

Howe Township
September 3, 2015

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on September 3, 2015. Present: Nancy Cangioli, Dale Beaver, Earl Solomon, Charles Burd, Joanne Johnston, Cody Lytle-HRG, Solicitor Dave Jones, Bob & Judy Hart, Frank Campbell, Luke Roman-Perry County Times and several residents.

Chairman Beaver called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lt. Stine from the State Police gave a brief synopsis of activities that have occurred in the township from January 1 to present. A small shooting range is being built behind the new barracks, Corporal Knorr explained they typically start at 3:00 pm and end by 6:30 pm. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the spring and fall. The fall session had been canceled. They followed the Game Commission guidelines on the design. In the event the barracks would be leased to another entity the structure would be taken down. Solicitor Jones recommended the Zoning Officer issue a zoning permit as an accessory use tying it to the State Polices use. Bob Hart will meet with them prior to issuing the permit.

Chairman Beaver mentioned the Laverty public gun shooting events that a resident had complained about at the previous meeting. Daryl Beatty being that resident gave his account of what has been occurring. Lt. Stine stated he was not aware of the situation until now. The police can take care of the traffic concerns but it's up to the township to regulate the activities.

Kevin Prosser of Madcap Nightmares LLC addressed the Board regarding the denial of their application for a zoning permit. They have decided not to appeal that decision but to reapply and are requesting an opportunity to have a pre-meeting with the Zoning Officer to address the issues. Chairman Beaver stated those comments are taken under advisement.

Chris Hinkle from Burget & Associates presented the Newport Real Estate Venture subdivision plan on Shortcut Rd. The planning commission and Bob Hart's comments have been addressed. The SEO has signed off on the plan. A motion was made to conditionally approve the final subdivision plan upon DEP approval, the placements of the monuments and the notarized signatures of the surveyor and owners. Beaver/Burd. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made to approve the waivers from Section 304 Preliminary Plat Procedures and Section 305.1.G Drawing Scale. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

The Patricia L. Clark subdivision plan on the Juniata Parkway was then presented. The SEO wants a suitable back-up site for septic for the existing house in case there is a failure. There is no suitable site where the house is due to the slope of the property. 2 test sites were dug on the other side of the road for a backup system for the house. In order for them to make up the lot they have to convey a piece of ownership that falls on the other side of the roadway which will satisfy the SEO. A motion was made to authorize the Board to approve the Non Building declaration. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously. Bob Hart will check the monument settings. A motion was made to approve the waivers of Section 304 Preliminary Plat Procedure, Section 305.1.G. Drawing Scale, and Section 305.1.K. Contours. Beaver/Burd. Supervisor Solomon asked if the Engineer reviewed the revised plan. No he hasn't but is ok with the plan. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to conditionally approve the final subdivision plan upon placement of the monuments, notarized signatures of the surveyor and owners and DEP approval. Beaver/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

Glenn Donahey presented the interim audit. Everything looks good. There could be a potential issue if the RACP fees are not reimbursed. The advances to the HTMA need to be identified what they are for. He recommended that when Liquid Fuel expenses are expended from the General Fund the Board should approve them by motion.

ENGINEER

Cody Lytle reported DEP should issue an approval letter for the General Permit for Gypsy Hollow next week. The next step would be obtaining the approval of the E & S plan from Perry County Conservation District. The stream cannot be relocated but work can be done in the stream. The pump station plans were reviewed by the Perry County Planning Commission and will be presented at the next Howe Township Planning Commission meeting.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Dave Jones asked the Board to submit their comments on the proposed sewage hook-up ordinance.

He has talked to Solicitor Adam Britcher about the reservoir road damage on Mountain Rd... He stated the NBWA concerns are else where with DEP issues. The damage is progressively getting worse and is a real safety issue. Dave will continue to pursue the matter with Adam.

Supervisor Solomon expressed his concern regarding the reimbursement of the RACP fees from Hamm Equities. The 90 day period for payment has been surpassed. The Secretary has reached out to Josh Fox from HRG for his assistance in recouping the fees.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The minutes from the August 17th meeting have been submitted. Frank Campbell reported they will be holding a public meeting on September 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to bring the residents up to speed on the sewer project.

A letter of interest to serve on the HTMA Board has been received from Randy Kessler. A motion was made to appoint Randy Kessler to the HTMA for Earl Solomon's unexpired term. Beaver/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER

Church Rd ROW-Bob Hart is expecting a response from the PPL representative next week. 4 permits were issued.

Stay Ready Inc. at 23 & 25 Juniata Parkway W.-Solicitor Jones advised that a violation letter can be issued because the property looks to be zoned conservation district and they are using it as a commercial business. Solicitor Jones will double check the tax map to be certain what the property is zoned before the letter is sent.

ROAD MASTER

The concrete pad has been poured for the cold patch. Anti-skid is ordered. Enough mix is ready for the beginning of winter. Earl will work with Cody on what material is needed to shore up the road on Gypsy Hollow. The tractor seat needs to be replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

HRG has submitted a proposal to build a new website for the township. Money has been budgeted for the project. The website in place has been a burden to the Secretary to work with. They are proposing to create the website, train the Secretary to operate it and to assist with uploading documents for \$3,500. A motion was made to accept HRG's proposal for the Howe Township website upgrade to include training, manuals and the scope of that to include the desire of the BOS, the HTMA and related information that is needed dated August 31, 2015. Beaver/Burd. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Beaver signed the contract.

Supervisor Solomon stated the HTMA would like an office and the township needs an office and suggested putting these and a bathroom in the Municipal building and would like to start getting estimates on rehabbing the building. Supervisor Burd speaking as a HTMA member stated that board agreed that they would back a plan to that effect. Chairman Beaver suggested the possibility of constructing a new building on the site as it is centrally located in the township. Earl will contact BIU to meet and discuss the rehab possibility. Both options will be looked into.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made to donate \$100 to the Newport Library. The consideration of a donation will be taken up annually Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There will be a Zoning meeting September 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. Solomon/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Beaver/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

The business meeting resumed at 9:00 p.m. A motion was made to approve the bills to be paid. Burd/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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