

Caln Township
253 Municipal Drive
Thorndale, PA 19372
Board of Commissioner's Minutes
August 28, 2014 7:30 PM

Call to order and pledge of allegiance.

Attendance – John Contento; 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. Vice President Cynthia Eshleman was absent.

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

Noel Bernard of Caln Meetinghouse Road stated that she has concern with the area of North Bailey Road coming down from 340, which has very high weeds and a dangerous bend. Ms. Bernard also stated that the township building sign is unattractive. Mr. Prowant stated that this is on the list of improvements, to be done, as well as the building being painted. Commissioner Young stated that the Township is in the process of renovating all the township buildings, but with the bad winter things are behind. Mr. Prowant said he will ask the crew to do something about the weeds.

Dorothy Dowlin of 171 Loomis Avenue presented the Board with pictures of new steps constructed by her new neighbor residing at 181 Loomis Avenue that she believes may not be situated according to the ordinance, because they are so close to her property. Ms. Dowlin also stated that the neighbor said they received a permit from the township. The Board directed Mr. Prowant to follow up on this complaint and report back to the Board and Ms. Dowlin.

Doris Kuch of 423 Bondsville Road presented the Board with pictures of the flooding to her back yard, every time it rains. Mr. McClintock informed the Board that Ms. Kuch's property is in front of the proposed Bondsville Road Apartment Project. Mr. McClintock also explained that the Township's stormwater consultant, Becker Engineering, is currently reviewing the floodplain model. Currently, the floodplain model does not meet the requirements of the HECRAS program and the Applicant is not prepared to present the application to the zoning hearing board for the required special exception relief. Mr. McClintock noted that he has been in contact with Becker Engineering and the revised calculations performed by the Applicant's engineer has necessitated an increase in the size of the bridge structure Mr. McClintock noted that the Township's goal and duty is to make sure Ms. Kuch's property does not receive any more water once the project is constructed than it does now, which they have to prove before they can come to the hearing. Once it is proved, they will come before the Zoning Hearing Board where Mrs. Kuch can be granted "party status" and be a protestant if desired. Commissioner Contento and Commissioner Young explained to Ms. Kuch that her proper forum is to go before the Zoning Hearing Board, have her pictures available and make her case, and become a "party" which preserves her right to appeal any decision should she desire to do so.

Michael Horgan of 222 Park Drive, Gloria Atias and Jauer Lopez of 224 Park Drive, and Judy Freed of 220 Park Drive presented the Board with pictures of flooding of their properties, in which they believe is from Beaver Creek. Mr. McClintock stated that when Beaver Creek starts to back up, it floods out of its banks and gets into the detention basin and areas to the south of the homes on Park Drive. It is the combination of increased floodwaters and backwater that causes the area around Ms. Freed's home to basically trap water. Resident Noel Bernard shared her concerns and

recommendations. Commissioner Contento stated that this area is one of the areas throughout the township that needs to be addressed. They are discussing a new stormwater advisory committee, to hear resident concerns and make recommendations, to the Board, on their priority. Commissioner Contento also stated that they will visit the Cohen property to gather more information to see if and what they can do. Mr. McClintock stated that he will present more information at the September 25 Board meeting.

Commissioner Kruse stated three options. Get the water passed through the flooding area quicker so it doesn't have time to flood, go up stream and slow the water down, or build a retention pond on the township acreage. Commissioner Young stated that they would go out and look at the issue; also Mr. McClintock is meeting with DEP to see if they can clean some of the debris out.

Ordinances and Resolutions for Consideration

No ordinances or resolutions for consideration.

Public Safety – Fire Chief Cordisco and Police Chief Elias

Fire Chief Cordisco – Fire Chief Cordisco presented his July report to the Board. Commissioner Kruse asked Chief Cordisco about an explosion, but no fire, on the 17th at Pennrose and Walnut Street. Chief Cordisco replied that it was a natural gas leak that backed up in a residence.

Police Chief Elias– Police Chief Elias presented his July report to the Board, with two major incidents. Chief Elias stated that on July 30 Officer Carboni was injured, in the line of duty, by physically restraining an emotionally disturbed person near Brandywine Hospital. Officer Carboni will be out of work until the middle or end of September. The police are also actively investigating a sexual assault and attempted robbery case.

Resident Noel Bernard asked Chief Elias for an update on the Chester County Intermediate Unit calls. Chief Elias replied that they are involved in an ongoing discussion to resolve the issue.

Chief Elias also thanked the Board and all those who helped with “National Night Out.”

Finance– Ms. Wertz

Treasurer’s Report – Ms. Wertz presented the July Finance report to the Board. Ms. Wertz also stated that the budget templates are due back September 12, and the capital templates have also been distributed and is requesting reply’s on any capital expense that is greater than \$5,000.00 for 2015 or the next three years to explain what is needed, why it is needed, what is the impact on the township will be, and how it will be funded.

Mr. Prowant informed the Board that we received a 2014 Risk Management and Safety Award from PIRMA.

Bill List for checks #34540to #34615 – Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to approve, for expenditure, check #34540 through check #34615 totaling \$181,709.43. The motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Kruse. Vote passed 4-0.

Land Development – Mr. McClintock-Township Engineer

Kings Grant – Mr. McClintock stated that there is no update at this time.

KIA of Coatesville – Mr. McClintock stated that KIA is working through the HOP process with PennDOT.

Woods at Rock Raymond Revised Final LD 2009 –Mr. McClintock offered a Motion of Approval for the Board’s consideration. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to approve the Final Revised Land Development Plan for the

Woods at Rock Raymond. The motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Commissioner Kruse abstained. Vote passed 3-0.

Engineering Items – Mr. McClintock-Township Engineer

Osborne Road Bridge Inspection Consultants–Motion to approve – Mr. McClintock recommends to the Board to utilize McCormick Taylor for the consultant for bridge inspection based on his memo from the Qualification Committee. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to authorize staff to recommend to PennDOT that the Township utilize McCormick Taylor for the Osborne Bridge inspection services. The motion was moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Young. Vote 4-0.

Osborne Road Bridge Legal Payment to the Anderson’s –Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$1,750.00 for the legal fees, associated with the acquisition easement for the property near Osborne Bridge. The motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 4-0.

Osborne Road Geotechnical/LTAP Reports Review – Mr. McClintock shared the geotechnical review and LTAP review with the Board. Although the geotechnical report does not singularly support a weight restriction for Osborne Road, the LTAP report indicates there may be some geometrical items that may allow for usage restrictions. Mr. McClintock stated that the next step is to take the two reports and talk with the traffic consultant and get recommendations to further restrict the road, if the Board desires. The Board asked Mr. McClintock to get an estimated cost.

Humpton Road Geotechnical Proposal- Direction to proceed –Mr. McClintock stated that this proposal will assist D.L. Howell in preparing the pavement specification and repair portion of the project. Mr. McClintock stated that the approved design proposal for Humpton proposes widening the road in certain locations; however, it does not change elevations of the road. Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to approve the expenditure of \$5,920.00 to Advantage Engineers for geotechnical work to be done on Humpton Road. This motion was moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Vote passed 4-0.

Fisherville Road Bridge at Caln Meetinghouse-Inspection proposal for approval –Commissioner Contento entertained a motion for the expenditure of \$1,600.00 for the bridge inspection at Caln Meeting House. The motion was moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Young. Vote passed 4-0.

South Bailey Road/Hazelwood Avenue Intersection modifications–Mr. McClintock stated that he has a price of approximately \$4,600.00 from McMahan. Mr. McClintock asked the Board if they would like him to get a price from Traffic Planning and Design for comparison. Commissioner Kruse would like to see the accident data before they move forward. The Board agreed.

GO Carlson East Roadway repair – Mr. McClintock stated that the survey has been completed. The next item that is needed is a design proposal for the underdrain design which would give them a geotechnical report from Advantage and an underdrain design which could be bid out as one specification package either by a contractor or in house. The Board directed Mr. McClintock to get a proposal to present to the Board.

Traffic Signal Inspection Report – Mr. McClintock stated that the inspection report invoice is\$3,705.00 and is a liquid fuels expenditure. He indicated that the inspection resulted in required repairs that will average approximately \$1000.00 per intersection.

2014 Line Striping/Intersection Painting – Mr. McClintock indicated that a work order has been executed for the lot line work in the Township. This work should be completed in mid-September. Regarding the intersection painting,

Mr. McClintock is finalizing the list and will have it out for scheduling in the near future. He suggested that staff will evaluate whether to buy a paint spraying machine and do the work in house or hire a contractor in future years.

Mr. McClintock informed the Board that the Creek Road Business Park Revised Final LD 2014 project will be requesting their conditional use hearing in October. Mr. McClintock asked the Board if they will let him know of any date that will not work for their individual calendars.

Township Manager – Mr. Prowant

Mr. Prowant announced that the township received a plaque from United Way due to our support of the Color Run that was held this summer.

Vision Partnership Grant Applications –Mr. Prowant stated that the Chester County Vision Partnership Grant, due September 10, provides grant funds to match local funds to do planning studies. At the Tuesday Planning Commission meeting they recommended using URDC to do the grant application for the township Comprehensive Plan, at no cost to the township. The Board consensus is to also utilize URDC.

Mr. Prowant stated that a resolution was approved, back in the spring, to apply for the DVRPC plus TDCI grant to participate in a route 30 regional transportation study along with five other municipalities. Unofficially DVRPC has approved \$75,000.00 and the County \$20,000.00. The total cost of the project is \$105,000.00, with outside contributions each municipality will owe \$1,000.00.

Sewer Capacity request from Bondsville Road Apartments –Mr. Prowant stated the the Bondsville developer has requested a letter from the Commissioners that there is sewer capacity he will be able to use. Mr. Prowant also stated that the township has 177 EDU's previously purchased from Downingtown. The Board authorized Mr. Prowant to write a letter, to the Developer, stating that the township does have EDU's available but he has to take certain steps before he can be guaranteed that they are there for him.

Additional Business–Commissioner Contento read a letter from Superintendent Tashner, "I respectfully ask that Caln Board of Commissions consider granting the district provisional approval, so we might move forward with the installation of a shed project. This is no means meant to avoid providing the comprehensive land development plan for the senior high campus that the township has requested. The district fully intends to comply with your request to do a plan and is seeking only to be able to move forward to insure the project is utilized by students at the beginning of the school year."The Board consensus is to authorize Mr. Prowant to give provisional approval to move forward with the training facility provided that the district is prepared to provide the concept plan in a reasonable period of time, to be discerned during negotiations with it.

July 10, 2014 minutes –Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to accept the July 10, 2014 as submitted. This motion was moved by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro. Commissioner Young abstained because he was not in attendance at the meeting. Vote passed 3-0.

July 24, 2014 minutes – Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to accept the July 24, 2014 minutes as submitted. This motion was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Kruse. Vote passed 4-0.

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

Park and Recreation – Commissioner Young announced Community Day on September 13, 2014 with the hot dog contest at 12:00 PM and the police and fire softball game at 2:30 PM. Commissioner Young also asked for volunteers for the dunk tank.

Green Task Force – Commissioner Young stated they did not have an August meeting.

COG –Commissioner Young stated that the executive committee met, last night, where they determined that they will go to quarterly business meetings with two meetings in between as committees. They are also stream lining the committees to three so that the executive committee can oversee the committees in progress and they can move forward on things.

Municipal Authority– Commissioner Kruse stated that he did not attend the August meeting.

Commissioner Contento stated their preliminary budget will be a break even budget with no increase in rates.

Lincoln Highway Committee –Mr. Prowant stated that they had a summer intern who had a project, identifying vacant properties on Lincoln Highway, which developed a pattern. The committee discussed the pattern and how to address the vacant areas in the pattern.

Historical Commission –Commissioner Tindaro announced that there will be tours at the school house on the first Sunday in September and October, the annual dinner on November 1, and a Christmas program at Caln meeting house on December 2, more information to follow.

Fire Board –Commissioner Contento stated that they did have an August meeting.

DARA– Commissioner Contento stated that they decided to go with one generator instead of two. Downingtown strongly favored two. The information provided by the five members indicated, on a straight gallonage basis, that the plant doesn't really need to be expanded until 2025, however it is recognized that Caln Townships needs are almost immediate. A managers meeting is being scheduled to discuss possible alternates to provide available unused capacity of the existing 7 ½ million gallons that is authorized at the whole plant.

Zoning Hearing Board –Commissioner Contento stated that they did not have an August meeting.

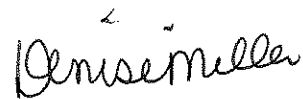
Planning Commission –Commissioner Contento state that they did not have an August meeting

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Adjournment: Commissioner Contento entertained a motion to adjourn the August 28, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was moved by Commission Young and seconded by Commissioner Kruse. Vote passed 4-0.

Submitted by,



Denise Miller
Recording Secretary