

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2013

Those in attendance: Ron Hepner, Chairman, John Orr and Joe Snyder, Supervisors; Betty Warfel, Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Erdman, Roadmaster; Gina Donges, Eli Smucker, Sheila & Carl Bowman, Eugene Fulkroad, Jacob King, Guy Clark, Bob Pease, Charles Keefer, Rennie Phillips, Brian Meckley, and Mitch Phillips.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Hepner.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Public comments

None

Old Business

1. Supervisors proceeded to review proposed changes to the Outdoor Burning Ordinance prepared by Attorney Howland. Changes made include the definitions for Permitted Refuse in Section 4.10 and Prohibited Refuse in Section 4.11. Section 7.1.3 with respect to open burning being conducted on the property on which the materials to be burned were generated or naturally deposited was deleted. Section 7.1.11 with respect to burning for valid agricultural purposes was significantly revised. Section 7.1.13 regarding burning conducted for the purpose of training fire company personnel was added. Section 7.1.14 regarding required notification of authorities of intent to conduct an open burn was deleted. Discussion ensued as to whether fertilizer bags containing plastic could be burned under the provisions of Act 38. More information is needed to determine whether the fertilizer bags are permitted to be burned under DEP's regulations. If the bags are disposed of in an incinerator, scrubbers help prevent carcinogens from being disbursed into the air. Supervisors need to consider the human health issue caused by the release of carcinogens by the burning of the fertilizer bags. In order to be good stewards of the environment, farmers may need to adopt new methods of disposing of materials that release carcinogens when burned. If the burning of tires and other plastics is determined to be prohibited by DEP, then this issue is a moot point whether it is covered in the Township's ordinance. Chairman Hepner will check into this matter once again with DEP to glean clarification on the matter. Supervisors will contact Jeff Grove of the Farm Bureau to discuss the provisions of Act 38 as it relates to the burning of fertilizer bags. The revised Ordinance will be advertised in the Upper Dauphin Sentinel prior to its passage.

2. Carl and Sheila Bowman addressed the Board regarding the problems encountered when having their driveway paved. Following discussions of possible options, all parties agreed that the pipe at the driveway should be removed and a swale should be made to direct stormwater. Roadmaster Erdman will spray paint a line on the driveway at the line where the Township's asphalt would end and the Bowman's concrete driveway could begin. Supervisors granted the Bowmans permission to proceed with the work until a signed permit can be obtained by the contractor from Zoning Officer Witmer next Tuesday.

3. Bob Pease, of Deibler, Straub and Troutman, provided the Board with information with respect to the renewal of the employees' health insurance plan. Options for a vision plan were discussed. The plan provides for multi-coverage credits for health, dental and vision coverages. Renewal of the current

plan would result in a 21.48% increase in premiums. Various cost saving measures were discussed, including increasing the deductible from \$250 to \$2,000. If employees would be required to pay a portion of their coverage, a pre-tax payroll deduction would need to be set up. If a higher deductible is selected, a plan to escrow funds to aid employees and their families to cover the increase could be developed. If new employees are hired under different health care provisions, the language outlining the benefit package in the Township's personnel manual will need to be reviewed by the Township's solicitor. Supervisors will discuss the proposed renewal options with the covered employees. Pease advised that following his research in to different insurance carriers, the current carrier is the best suited for the Township's needs.

4. Supervisors reviewed correspondence received from Sean Grimm requesting an update on the Township personnel's compliance with NIMS training. Grimm will provide this information to PEMA in July. Dates for on-line training classes will be determined in order for registration.

5. The Board addressed the matter of obtaining recycling bins from Blair County. The bins are 8'x10' and weigh 2,000 pounds each. John Orr provided a sketch for the area of the Township's property to be developed for the recycling site. Transportation to bring the bins to the township would be approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500. Joe Snyder will contact Bob Long to get an estimate for transportation costs. The Township may not be eligible for funds under the Municipal Recycling Grant. Other costs that could be incurred with this project would be paving the area and installing a fence. Reimbursement for this recycling program is provided to Dauphin County by DEP. Supervisors will contact Keith Kepler in order to determine whether this reimbursement program by DEP is likely to continue before the Township moves forward with the project. Ron Hepner made a motion that the Township proceed with obtaining the recycling bins pending further information being requested from Dauphin County and DEP. If the news is not good, Supervisors will scrap the idea. Second by Joe Snyder. With all in favor, motion carried.

6. Supervisors proceeded to discuss the lawn care plan for the MYO Park and Hottenstein/Kocher Glen for the 2013 mowing season. Randy Witmer has agreed to perform the mowing duties for the Township.

7. Supervisors requested that Gina Donges serve as the third member of the Township's Agricultural Security Board. Following Ms. Donges' agreement to serve in this capacity, Joe Snyder moved that Gina Donges be appointed to the Agricultural Security Board. Second by John Orr. All in favor, motion carried.

8. Roadmaster Erdman and Secretary Warfel provided proposed bid packages for the Township's 2013 road projects. Packages for (1) Lincoln Lane/Fairlane Drive/ Parklane Drive, (2) Lenker Drive/Ruby Road; (3) Third Street/Center Street/Pearl Street/Berry Mountain Road; (4) St. David Drive; (5) Kahler Road; and (6) Berry Mountain Road were presented for consideration. Total projected cost of the projects is \$271,688. Erdman provided information on prep work that will be needed prior to the paving and seal coating work. Erdman also suggested that the seal coat jobs be put off until later in the season. Drainage work on Kahler Road was extensively discussed. Steve Erdman will contact Scott Lehman of Municipal Services to come and look at the projects and advise which of the projects are the most qualified for liquid fuels monies. The possibility of coordinating the rental of a crack sealing machine with Millersburg Borough was discussed. This coordinated effort would provide increased manpower for the crack sealing duties. John Orr made a motion to authorize finalizing of the preparation of the road bid packages to get the projects ready to be put out for bid and to get a crack sealing machine this spring and see if Steve Erdman can coordinate with rental with Millersburg Borough. Ron Hepner

seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried. Roadmaster Erdman has prepared a list of roads for crack sealing. Work to be performed on Charles Road and patchwork in Debb Estates are not included this proposed cost. Different plans for future work on Summers Road were also briefly discussed.

9. Supervisor Orr and Roadmaster Erdman provided a proposed plan for work needed on Charles Road. Discussion ensued as to whether the Township's engineer should be engaged to prepare a plan. Orr provided a sketch containing three basin inlets and 300 feet of pipe work along the roadway for drainage. Erdman and Orr will work the grades for the plan. Further information will be provided at a future meeting.

New Business:

1. A contract for street sweeping services has been received from Pennsy Supply. The rental cost would be \$135 per hour. Ron Hepner made a motion that Secretary Warfel advertise in the Upper Dauphin Sentinel that the street sweeping will take place from April 15th through April 19th. Joe Snyder seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

2. Supervisors continued discussion of the employees' health care plan renewal. Options for deductible and vision care plans were reviewed. Joe Snyder made a motion that with go with the PPO 2000/100 RX2 Option and the vision discount program. Second by John Orr. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

With no further business to discuss, John Orr moved to adjourn. Second by Joe Snyder. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty A. Warfel, Secretary