

Howe Township
February 5, 2015

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on February 5, 2015. Present: Nancy Cangioli, Dale Beaver, Gary Kanaskie, Earl Solomon, Joanne Johnston, Nancy Beaver, Robert Hart, Judy Hart, Frank Campbell, Kathy Donahey, Kaye Goodman and Angela Clough-HRG, Kristi Smith-Perry County Times.

Chairman Beaver called the meeting to order. Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes and the Zoning meeting minutes as presented by Secretary Cangioli and Jamie Keener of HRG. Beaver/Solomon. The Zoning minutes are to be amended to read the Municipal Building. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made to approve the bills to be paid. Beaver/Kanaslie. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ENGINEER

A motion was made based upon the work completed, a reduction of the Improvement Guarantee in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Newport Medical Center. The new balance will be \$0.00 therefore bringing this project to a close. The Newport Health Center Cost Estimate for detailed line item reductions has been provided by Cody Lytle of HRG. Beaver/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

There has been no response from Republic Development regarding the State Police Barracks.

SOLICITOR

The RACP Reimbursement Agreement has been signed by the Developer.

The Resolution to renew of the Inter-Municipal Agreement with Buffalo Township is being worked on. Solicitor Jones has sent information regarding the LST Tax. The township currently collects \$20 for wages over \$12,000.00. No action to change the tax can be taken until December however. Secretary Cangioli will get figures from Captax of the number of people currently paying.

Supervisor Kanaskie stated his concern on what he thinks is a lack of documentation between HRG, Solicitor Jones and the township on the RACP project. Chairman Beaver stated that there are deadlines at times that need to be met that are not set by the township and decisions need to be made quickly however all parties are notified by email. Solicitor Jones explained there was only a 45 day window to apply for the RACP grant which started in mid December and had to be acted upon at the January Board of Supervisors meeting.

Solicitor Jones provided a draft of the Pump Out ordinance for review. A copy should be sent to the SEO Bob Kratzer and HRG for their review.

Kaye Goodman, HRG- presented a draft of the Business Plan for Buffalo Crossing (Hamm Equities) Business Park project. The scope of work is the infrastructure. The project cost is a little over 6 million dollars and the grant is asking for 3 million dollars. 5 million dollars is available to the township. Angela Clough went through the aspects of the plan which includes construction of roadway network, storm water facilities, water line extensions, sanitary sewer and traffic signals. The total estimated cost of the project is \$6,050,000.00. Hamm Equities match is 3 million dollars. \$250,000.00 cash funds and

\$2,800,000.00 land value. If the business plan is accepted the application will be submitted. The construction schedule is February 8, 2016 to October 2016.

A motion was made to approve the RACP business plan for Buffalo Crossing park project as presented by HRG which there is a draft in hand. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting have been submitted. There have been meetings with Heller's and Cedar Plaza regarding the sewer. Running the sewer out Shortcut Road is being discussed. Putting a stub in for the Municipal Building is being discussed.

ZONING OFFICER

No permits were issued for January. The trash behind the PCTA building has been taken care of. The parking issue is still being worked on. 2 enforcement letters have been sent to the Gothels on E. Shortcut Rd, and Friedrich on W. Shortcut Rd regarding their trash piles. Bob is still investigating the issue on Cramer Dr.

ROADMASTER REPORT

44 tons of salt will be ordered for 2015-2016. Brett Hart has submitted an employment application for a position on the road crew. Supervisor Solomon will check his references.

A motion was made to hire Brett Hart, part time, on the conditions that the MVR and the criminal background check does not reveal any unknown instances at \$16.00 per hour and subject to favorable references. Solomon/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Eric Nash from BIU could not attend this meeting to discuss the Dept. of Labor & Industries audit. He will be invited to the next meeting.

Supervisor Solomon will inform SEO Kratzer of the draft Pump out Ordinance at their next meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There will be another Zoning meeting on February 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Solomon/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Cangiole