turn it around to face directly into the road for better vision. The Board directed Mr. Prowant to look into this.

**Michael Rudy** – Mr. Rudy stated that he submitted a proposed sketch plan, to the Township, for a batting cage on 1.9 acres considered recreational use which requires a minimum of 2 acres. Ms. Camp explained, to the Board, that this property is in the Kings Highway Overlay District and is subject to the 2013 Ordinance, which the Board has the discretion to waive the lot size and any other set back requirements, if they think it would encourage redevelopment. Ms. Camp also explained the Conditional Use process to Mr. Rudy.

Mr. McClintock reported that according to Mr. Reczek these lots have to be combined to make the project work, making two principal uses on one lot. Therefore Mr. Rudy will need 2 acres and 30,000 feet for the other use which gives him 2.7 acres with a .77 deficit. The Board may also but is not required or obligated to, allow certain uses and reduction of the lot area and bulk requirements. Mr. McClintock stated that the Board could take the position that the proposal may have too many zoning concerns, which are best handled by the Zoning Hearing Board. Plus, without the benefit of a preliminary plan what other zoning relief may arise once the plan is engineered. Staff has agreed that it is best that the proposal be handled through preliminary plan because of all the issues.

The Board has concern with parking and encouraged Mr. Rudy to investigate the parking requirements further and present his plan to the Lincoln Highway Committee meeting.

**Ordinances and Resolutions for Consideration**

No ordinances or resolutions for consideration.

### **Public Safety – Fire Chief Cordisco and Police Chief Elias**

Police Chief Elias – Police Chief Elias presented his August report to the Board, with some highlighted information.

- October 18 they will hold a civil service task for police applicants for the purpose of creating an eligibility list.
- The police have received several complaints regarding 234 Thornbridge Drive.
- The softball game between the police department and fire department was rescheduled for October 7.

Resident Noel Bernard had several questions for Chief Elias.

Fire Chief Cordisco – Fire Chief Cordisco presented his August report to the Board, with some highlighted information.

- Open house October 8 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Physicals on October 19 and 20.
- Fund drive total \$39,494.00, as of September 8, 2014.
- 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary breakfast at 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM and dinner at 6:00 PM.

The Board consensus was to authorize the purchase of a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque.

### **Finance – Ms. Wertz**

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Wertz presented the August treasurers report with, some highlighted information.

- The September invoice for trash & sewer, for the July/August bill cycle, went out on August 28.
- DIVIT application is moving forward.
- 2015 budget templates from the departments were due September 12.

Resident Noel Bernard had several questions for Ms. Wertz and the Board. Ms. Wertz invited Ms. Bernard to meet with her and she would explain the budget/financials to her.

Bill List for checks #34680 to #34762 – Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to approve, for expenditure, check #34680 to check #34762. The motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 5-0.

Bond check #1022 – Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to approve, for expenditure, bond fund check #1022 in the amount of \$476.25. The motion was moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 5-0.

2015 Pension MMO's – Ms. Wertz requested a Board motion for the MMO amounts for the non-uniformed employees at \$214,825.00 and uniformed employees at \$539,937.00, with both being in the 2015 budget for adoption. Mr. Prowant stated that the township has received approximately \$245,000.0 from the State to apply to either amount. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion, for expenditure, for the two Pension MMO's for 2015 in the amount of \$214,825.00 for non-uniformed employees and \$539,937.00 for uniformed employees. The motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Kruse. Commissioner Kruse asked the dollar amount difference from last year. Ms. Wertz replied that the non-uniformed employees increased by \$47,000.00 and the uniformed employees increased by \$71,203.00. Resident Stuart Deets had several questions regarding the motion. Vote passed 5-0.

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

Kings Grant – Mr. McClintock reported that this is still in litigation and that there is no new information at the present time.

KIA of Coatesville – Mr. McClintock reported that Mr. Sipala received a Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT and he will be working with Mr. Simpala to see the project completed.

Faddis Concrete Sketch Plan – Mr. McClintock indicated that Mr. Hess, who is the President of Faddis Concrete and is in attendance, would like to replace a collapsed retaining wall on one of the properties associated with his use on Kings Highway. He would like to replace the retaining wall a building wall, allowing him to expand his amount of square footage under roof. This building expansion would be less than 1,000 square feet, and the implementation of this expansion would prevent further erosion. The use is expanding across a few properties, and Mr. McClintock suggested it may be beneficial to have Mr. Hess reverse subdivide the affected properties in order to eliminate other potential zoning issues. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to grant a waiver of minor land development with the following conditions: (1) Provide a grading plan that will resolve the erosion issues that exist in this area of the property; (2) Provide an as-built plan showing what was actually constructed; and (3) Provide a stormwater narrative summarizing the improvements completed, including a certification as to the amount of new impervious coverage constructed. The motion was moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. The Commissioners did not impose a condition that requires the reverse subdivision. Resident Noel Bernard had a question on the motion. Vote passed 5-0.

Report Chart – Mr. McClintock reported no action needed at this time.

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

No Parking Restriction-Toth Avenue – Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to advertise an Ordinance addressing the vehicle traffic on Toth Avenue installing a no parking zone on the east side, 100 feet back from Lincoln Highway. The motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Eshleman. Vote passed 5-0.

Stormwater follow-up – Mr. McClintock stated that he will have a stormwater presentation and information from his flood presentation, in Philadelphia, presented to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Osborne Road Bridge Inspection – Mr. McClintock informed the Board that there is an agreement amendment in their packets that will establish a budget amount of \$1.3 million for construction and inspection, and requested Board approval for the President to sign that document. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to authorize the President to sign the supplemental general reimbursement for Federal Aid projects for the Osborne Road project. The motion was moved by Commissioner Eshleman and seconded by Commissioner Young. Vote passed 5-0.

Osborne Road Repairs – Mr. McClintock reported that a formal response to Mr. Anderson's inquiry earlier in the year once the work is completed on Osborne Road. Some of the items, such as the requested speed limit signs and the drainage item, are currently being worked on.

Humpton Road Geotechnical Work – Mr. McClintock reported that the analysis is in process and PAWC will start a waterline replacement on Humpton Road and extend it further to the east within the next six weeks. Mr. McClintock also reported that the goal is to have the waterline replacement in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year and then have bid specifications prepared to do the Humpton Road Reconstruction/Repaving project completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of next year.

Fisherville Road Bridge at Caln Meetinghouse – Mr. McClintock reported that as part of the bridge inspection the Board previously authorized, a priority letter was issued pertaining to some items associated with the bridge.

South Bailey Road/Hazlewood Avenue Intersection Modifications – Mr. McClintock asked the Board if they want to investigate further any striping/signage changes at this intersection. The Board agreed with Commissioner Young to fix the light and it will fix the problem with the intersection.

GO Carlson East Roadway Repair – Mr. McClintock reported that they did a survey and there are 38 areas that need repair. A proposal is in the packets to do an underdrain design for \$6,250.00. Mr. McClintock suggested doing a tar and chip on the road once the underdrain installation is completed, assuming the Board was in agreement to move in that direction. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to authorize Advantage Engineers to prepare a plan detailed suitable to contractor bidding with an expense not to exceed \$6,250.00. The motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Commissioner Eshleman was not present at the time of the vote. Vote passed 4-0.

Traffic Signal Inspection Report – Mr. McClintock reported that the traffic signal inspection report was completed and \$18,000.00 will be needed to be expended to repair it. Reeceville Road and 30 ramps have about \$3,300.00 for replacing density loops and backup power system battery replacement. Lincoln Highway and Veteran Drive have a \$2,300.00 volume density loop that needs replaced. Mr. McClintock indicated he will review this listing with the maintenance

2014 Line Striping/Intersection Painting – Mr. McClintock stated that the line striping has been completed weather and pending, intersection work will be done overnight. Lincoln Highway and Bondsville Road will have to be restriped at a later date. Resident Stuart Deets asked if the 3 way intersection at Lincoln Highway and Bondsville Road are on the line painting list. Mr. McClintock replied that they are PennDot roads.

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

Generator Discussion – Mr. Prowant gave the Board a presentation on why the township, police station, and garage need generators to keep all buildings open and functioning for employees and the community. Township Building costs for \$56,000.00 and the police building costs for \$46,500.00, also serving the public works garage. Purchase of generators will be COSTARS. Mr. Prowant gave the Board options on financing.

- Purchase with one over all bid in 2015 for approximately \$113,000.00.
- Purchase one building in 2014 and purchase one in 2015.
- Lease purchase for approximately \$2,200.00 per month over five years.

Resident Peter Callahan stated that he is in favor of the purchase of generators.

Resident Noel Bernard stated that she is in favor of the purchase of generators. Ms. Bernard also asked the Board if Mr. Prowant's slide presentation could be put on the township website..

The Board would like to take all the information that they heard tonight, and address the generator proposal at another meeting.

#### **Additional Business**

N/A

**July 31, 2014 minutes** – Commissioner Young stated that, under adjournment, Commissioner is missing “er” and asked that it be corrected. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to accept the July 31, 2014 minutes as submitted, with the one correction submitted by Commissioner Young. This motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 5-0.

**August 14, 2014 minutes** – Commissioner Young stated that, under adjournment, Commissioner is missing “er” and asked that it be corrected. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to accept the August 14, 2014 minutes as submitted, with the one correction submitted by Commissioner Young. This motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Commissioner Kruse abstained because he was not present at the meeting. Vote passed 4-0.

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

**Park and Recreation** – Commissioner Young reported that a September meeting was not held but reported that there will be a Halloween Parade on October 25, 2014.

**Green Task Force** – Commissioner Young reported that the Green Task Force did not meet for September but reported that there will be an event, similar to the Farmers Market, with the Western County Chamber of Commerce held at the Pomeroy Fire Hall on October 7.

**COG** – Commissioner Young reported that there will be a new meeting format. They will have quarterly meetings with committee meetings in between the two meetings. They are also moving from 8 committees to 3. Commissioner Young also reported that those Board Members who do not have their NIMS certification, IS 100 and IS 700, will need to take it online at FEMA’s website on in a classroom setting. By not having all certifications, Federal reimbursements could be jeopardized.

**Municipal Authority** – Commissioner Kruse reported that they were discussing the situation at DARA versus the situation at PAWC and whether they should consider putting in a new pump station.

**Lincoln Highway Committee** – Commissioner Kruse reported that they discussed the Rudy Sketch plan and the new stores coming into Caln Township.

**Historical Commission** – Commissioner Tindaro reported that there is nothing to report this month.

**Fire Board** – Commissioner Kruse reported that their budget was discussed and submitted. Commissioner Kruse also reported that their internal funds, generated from their bar and social activities, is drastically falling and they may ask the Board for help with the cost of their building.

**DARA** – Commissioner Contento reported that they discussed restricting Caln township’s growth until they reduce their flows. The latest week has brought them down 10,000 gallons over authorized allocation.

**Zoning Hearing Board** – Commissioner Contento reported that there was no meeting held in September.

**Planning Commission** – Commissioner Contento reported that they discussed the Rudy sketch plan, the Faddis concrete sketch plan, and stated that the cell tower ordinance was approved as written.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments.

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to adjourn the September 25, 2014 Board meeting at 10:25 PM. The motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Kruse. Vote passed 5-0.

Submitted by,

Denise Miller,  
Recording Secretary