

**Moore Township Board of Supervisors
2491 Community Drive
Bath, Pa. 10814
June 6 , 2017**

The Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 by Chairman David Tashner at 7:00 PM.

Members present were Chairman David Tashner, Vice Chairman Daniel Piorkowski, Sec/Treasurer Richard Gable, Solicitor David Backenstoe and Engineer Kevin Horvath from Keystone Engineers.

The Board held a special meeting on May 18 to determine what roads were going to be put out for bids for this year. The result of that meeting was to put out the 2 pipe crossing, for which we have the permits, and that is Keeler Road and East Best Road. The other roads that are to be completed this year include, Glase Road which will get cp2 and double seal coat, and Mink Road, Walker Road and Yost Road which will get double seal coating.

Other announcements include Route 512 in Bushkill, which will have bridge replacement completed. They have already installed the traffic lights in both directions and will take at least 6 months. Mr. Tashner reported that the PenDot representatives for the Route 248 bridge replacement which was scheduled for this meeting will not be here, and will advise us when they will be here for their presentation.

SUB-DIVISIONS:

Mr. Becker said that we have one for tonight, Mr. Steven Frei which is a lot line adjustment. This is a small section of land on which a driveway runs onto Mr. Frei's land. They are getting rid of the triangle and making it easier instead of having to move a sand mount that is in the way. The Planning Commission granted conditional/final approval for the Frei lot line adjustment.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to grant conditional/final approval for the Frei lot line adjustment with the conditions set forth in KCE letter.

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

WAIVERS & DEFERRALS:

Waiver request is for section 5.05, several sections of that and the Planning Commission made a motion to grant approval for these waivers.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to grant the waivers for section 5.05 for the Frei lot line adjustment.

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisor present voting aye

Mr. Becker said that

REGULAR BUSINESS:

MINUTES

Mr. Tashner stated that we have two sets of minutes from the May 2, 2017 and the special meeting of May 18, 2017.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Gable made a motion to approve the Financial Report

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

PAY BILLS

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to pay the bills

Mr. Gable noted that the bills for the month from the General Checking Acct. \$104,658.10, the Liquid Fuels Acct. \$23,420.65.

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

APPROVE PAYROLL

Mr. Gable made a motion to approve the payroll

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

Chairman David Tashner stated that if you need copies of any reports, please see Mr. Gable after the meeting and he will make them available to you.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Gable read the Police Report for the month of May, 2017. Mr. Gable said that Chief West is looking to hire part time police officers, and he has two that he would like to have approved. They have been interviewed and have had back ground checks completed the first one is Kevin O'Hay he is from Bushkill Township and the second one is Jacob Hartzell, and he is from Pen Argyl. They would come under the collective bargaining agreement that is in effect. Mr. Tashner asked if they were officers in other municipalities, Mr. Gable did not know that answer.

Mr. Gable said that they have been through the training and we also put them through our own training. We need some part timers due to the excessive amount of over time we are getting.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve the hiring of the two part time officers

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Jason Harhart, fire recorder was present and gave his report for the month of May, 2017.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tashner said that we were able to get the spring cleanup completed in a weeks time due to using a second piece of equipment and some overtime.

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY

Mr. Gable said that we really got a lot of material in, and we are grinding to catch up. Mr. Tashner said that we had one problem with our site, as we do not accept pressure treated lumber, no grass clippings, no tree stumps. Mr. Gable said that at the site we are getting a lot of concrete pieces also. Mr. Tashner said that if you see someone doing something wrong, let us know. By not letting us know we are going to have to spend more tax dollars on monitoring the site, or limiting the hours.

NAZARETH COG

Mr. Piorkowski reported that there was no meeting

RECREATION COMMISSION

Mr. Bob Bealer reported that the Soccer Academy has requested to us the fields at a cost of \$350.00, it is for six weeks it is almost every day. We are looking for your approval on this. We are still looking for approval from the MTAA on this due to the baseball tournaments that are still going on. Mr. Tashner asked if they were not getting concerned about over usage of the fields. Mr. Bealer said that at the April meeting we agreed that we were not taking any more applications. Mr. Gable said that I do not think we should take them this year at all. We have the soccer tournament coming up and all of these baseball tournaments coming, I feel we are spending a lot of money on fertilizer and grass seed and I feel we need to slow down. Mr. Piorkowski said that this academy is a for profit organization and he does not care less about us or the fields. Mr. Gable said that at the last Rec. Meeting he made the comment that if I cannot us the fields, I will go somewhere else.

Mr. Gable made a motion to deny usage of the fields for the Soccer Academy

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Gable said that he will return the \$350 check that he sent. Mr. Bealer said that a garage door opener is being requested for the maintenance barn as the door is very heavy.

Mr. Gable made a motion to approve the purchase of a garage door opener for the barn

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Bealer said that Lacrosse has asked for more fields and we denied the request. Lehigh Valley Baseball League has requested fields, and we told them due to the rain and the Garcia Cup we do not have any fields available. We noticed that a port o let was not placed by the parking lot on lower road. Mr. Gable said that he thought it was handled, but he will handle it tomorrow. Mr. Bealer gave an update on the disc golf, last week we put in the baskets with volunteer time so that project is on its way. Mr. Tashner said that we should send a letter of Thanks to John for cultivating and seeding that area. Mr. Gable said that he would take care of it.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Gable reported that we received a favorable letter from the National Registry for Historic Places, so the school does qualify. Mr. Jones is ready to do the paperwork and have us put on the Registry and doing the preservation plan. I need approval for his retainer of \$2150.00 to get this started.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve the retainer of \$2150.00 for Thomas Jones

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisor present voting aye.

The commission has had a book printed featuring the Edelman School. It is a real neat book with a lot of information in it. They are on sale for \$10.00 each and I have some in my office.

The hex sign behind Dave is another thing that they are going to try and sell at the Community Day. They are looking at 12" and 18" and 24". They are also working on another Oktober Fest for this year. Mr. Tashner said that he received a phone call from the person that owns the mill on Delps Road. He has a concern since he saw a flag out there and was wondering what was going on. All bridges that are county bridges are going to be upgraded if they are less than an 8' cart way. We two areas of concern in the township, one is the stone bridge on Glase Road which has historical value all by itself and the steel bridge on Delps, if they go through with the widening they will lose the spring house that is there at the grist mill. The other possibility is that they do a total realignment and go around it. The Historical Commission should know about this, Mr. Gable said that Charmaine already called me and we are going to make some calls especially to Dan Tanszos to see if he can help us.

LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Mr. Romano reported that we would like to make people aware of our program and we would like to get a letter out to land owners describing our program. We would need to use funds out of the general fund, and we would like to have \$300.00 to start with if that is possible.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve \$300.00 for the Land Preservation letter

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisor present voting aye

Mr. Gable said that he got a letter from Maria, concerning Renew of the Lehigh Valley and they are having a fund raiser on June 17, at the Allentown Brew Works, from what I understand, we are supposed to be getting an award, and Northampton County is getting an award. The problem is it will cost \$50.00 to get the award. They are looking for someone to go and if you can let me know.

EAC

Peter Locke reported that the EAC recommended that we join with the Game Commission, Mr. Gable said that Atty. Backenstoe reviewed the information and he feel that it is okay so

Mr. Gable made a motion to partner with the PGC and the Appalachian Park for hunting and signage.

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisor present voting aye

Mr. Locke said that there is a meeting for the Sludge item in Plainfield coming up. Atty. Backenstoe brought us up to date on the applications that have been submitted to Plainfield Township.

Mr. Gable reported that the newsletter has been sent to the printed and we are waiting for our first preview.

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER

Jason Harhart reported that we have his report and everything else is on the agenda.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Kevin Horvath reported on the Keeler Road and E. Best Road culvert projects, I have finished them up and we can get that project underway.

SOLICITOR

Atty. Backenstoe has a report that concerns Rodney Jarinko who owns a lot actually two lots in Christian Springs and wants to sell them at an auction. The question was, he was not sure if he owned two lots or were they merged together. If he had two lots described on one deed and someone asked the county to access one tax number then I would maintain that they were two separate lots that can be sold separately. Even if they were on one deed, on the other hand if they were combined and the lots were merged than you would have one lot that you could not sell separately. When I looked it up I found that neither was the realty. As it turns out with my initial review, Rod only owns one lot, which is lot 2 of the Christian Springs Subdivision. He does not own by deed lot 3, apparently he thought he did, in fact he was so sure he did that he is paying taxes on two lots.

The deed is clear, he was conveyed in 1972 from Chateau Builders, which is .30 acres. He has been paying taxes on .6 acres, and if you go into the county tax records, it looks like this picture which is one lot. Atty. Backenstoe went into detail explaining it and will call Rodney or his wife Helen and explain what his findings were.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #2017-09 Ag-Security for Adolph Haftl which has been notarized and is ready for you acceptance into the Ag-Security area of the Township.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2017-09

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gable said that we need to change the meeting date for the month of July as it falls on the 4th. Monday would not be good as some people take a long weekend. It was discussed to have the meeting on July 6th in the morning. Mr. John Becker said that he felt it would not be fair to the residents that could not attend.

Mr. Gable made a motion to hold the meeting on July 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMOS

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Jeff Ayers asked if the Township ever adopted an ordinances regarding the pipeline as far as where they can put pipes. Mr. Tashner said that we cannot adopt any ordinances. Federal and State regulations super seed us. Atty. Backenstoe said that you could pass an ordinance that states how far a resident can build from the pipe but then you penalize your own residents.

Ray Groff asked if there was anything new on the Joe Schiavone property. Mr. Gable said that he spoke with him last week, and he is still 2 weeks into the contract with his real estate agent, and he cannot do anything at this point. His exact words were his heart is with the township and that is where he would like to sell it. The problem is we are \$75,000 apart. I tried t talk to him about different things, like a charitable contribution, but he would have to get an appraisal which equals what he wants and then he can do it.

We will continue to talk to him and wait until he is through with his real estate agent. Jeff Ayers mentioned Moore Estates and when their time runs out which Mr. Gable thinks is July 2, 2017. He needs to come in for an extension to continue.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted

Richard K. Gable

Richard K. Gable, Secretary

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:05 pm. Not intended to be word for word, but just a synopsis of the meeting.

