

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – AUGUST 21, 2001

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2001, at the Municipal Building, Route 715, Brodheadsville, Pa. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Mike Possinger, Dave Johnson and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Leigh Kane.

Public Comment. None.

Minutes. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to approve the Minutes of the August 7th and August 15th meetings as distributed. (3-0)

Correspondence.

Monroe County Arts Council. Just a reminder the 2000 PPA Grant final report is due 30 days after completion of the project.

Redevelopment Authority of MC. A letter stating funds are low at this time and therefore, many people have been put on waiting lists for assistance.

PA Arts Council. Is sponsoring a seminar on August 27th at E. Stroudsburg from 9am to 1pm.

GIS. Coordinator Steven Rinker is holding a training session on August 23rd.

Citations. The Township has received 2 more citations from the State Police for the alarm going off. If this situation continues, we will be forced to close the park building after dark.

Agility Penn Dot. Plans for work have been approved and signed, therefore, we are ready to begin.

PPL. Is offering choices for you to choose from.

PA Leadership Program. Has a survey due on September 21st.

MCCD. Is holding a workshop on September 26th on floodplain management, permit issues, and legal issues.

Thank You from Mineola Grange. For volunteer appreciation day and the plaque they received.

Seminars. Various topics they will be distributed to the right people.

Videoconference. For local government officials on September 14th from 9:30am to 12:30pm. At ESU college.

Atty. Martino. Sent a letter regarding Mr. Ogan and Ms. McWhorter regarding Lot 104 Sec 1 in Sierra View. The water is running down McKinley and flooding their property. The Roadmaster will look into this, and also the 3-ac parcel next to their lot states in the subdivision it is reserved for recreation use for the Township, but is currently up for sale. Atty. McDonald and Dave are both looking into this.

Old Business.

Recreation Parkland Proposal. This proposal would make us eligible for \$400,000.00 of the open space bond issue. The 3 other municipalities have signed off to allow Chestnuthill to access this money. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to sign this proposal. (3-0)

Elaine Fraim. At the last meeting this issue was brought up of Ms. Fraim owning a lot in Sun Valley and she wants to give it to the Township. Atty. McDonald has a copy of the deed restrictions and it states no building shall be put on the land for public use, just a 1 story dwelling. There are no exceptions, and municipal ownership does not remove the restriction. This is a 100x150 lot. A brief discussion ensued, and on motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to table this until the next meeting. (3-0)

New Business.

United States Post Office. Dale Furgeson was present as part of a formal process. The lease is being terminated at the Gilbert Post Office and there are 2 Townships involved, Chestnuthill and Polk. The PO is looking for 1400 sq. ft of space. There will be a public meeting held at the Polk firehouse on Sept 5th at 6:00 p.m. to accept offers of land on existing buildings.

Frantz & Pennel Roads. Mr. George Russell owns a building that sits on the corner of this intersection and blocks traffic site distance. CHT should go with a fair price appraisal and have this building removed, then we can cut the bank back also. Mike suggested looking at all avenues and possibly try a 3 way stop. A brief discussion ensued. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to put up a 3 way stop and to proceed to look at the issue of removing the building and cutting back the bank. (3-0) The motion was then amended to include that the stop signs should be contingent on the criteria of title 75 Penn Dot specs for placement of the stop signs.

Joint land acquisition WEFC/CHT. Mr. Frantz & Mr. Parisi are the owners of land on the west side of Rte 715 and have offered the Township the option to purchase this property of 7.3021 acres, which is opposite of the WEFC building. The option is for \$1500.00 per month, pro rated for August, beginning in September. The option contract expires at midnight on 1/31/02, or sooner if optionee chooses to exercise its option rights consistent with this contract. Agreement of sale for purchase price is \$250,000.00, subject to appraisal. The opportunity to engage in seller financing would also allow the transfer of the title to the WEFC and they would assume the financial responsibility. Mr. Snyder and Mr. Eckert were present to speak on behalf of the

WEFC. They would like to put up a new fire company building, and would like to plan for the future as they are out of room at the fire station. Chuck then stated, subject to all conditions, subject to all testing, traffic study, the Township's involvement would be for a road right of way if needed to ease traffic. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to sign the option contract and send a check for \$564.51, then September would start the \$1500.00 payments. (3-0) The monies the Township is paying would be credited directly toward the \$50,000.00 price the Township will pay for the property.

Ball Fields. Mr. Lou Tallada was present and is offering the West End Little League a lease for a portion of his land located on Pilgrim Way for \$1.00 for a ball field. Chuck has contacted the Conservation District and the minimum requirements would apply for soil erosion. You would need permits, but Chuck suggested the Township waive its fees. The Little League has approximately 1100 kids and 72 teams. This field would be used strictly for junior and senior league baseball. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Dave it was voted to waive any permit fees but you must go through the permit process. (3-0) Chuck also asked Mr. Tallada what the Township can do to help him out. Mr. Tallada suggested use of the Township equipment, grader, etc. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike, it was voted to allow the Roadmaster to help with any equipment needed for this ball field. (3-0)

Ames Plaza Maintenance Agreement. They have submitted a maintenance agreement for their septic system, however, Atty. McDonald did not get to review this before hand and just glancing at it at the Township meeting he did not like some of the language. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike, it was voted to table this. (3-0)

LTS Planning Module. This planning module was reviewed by Rick Fisher; SEO, everything is in order. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to have the secretary sign the planning modules. (3-0)

Bills. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to pay the bills. (3-0)

Public Comment.

Jean DiMarsico. Lives on Wilson Court in the Birches III and is having a water problem. The water comes down the road and into her driveway. We will have the Roadmaster come out and look at this.

Plan.

Olson, Donna L & Richard W. (Minor Sub Div) Robert Beers. This is on Deer Run Road above Silver Valley Road where it turns to the right. The plan is cutting 2 ¾ ac off a 13-ac tract. Everything is in order. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave, it was voted to sign the plans on receipt of payment of the recreation fee. (3-0)

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to adjourn into executive session at 8:50 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cathy A. Baker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned over the typed name and title.

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary