

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 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 Gary Nasca.

Public Comment.

Al Bourke. Senator Rhodes is working on Senate Bill 1155 which could reduce taxes from land-owners that are not in Act 319 which was passed in 1974 that gave farmers a lower tax base. This bill says that the taxing entity can look at the assessed value and may be able to get some help from the State Environmental Department. This would give some relief to the homeowners who pay slightly higher taxes to off set the reduction from those who have their land in Act 319. Further information will follow.

George Eckert. The exit at the back of the Queen of Peace Church has a huge bush that is blocking the site distance coming out onto Weir Lake Road. We will get in touch with the landowner.

Eagle Scout Project.

Eagle Scout. Mike Sodl from Troop 99 at the Effort Church was present to speak about a project he would like to do to obtain his Eagle Scout rank. Each rank you move up further towards being an Eagle and for that you have to show your leadership skills. Mike lives behind the Beechwood Inn on Rte 209. There are 2 dirt roads in his development with approximately 15 homes. For his project he would like to build street signs and give each home a number to identify each. He would like the Township's blessing and would also work with Monroe County control center and the post offices involved. A brief discussion ensued. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to support Mike Sodl's project. (3-0)

Robert Baker. On the LTS project where are they before the bulldozers move in? Atty. McDonald said a final plan must be approved and a road agreement must be submitted. They cannot sell lots until a final plan is approved.

Minutes. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to approved the Minutes of the August 21, 2001, as distributed. (3-0)

Correspondence.

DEP Grant. Cathy Baker and Gary Nasca worked together on the 1999-recycling grant. There was 578.3 tons of recycling materials and a check was received in the amount of \$7643.00.

Seminar request. Cathy has requested to go to two 1-day seminars from PSATS on Bookkeeping and Budget Development. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Chuck it was voted to have Cathy attend these seminars. Dave would also like to attend. (3-0)

Tax exemption parcels. Atty. McDonald spoke with William Belutty, Tax Collector about the 2 parcels that the Township has received tax bills on. Although when Atty. McDonald spoke with Tom Hill from the Courthouse he thought the exemption letter we have received was for all the subsequent years up until 2002. However, the letter states the exemption begins in 2002. Atty. McDonald would like the Board's approval to send a letter to the school district to ask for the current year tax forgiveness. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to have Atty. McDonald proceed with the letter. (3-0)

Old Business.

Elain Fraim Property. Atty. McDonald has no further information on this property. The Board would like to find out further information on this property in Sun Valley that Ms. Fraim would like to give the Township. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to table this matter. (3-0)

Ames Plaza Septic Maintenance Agreement. Atty. McDonald has been unable to speak to Ames's Attorney as he is on vacation. However, he will speak to him upon his return. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to have this agreement if ready, for the September 18, 2001 meeting, and if it is not ready by then, it will be on the agenda for the October 2, 2001 meeting. (3-0)

Watershed Conference. Will be held at Split Rock on October 5 & 6. There will be also grant-writing seminars. Dave would like to attend and would like to invite the grant writers. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to let the person or persons the seminars pertain to be able to attend without bringing this to a Township meeting if it is not in excess of \$200.00 and does not require overnight accommodations. Also, if the Township pays for the seminar in advance and that person does not attend, the person will be responsible to reimburse the Township all costs involved. (3-0)

Park. The Haunted Forest is getting ready to start the set up process. The Park is working with the School and Fire Company on another Haunted Hayride that will be held in the area. Bocci, Volleyball and Shuffleboard courts will be bid out separately and the firewood from the tree removal at the Park was auctioned off for \$1700.00.

New Business.

HRG Engineering. Had presented a proposal at a previous meeting to provide Transportation Engineering Services for the Chestnuthill Township Transportation Plan. This study will consist of an evaluation of key intersections and roadways within the Township. It will evaluate the existing operating and safety conditions of these roadways as well as projected future conditions. Recommendations will be provided to alleviate existing safety and capacity problems as well as problems that are likely to occur within the next ten years. On motion made by Mike, seconded

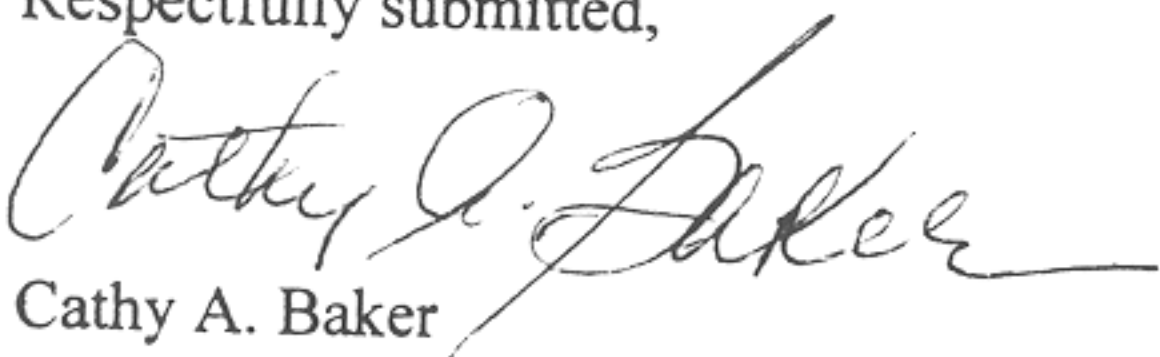
by Dave it was voted to hire HRG Engineering as Transportation Engineer at a compensation of \$29,890.00. (3-0) A lengthy discussion ensued.

Alternate SEO. Since an alternate SEO was not appointed at the beginning of the year, this position had to be filled, and on motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to appoint Christine Meinhart as alternate SEO. (3-0)

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

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to adjourn to executive session on land acquisition issues at 8:30 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary