

Chairman Nelson Brenneman called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisors present: Dennis Luckenbaugh and Dennis Ilyes. Present on behalf of the Township: Manager Sharon Kerchner, Solicitor Doug Myers, Zoning Officer Jeff Martz. Also present: Recording Secretary and 12 citizens.

I. **Announcements**

Nothing at this time.

II. **Agenda**

The agenda was posted appropriately. No changes or amendments were made to the agenda after its posting. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Ilyes, to approve the agenda as submitted and posted. All members voted aye; motion carried.

III. **Minutes**

Motion by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2021. All members voted aye; motion carried.

IV. **Treasurer's Report**

A. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Ilyes, to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2021 as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

V. **General Public Comment**

Nothing at this time.

VI. **Fire Company Report**

Mrs. Kerchner gave the fire company report for August 2021. October 2 is the next (and last) chicken barbecue. The Open House date is October 9, open to all.

VII. **Permits, Plans, and Modules**

A. Strawberry Fields Preliminary Subdivision/Land Development Plan, Joseph Road Bob Sharra, Holly Thompkins, and Jason Wheeler were present on this plan.

Mr. Sharra noted that the Township Engineer has recommended approval of each of the following waiver requests:

Waiver: Section 165.29.B(4), show both horizontal and vertical views on same sheet. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to approve the waiver request for Section 165.29.B(4), as presented. Two members voted aye; *Luckenbaugh opposed*. Motion carried.

Waiver: Section 165.38.D(3), 200' minimum vertical curve. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the waiver request for Section 165.38.D(3) as presented. Two members voted aye; *Luckenbaugh opposed*. Motion carried.

Waiver: Section 165.38.E(3), 500' separation between street intersections. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to approve the waiver request for Section 165.38.E.(3) as requested. Two members voted aye; *Luckenbaugh opposed*. Motion carried.

Waiver: Section 165.40.C, modify concrete monument requirements as requested/proposed. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Brenneman, to approve the waiver request for Section 165.40.C, as presented. Two members voted aye; *Luckenbaugh opposed*. Motion carried.

Waiver: Section 158.18.A(4), stormwater management – maximum spread of runoff across a roadway, NTE half of the travel lane or 7.00’ at one location; the total spread will be 7.3’, a diminimus difference which will have no adverse impact.

Mr. Luckenbaugh has concerns about stormwater drainage into the sewer plant’s pumping station from this development. Mr. Sharra assured the Board that the applicants are complying with the Township’s stormwater management measures outlined in the ordinance.

Motion by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to approve the waiver request for Section 158.18.A(4) as presented. Two members voted aye; *Luckenbaugh opposed*. Motion carried.

Mr. Ilyes has concerns about more traffic trying to get through the intersection at York New Salem. That intersection is a problem now; imagine adding more traffic to the area. Oh, my.

Attorney Myers recommended that, as this plan process proceeds, the Board authorize the MPL firm to draft the stormwater and developer’s agreements to stay on top of things and to provide clear understanding by both parties. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to authorize MPL to draft those agreements. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Also, at Attorney Myers’ suggestion to add documentation governing the reservation of EDUs for the plan, **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to authorize MPL to draft a sewer capacity reservation agreement. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Mr. Sharra gave a general overview of the plan, which involves 89 single-family residential lots on Joseph Road. A final plan has been submitted for the 1st phase; this will be a 2-phase development.

Jason Wheeler discussed the traffic impact study that was performed relative to this development. Salem and Joseph Roads was the main intersection studied. No turning lanes were warranted.

Any chance of a conditional approval of this preliminary plan? Mr. Sharra noted that all outstanding items are outside agency approvals and some housekeeping items. That action was not on the agenda for tonight, so it would be better to put it on next month’s Agenda to grant a conditional approval of this plan.

VIII. Administrative Reports

A. Supervisors’ Reports

1. Public Works:

- a. Cedar Drive culvert update – start the end of October.
- b. Township Road inspection for Budget Year 2022 was set for 9 a.m.

September 14th.

c. Work sessions for budget discussions should start after October 5 and before October 12, then at the end of October. Budget work sessions were set for October 8, 8 a.m. and October 29, 8 a.m.

2. Police Report:

Mr. Luckenbaugh gave the police report for August 2021. He noted Heidelberg Township has voted to join the NYCYPD. Lt. Migatulski reported that starting January 1, 2022, there will be a minimum of 12 patrol officers assigned for about 18-24 months in the Heidelberg substation, to

work in the Manheim, Heidelberg, and North Codorus Township areas. The public will have an opportunity to get to know the officers. Also, there will be a full-time staff person at the window for walk-ins at the station. Supervisor Ilyes was pleased to hear of these additions.

Supervisor Luckenbaugh commented “Basically, what we did was merge. We are back to where we were when we had South Western there, same thing; routine.” “Ilyes remarked, except not having Spring Grove.” Luckenbaugh, “well whenever you do a merge, you always spin somebody off; I’ve gone through lot of mergers; I’ve been to a lot of them. The chief has recommended to me that we should buy 10 more hours a week of patrol time; not calls, I have people tell me that they don’t see the police.

Neither Mr. Brenneman nor Mr. Ilyes feels comfortable increasing the number of patrol hours right now. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh to buy 5 more police patrol hours at a cost of \$22,320. *This Motion died for lack of second. No action taken.*

B. Manager’s Report

1. The Township’s request for a truck restriction study has been completed for Colonial Valley and Lischey’s Church Roads; PennDOT will install signs at both ends of each road, restricting trucks with three or more axles; to be installed within 30 days. Discussion was held on the results of the study. It was noted that local traffic will not be affected, for deliveries, etc. Mr. Ilyes feels that the study should have specified GVW, not number of axles. It is a state road, thereby Penn Dot took this action.

2. VUB visual utility billing – **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Ilyes, to upgrade to the Diversified Billing System for the sewer accounts at a cost of \$3,300 plus \$900 annual support and maintenance; total \$4,200. All members voted aye; motion carried.

3. Zoning Officer Jeff Martz would like to participate in a virtual three-day course (Introduction to Floodplain Management); September 14-16. No fee; he will earn 18 UCC credits. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to approve the Zoning Officer’s attendance virtually in the Introduction to Floodplain Management course. All members voted aye; motion carried.

4. Seven Valleys Borough – w/c insurance policy renewal – requesting NCT to pay a share in the amount of \$266.80. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to authorize the payment of \$266.80 for Seven Valleys Borough for partial workers’ compensation policy premium for the ambulance association. All members voted aye; motion carried.

5. Received a letter from DEP accepting Chapter 94 filing for 2020.

6. Received a total of \$1,556 from Swope’s Salvage for public works scrap materials!!

C. Engineer’s Report

No comments or questions on the submitted report.

D. Solicitor’s Report

1. Proposed Park and Recreation Ordinance -- the Board’s comments from August were added to the draft. Section 130-9, hours – added the inclement weather information. Section 130-11, modified to clarify who may drive off the roadway, with Township Manager’s approval. Fee schedule will be approved by resolution. Discussion was held on changing the Recreation Board in the Township to just one person who takes care of those duties. Does that

action affect the language in this Ordinance proposal? No. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise this Ordinance for adoption next month. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Proposed Solar Ordinance -- outstanding issues -- in which zone would the Board approve this use? Mr. Luckenbaugh feels it should be in the Industrial Zone. In the last draft, the use was permitted in the RAC and AG zones. Mr. Ilyes has a problem with the solar farm owner/maintainer who doesn't maintain the site well enough to keep the noxious weeds under control. Per Attorney Myers, the ordinance has specific language to address this issue. (maintenance and decommissioning). This item was *tabled* until a later meeting.

IX. **Old Business**

X. **General Public Comment**

Amy Howdyshell reported on Tri-Community Ambulance's calls. There was some discrepancy between Tri-Community's and Spring Grove's reports and billing procedures. Ms. Howdyshell explained the billing problem; essentially, she cannot pay a bill that she does not receive. They are working on restoring the relationship between Tri-Community and Spring Grove ambulance companies. Discussion was held on how the situations are handled. Ms. Howdyshell shared some positive points; that the association have increased wages, hiring more EMT's, still interviewing. Still not perfect but they are moving in a positive way. An increase in call volume, they cover other areas just as Spring Grove. The suggestion was made to have both ambulance companies submit reports each month for the Supervisors' meeting.

XI. **New Business**

A. SGASD – Spring Grove Community Partnership is extending their appreciation to the community for their efforts over the past many months by offering a complimentary breakfast on September 29, 7:30 to 8 a.m. Discussion to be held on future development and what their prospected use for the old Spring Grove Middle School is.

XI. **Announcements**

- A. NYCRP Commission will meet on September 21, 7 p.m., at headquarters.
- B. The Recreation Board will meet on September 27, 7 p.m.
- C. The Planning Commission will meet on September 28, 7 p.m. [No meeting]
- D. The Board of Supervisors will meet on October 5, 7 p.m.

Motion by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kerchner,
Township Secretary/Manager