

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2012

Those in attendance: Ron Hepner, Chairman, Joe Snyder and John Orr, Supervisors; Betty Warfel, Secretary/Treasurer; Randy Witmer, Zoning Officer; Stephen Erdman, Roadmaster; and Bill Burch

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Hepner. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Public comments:

1. Tom Shaffer addressed the Board to voice his opposition to the request made at the August Workshop meeting by Brent Boyer, of Millersburg Borough's Parks & Recreation Committee, that the Township consider providing funds for upgrades and maintenance of the Borough parks. Shaffer is of the opinion that the Borough's lack of funds is a result of poor fiscal planning, and that in the past, the Township has spent significant sums of money and labor to help the Borough upgrade and maintain these parks. Bill Burch stated that he feels the Borough's parks attract people to the community and will help to keep them living here; and therefore, he suggested that a joint authority of individuals from the Borough and the Township to assess the overall needs of the community be formed.

2. Tom Shaffer also advised of several issues that need attention in the Kocher/Bradenbaugh Glen. Low hanging branches need to be trimmed and a large walnut tree needs to be removed. Shaffer suggested that the Board contact Tom Hottenstein to inquire whether funds would be available from the Hottenstein/Bradenbaugh Trust to install drainage at the Glen.

Old Business:

1. Bill Burch provided copies of the revised Reverse Subdivision Plan for MI Doors & Windows, for the Board's review. This plan corrects tax parcel lines, combines tax parcels and uses a side-yard addition to correct boundary lines. A Common Use Agreement provides access for all parcels. The Dauphin County Planning Commission will review the plan at tonight's meeting. Since the Board has no problems with the current plan, adoption is tentatively scheduled for the monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 12th.

2. Bill Burch also presented the Board with a Subdivision Plan for Masser & Ballay Enterprises, L.P. The owners of the former Martha Lenker Farm, Parcel 65-008-015, are seeking to separate the property containing the house and barn from the agricultural lands. Ownership of the land has not changed. The owners intend to enter the farm land into the Agricultural Preservation Program. Michael Brown, SEO, has completed the testing on the property. Burch has corrected all right-of-way lines on Shippen Dam and Deibler Roads. Ron Hepner made a motion that the Board give Bill Burch permission to submit the Masser & Ballay Enterprises, L.P. Subdivision Plan to the Dauphin County Planning Commission and DEP. John Orr seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Ron Hepner executed all documents required to submit the Subdivision Plan to the Dauphin Planning Commission and DEP for review. No further action by Supervisors is required at this time.

Roadmaster Report

a. Steve Erdman reported that the road crew has finished work on the bank of Etzweiler Road. Gutters have been cleaned. Basic work has been done on Berry Mountain Road but more work and stone are required to finish the job. One side of Landfill Road has been graded. Pothole patching and regular road maintenance are currently being done. Storm damage cleanup has been completed. The waterway on Water Company Road still needs some work. However, the gabion basket appears to work well as a filter and dissipater. One more load of rip rap may be required to finish this job. Senator Drive was paved last week and only needs to have shoulders filled and grading done. Brush trimming and crack sealing are on the schedule.

b. Discussion ensued as to the course of action required to repair Kahler Road. Erdman stated that the Township's grader could not be used to effectively tear up the roadway's surface. He suggested that the surface be milled down and let set for the winter to watch for winter springs. Supervisors and Erdman discussed the history of the current road surface as well as pipe work that will be needed prior to any new surface being put down on this road. Money budgeted for roadwork in 2013 may need to be spent on fixing problems on numerous roads to get them to the point where paving can be done. Betty Warfel requested that Supervisors look at the storm drain on Fairlane Drive to determine if a sinkhole could develop at this location due to heavy storm water runoff in the Greenbrier Terrace Development over the past thirty years. Ron Hepner made a motion that the road crew rent a ripper to tear up the surface of Kahler Road in order to have the pipe and paving work done next year. Second by John Orr. Joe Snyder cast a "no" vote. With two Supervisors in favor, motion carried.

c. Erdman advised that the road crew had reset the pipe and placed fill and rip rap at a washout on Chelton Avenue. Some type of shade grass will be planted to handle the washout issue at Dawn Drive. The fuel pump on the grader and the steam jenny have been repaired.

d. Supervisors and Roadmaster proceeded to discuss the purchase of a new pickup truck to replace the 1988 Ford F350. The F350 has passed only a 6-month inspection period by Sunbury Motors. Following a lengthy discussion of the type of truck needed, Chairman Hepner volunteered to obtain quotes from several dealers on a Ford F550 with a flatbed or low-profile utility box (based on availability), diesel engine, with hydraulics for a plow and spreader, 9-1/2-foot plow, heated mirrors, and power windows. Hepner and Erdman will make a site visit to look at a vehicle currently available on a local lot.

New Business:

1. Rick Ibberson has advised that the following dates have been scheduled for Millersburg Borough's Halloween activities: Window Painting Contest – October 15th; Parade Date – October 17th; and Trick or Treat Night – October 30th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Joe Snyder moved that the Board do the same as Millersburg Borough. John Orr seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Secretary Warfel will contact the Borough Secretary to have this information included in the article in the Upper Dauphin Sentinel.

2. The Board reviewed a letter received from MI Metals, Inc., advising that a Title V Permit 22-5013 Renewal Application has been submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for MI Metals' facility located at 1517 Route 209, Millersburg. The Board had no comments that would need to be submitted regarding this request.

3. The property located at 350 Wiconisco Street, formerly owned by the Kinney Shoe Corporation, was sold to D. S. Marketing on December 30, 2011. This property consisted of four tax parcels; three of which were situate in the Township and one in Millersburg Borough. The parcel of the highest value, 45-021-004, valued at \$700,000, was located in Millersburg Borough. The three remaining parcels, 65-033-129, 65-033-130 and 65-033-189, were valued at \$184,900. The Recorder of Deeds Office of Dauphin County issued a check in the amount of \$2,500 for the total real estate transfer tax on all four parcels payable to Upper Paxton Township. Tax Parcel 45-021-004 is worth 79% of the value of the property and Millersburg Borough should have received a check for \$1,975.00 in real estate transfer tax. Ron Hepner made a motion to authorize Betty Warfel, Treasurer, to send Millersburg Borough a check in the amount of \$1,975.00, which the Borough should have received as real estate transfer tax from the Recorder of Deeds Office. John Orr seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Supervisors proceeded to discuss the problems encountered with the locks on the front door of the Township building and the rest room door. These locks will be replaced as a matter of routine maintenance.

5. A brief discussion of the Comcast Franchise Agreement was held. No changes will be made at this time.

6. Roger Wilhelm has lodged several complaints regarding residents and activities taking place at the Scottie Long property in Lenkerville. Several violations of the Township Code of Ordinances may allegedly be taking place. These items, including placement of a travel trailer with no on-lot sewage and multiple families residing in a single family dwelling, will be discussed with Attorney Howland at Wednesday evening's meeting.

7. Secretary Warfel provided the Supervisors with a Tax Return Processing – Agreement for Services to handle the unprocessed 2011 EIT returns that Keystone Collections has offered to process for the Township. This Agreement will be discussed at Wednesday evening's monthly meeting.

Public Comments: None

With no further business to discuss, Ron Hepner moved to adjourn. Second by John Orr. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11: 30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty A. Warfel, Secretary