

CLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2011

The Supervisors of Clay Township met on a regularly scheduled meeting date of April 11, 2011, at the Clay Township Municipal Office, 870 Durlach Road, Stevens, Pennsylvania, at a time and place duly established to hold such a meeting, and advertised and posted in accordance with the Second Class Township Code and the Sunshine Law.

Supervisors present were Timothy Lausch, Chairman, Justin Harnish, Vice-Chairman and Keith Martin, Secretary.

Clay Township employee present was Bruce Leisey. Also present were Bob Lynn of Hanover Engineering, Inc., Township Engineer and Jennifer Mejia of Shirk and Mejia, Township Solicitor.

Also attending were those listed on the meeting attendance sheet, which is attached to these Minutes.

Timothy Lausch called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Justin Harnish, to approve the March 2, 2011 meeting minutes as printed in the April 11, 2011 agenda. * The motion was approved unanimously.

Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Justin Harnish, to approve the March 14, 2011 meeting minutes as printed in the April 11, 2011 agenda with the addition on page 9 of the refund amounts for the unused subdivision escrow. * The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Justin Harnish made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2011. *The motion was approved unanimously.

Visitors

1. Officer Pete Sheppard – Ephrata Area School District Resource Officer

Officer Pete Sheppard, Ephrata Area School District Resource Officer, reviewed his general responsibilities at the school and updated the Board of Supervisors on his activities.

Chief Leighty stated that the Resource Officer is a tremendous asset to the children, school and Police Department. Officer Sheppard assists with investigations and saves our police force time.

Keith Martin thanked Officer Sheppard for his service at the school.

Engineer's Report

1. Wildflower Pond – Dedication Agreement

The Developers Attorney has the Dedication Agreement and revised exhibits in his possession for review. The document has not been signed at this point in time. It is hoped that the Agreement will be signed and returned to the Township Solicitor this week. If not, the Township Solicitor will follow up with Attorney Mateyak.

No further decisions were made at this time.

2. Clearview Gardens Landscaping Plan

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the proposed amendment to the landscaping plan, as recommended by the Clay Township Planning Commission.

Justin Harnish made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin to grant conditional approval to reduce the number of planted trees in the common area to 75 from 105; change spacing to 15-20 feet apart and reduce the height of the evergreen trees to 4-6 feet upon approval from the Home Owners Association as depicted in the HOA Agreements. * The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business

1. Approve Multiway Stop Ordinance for Advertising

Bob Lynn reviewed the options of stop bars and a reduction of the speed limit. Bob stated that the safe running speed is 40 mph for the road and a speed limit of 25 mph is not advised. Bob recommends installing stop bars at the intersection.

Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Justin Harnish to install stop bars at the Snyder Lane and Clay School Road intersection. Tim Laush will inform the Road Master to meet with Bob Lynn to determine the exact location for the stop bars. There will be a review of the intersection after 90 days.

New Business

1. Approve 2011 Proposed PSATS Resolutions

After review, Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Justin Harnish to authorize the Township Manager to vote as per PSATS recommendations except on #11-9 vote yes. * The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Approve Advertising for Audit Meeting

After discussion, Justin Harnish made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin to determine date for audit meeting and advertise meeting in the Ephrata Review. * The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Section 125 Plan

After review, Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Justin Harnish to adopt Resolution #041111 which authorizes the adoption of a Premium only plan for township employee's health insurance premiums. * The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Benecon meeting

The Township Manager informed the Board of Supervisors of an invitation received by the Township to attend IIC's 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Tim Lausch will check schedule and inform Township Manager of his availability.

5. Drug Task Force Contribution

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the contribution request from the Lancaster County Drug Task Force.

This item was tabled until September 2011.

Executive Session

Justin Harnish made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin to enter into executive session at 8:30 PM to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues. * The motion was unanimously approved.

Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Justin Harnish to exit executive session at 9:15 PM. * The motion was unanimously approved.

Bills to be Paid

General Fund

Justin Harnish made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin, to approve the General Fund bills totaling \$36,231.49 for the month of March. *The motion was approved unanimously.

Rec Fund

Justin Harnish made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin, to approve the Recreation Fund bills totaling \$210.07 for the month of March. *The motion was approved unanimously.

Sewer Fund

Justin Harnish made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin, to approve the Sewer Fund bills totaling \$6,460.80 for the month of March. *The motion was approved unanimously.

Reports for the Month

1. Chief of Police / Police Department
2. Fire Companies
3. DMR
4. Ambulance
5. Solicitor's Report
6. Engineer's Report
7. Planning Commission Minutes

Adjournment

Justin Harnish made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M. *The motion was approved unanimously.

Clay Township Board of Supervisors

Timothy Lausch, Chairman

Justin Harnish, Vice-Chairman

Keith Martin, Secretary