

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by the chairman, James R. Jones, at about 3:36 P.M. on Monday, November 9, 2009. All rose to pledge the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were James R. Jones, James Chick, and Lois J. Fennell, Sec/Treas.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Board met briefly in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters (i.e. possible employee lay off and recommendations on raises from the road foreman).

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

MINUTES:

James R. Jones *moved to approve the October 12, 2009 regular meeting* minutes as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Phil Bachman. All agreed and *motion carried*.

FINANCIAL:

The bills paid between the Oct. 12th and Nov. 9th meetings totaled \$24,591.19. The bills presented for payment from the General Fund today totaled \$44,980.56. No bills were presented from the State Fund. The balance of all the funds after payment of the bills presented was \$175,263.27. James R. Jones *moved to pay the bills listed as well as any bills that become due prior to the next meeting*. *Seconded* by Jim Chick. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Ms. Beryl Mottern from 149 Keck (Road), Sarver, was present to request that the Board change the regular meetings back to evening. (Currently the regular Supervisors' meetings are held at 3:30 P.M. on the 2nd Monday of each month.) Chairman Jones said the Board will discuss it next month. Ms. Mottern asked if there was an ordinance regarding 'individuals' soliciting funds (asking for donations). The secretary responded that there is no ordinance on 'solicitation.'

Ashley Foertsch, the newly elected tax collector, was present to ask the Board for office/desk/file space and access to the copier and fax machine. They asked for a list of what she needs and they will discuss the matter next month.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: No November meeting. Next meeting is Feb. 3, 2010.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Evelyn Gross, P.C. Chair., reported on their Oct. 21, 2009 meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved a subdivision for David Perine off Dinnerbell Rd. Existing Lot 1 (roughly 13.5 acres) is being divided in two. Lot 1R will be 6.419 acres with existing house and septic system. New Lot 2 will be 7.025 acres with a non-building waiver; (this lot abuts Mr. Perine's farm property.) Both lots are on the existing 40 ft. private right-of-way. According to the township attorney, the existing driveway is 'grandfathered in' and will not have to conform to the current road specifications in the ordinances. The non-building language has been included on the plan, plus the 'non-building waiver' form was submitted for the township to keep on file. As requested by the County Planning Commission, the 'maintenance agreement' language (for shared maintenance costs accessing their respective properties) has been added to the plan, subject further to the terms and conditions of Article of Agreement recorded in Deed Book

PLANNING COMMISSION, cont.:

Volume 1357, 643. Mr. Perine 'owns' the right-of-way. The Supervisors reviewed the plan. *Motion* by James R. Jones to approve the D. J. Perine Plan as presented. *Seconded* by Jim Chick. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. reviewed and approved the lot-line revision for Gary Kravits on Kravits Lane (off Neupert Rd.) Existing Lot 1 of 4.51 acres with dwelling and septic system will be combined with existing Lot 2 of 13.33 acres for a Revised Lot 1R of 17.84 acres. Mr. Kravits owns both Lots 1R and Lot 3 on the existing 50 ft. private right-of-way with a hammer-head turn around. As requested by the County Planning Commission, the 'maintenance agreement' language (for shared maintenance cost accessing their respective properties) has been added to the plan. *Motion* by James R. Jones to approve the Gary Kravits Plan No. 2 as presented. *Seconded* by Phil Bachman. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Evelyn Gross reported that Mr. Doug Dodds from Achieve Realty was present and signed-in prior to the meeting concerning the Waechter (estate of Ernst & Gladys) property on Saxonburg Rd./Old Farm Lane (about .26.506 acres) and on Heller Road (about 88.296 acres). She talked to him and he left before the start of the meeting. She told him the 'portion' along Old Farm Lane cannot be further divided because the private right-of-way already has too many lots on it, plus the width is insufficient. However, one dwelling could be allowed on the Old Farm Lane portion if it is separated from the portion along Saxonburg Rd. The portion along Saxonburg Rd. could be subdivided if it is separated from the portion on Old Farm Lane. The Heller Road property also has subdivision possibilities. He will be in contact with the heirs and Ms. Hughes from Land Surveyors.

Evelyn Gross reported that copies of the proposed "Off Road Vehicle Ordinance" were given to the P.C. members, as well as some 'sample' noise ordinance language provided by the attorney. The proposed ORV Ordinance will be discussed at the next P.C. meeting on Nov. 19th - 7:30 P.M.

Ms. Gross noted that there were no new submissions or updates presented on the 'race track' land development. Ms. Gross asked for comments and several residents spoke. Ms. Gross noted at the end that Mr. Neupert has as much time as he needs to complete the process; but currently the 'Township' is required to make a decision before or on the extended date of February 8, 2010.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The 2nd meeting of the Butler County Hazard Mitigation Planning Team is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 18th at 6:30 P.M. at the County Government Center. Jim Jones said that he will try to attend, but directed the secretary to notify John Risch about the meeting.

The Butler Co. Sewage Association will hold their regular quarterly meeting on Thurs. Nov. 12th at 7 P.M. Jim Jones plans to attend.

The Butler County Council of Governments meets on Thurs. Nov. 12th at the Penn Township Building. None of the supervisors will be attending.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2010 Preliminary Budget was introduced last month so that the Supervisors could review it. Chairman Jones noted that the Supervisors agreed to allow one employee lay-off (which will be Mr. Bachman) for a couple of months and heard recommendations for raises as follows: Bill Foertsch -- 3% raise to \$18.54 hour for this winter (*Chairman Jones noted that IF Mr. Bachman does not come back as full time in the spring, then Bill will receive \$1.00 more as new road foreman*); Bob Foertsch -- \$1.00 raise to \$17.00 hour; and Dennis Sybert (dog officer) -- \$2.00 per call raise (to \$37.00 per call) & mileage (at the going IRS rate.) Chairman Jones *moved* to approve the raises as recommended. *Seconded* by Jim Chick. All agreed and *motion carried*. Chairman Jones said there may be other adjustments to the budget next month prior to adoption, but *moved* to authorize advertisement of the preliminary 2010 Budget for final review and adoption on Dec. 14, 2009. *Seconded* by Phil Bachman. All agreed and *motion carried*.

It was reported that Summit Township is interested in buying the old wood chipper and the old Viking Trailer. The secretary said Bill Foertsch got prices for a new trailer for \$4,700 to \$5,200 and noted that the Township paid \$3,525 for the Viking trailer in 1997. Bill recommended asking \$2,700 for the 97 Viking trailer. Phil Bachman recommended asking \$3,500 for the old wood chipper. *Motion* by

NEW BUSINESS, cont.:

James R. Jones to authorize the sale of the old wood chipper for \$3,500 and the 97 Viking trailer for \$2,700 to Summit Township. *Seconded* by Jim Chick. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Chairman Jones noted that the issue of the Bonniebrook Rd. S-bend (north of Great Belt Rd. before the Summit Township line) has been brought up many times in the past. There have been a number of accidents there and recently Mr. Jones talked to Emery's, who are willing to sell the house to the township and to Mr. Waddingham, who is willing to negotiate with the township for a right-of-way. Jim said the next step would be to get the appraisal and survey done. James R. Jones *moved to proceed with a survey and appraisal of the properties in question.* *Seconded* by Phil Bachman. All agreed and *motion carried.*

The CDBG-R (stimulus funds made available through the Community Development Block Grant program) must be bid and awarded by 1/20/2010. The Township has to have an engineer prepare the specs for a 'handicapped accessible' project (*Chairman Jones noted the funds have to be used to improve existing facilities*) and get them to the county to be bid and awarded by Jan. 20th. The proposed project is: construction of sidewalks and 'handicapped accessible spectator seating' and perhaps handicapped parking spaces. The engineering costs are reimbursable from the CDBG Admin. Funds. The Board *agreed* to have the township engineer prepare the specs and forms needed by the County CDBG office.

MISC. BUSINESS FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS:

Chairman Jones reported on the matter of CDL fees reimbursement. In the past the township has paid the total license fee (renewal), however, this should not be so. A *motion* was made by James R. Jones to reimbursement township road crew for the CDL portion only for licenses. The passenger car and non-CDL endorsements will be 'deducted'. *Seconded* by Jim Chick. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Chairman Jones explained that the Township will be paying out the \$18,067.46 for Phase II of the Pool Renovations. The DCNR grants awarded for Phase I and Phase II require a 50% local match. The pool association is currently paying the township back for Phase I. Sec/Treas., Lois Fennell reported that the pool loan balance at this point is \$9,666.77. Mr. McCarren told her that they don't have as much 'leftover' this year as hoped. He said they may pay one more regular payment of \$333.33, and use the \$2,500 donation from Clinton Township down on the current loan with an additional \$4,500.00. That will bring the current loan balance to \$2,333.44. Add the Phase II payment to that, the total to be refinanced is \$20,400.90. This is as proposed, but could change before the final new 'note' is signed.

MISC. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Corbett submitted the "Stop the Racetrack" Newsletter dated 10/28/09. He said 1,000 residents from area around the racetrack (up to 1.75 miles radius) received a copy. He also submitted information on a noise meter (certified/cost\$247), which was given to Ms. Gross from the Planning Commission. He noted that they disagreed with the 115 decibels listed in the original proposed Off-Road Vehicle Ordinance.

Barb Pifer offered her opinion that if the township is considering a noise ordinance, they need to consider the noise from SEBCO Park (kids yelling/whistles blowing) and Knoch football games, (band, referees..) etc.

ADJOURN: James Jones *moved* to adjourn at about 4:14 P.M. Jim Chick *seconded*. All agreed and *motion carried.*

ATTENDANCE: Dale Koegler, Gary Kravits, Lynda Byers, Olive Stamp, Ashley Foertsch, Norm Neupert, David Perine, Sandra Sweesy, Don Montag, Alanna Neupert, Lois Rankin, Jim Rankin, Maria Mills, Priscilla Stouffer, Bob Stouffer, Kevin Walker, Ellen Enslin, Jeff Alwine, Steve Mennor, Bill Romp, Barb & Danielle Peiffer, Jim Pitkovsh, Flo Allison, Stand Walchesky, Helen & John Yaroschak, Jennifer Rhoades, Brett Neupert, Tom & Laura Alberti, Dale Kerr, Wally Cypher, Beryl Mottern, Bob Corbett, and Evie Gross.

Next Regular Meeting: Mon., Dec. 14, 2009 at 3:30 P.M.