

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2004

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chair), Leigh Kane (Supervisor) and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Bob Coleman.

Executive Session. None.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

Public Comment.

Hazel Corby. Asked when are we getting new tables for the park building? Chuck said Jeanette is working on pricing and they will be ordered soon. In addition, the snowplow ripped her railroad ties up after being in the ground for 17 years. Chuck will have Joe Weston look into this tomorrow.

Correspondence.

Atty. McDonald. Working on reimbursement of the open space grant with the Planning Commission staff it was requested that certain language be incorporated in the five (5) deeds of property we already own. He had a declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions. It puts in the chain of title restrictions on the properties and insures the properties will be accessible to all residents. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to accept this declaration with a correction made to the parcel size on Marraffino and Modafferi properties. (3-0)

Sketch Traffic Plan. Mr. David O. Morse sent a letter to the Board and a sketch of his proposed traffic relief on Rte 209/715.

Monroe County. Block grant program for low to moderate family projects.

Auditor General. Sun Valley Fire Co Audit.

Roadmaster.

Request to sell the following equipment:

1. 1984 GMC 70 series value \$450.00
2. 1986 GMC 70 series value \$725.00
3. 1979 Chevy C-70 value \$200.00

On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the Roadmaster's request to sell this equipment. (3-0)

Roadway Management Conference. Joe Weston asked to attend this conference, and on motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to let Joe, Dave and Chuck attend. (3-0)

Planning Director. None.

Old Business.

Pension Ordinance. Bob Coleman, from Coleman Insurance was present to answer any questions the Board may have on this ordinance. The Auditor General's office requested we have a pension ordinance in place, since we do not have one. This will take care of three things:

1. Give the Auditor General their request.
2. Township employees would be able to contribute on their own.
3. Ability of the employees to choose which fund they want their money in.

On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to allow Atty. McDonald to do research and place an advertisement of the hearing on March 16th so the Board may act on this Ordinance. (3-0)

Banner Resolution. This is a resolution adopting and approving a procedure for granting permission for the placement of overhead signs and banners across state highways. Penn Dot has required this for each Municipality. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve resolution 2004-04. (3-0)

New Business.

Cherry Valley National Wildlife Resolution. Mr. and Mrs. Schuler were present along with Mr. Michael Pressman and he spoke to the audience: Preliminary studies by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and other entities have concluded that Cherry Valley and portions of nearby watersheds, including portions of the McMichael Creek watershed are eminently worthy of National Wildlife Refuge status and a significant part of the McMichaels Creek watershed occurs in Chestnuthill Township. Since conservation of the special natural features and farmland in these watersheds is a high priority in the recently completed Regional Open Space Plans of Chestnuthill Township and its neighboring municipalities, on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to adopt resolution 04-5. (3-0) a lengthy discussion ensued.

Library Donation. Carol Kern was present to ask the Board for a donation for acquiring future property for expansion. Their state funding has been cut by 50%. This would be for the storage tank removal on the site and a Phase I and II along with the appraisal. The total acquisition is \$375,000.00 and the donation the library is looking for is \$10,385.01. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to donation the \$10,385.01 to the library. (3-0)

Supervisor Compensation at Convention. The second-class township codebook allows for supervisors who are not employees of the township, who attend the State Convention be reimbursed for their wages lost from their employment. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this payment. (3-0)

Bills. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to pay the General & State fund bills. (3-0)

Plan.

Kishbaugh, Donald. (Land Development Plan). Policelli Engineering. Peter Quigley was present to represent this plan. This is an 80-acre farm with one house on it. A lengthy discussion ensued on the merits of the open space and the conditions of approval. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve and sign this plan with the condition that the plan Clair E. Dietrick #3 is recorded with the Donald Kishbaugh plan. (3-0) on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve and sign the Land Development Plan. (3-0)

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary