

TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA

JUNE 14, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Indiana was called to order at 7:09 P.M. by Mayor Michael Schurko with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at Indiana Township Town Hall, and recorded on audio cassette.

Supervisors in attendance were Albert F. Kaan (participated by phone until his arrival at 7:28 p.m.), Michael Schurko, and Daniel L. Taylor. Also in attendance were Chief of Police Robert W. Wilson, Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey S. Curti, Engineer Daniel B. Slagle, Manager Daniel L. Anderson, Attorney Gavin Robb, for Solicitor Irving Firman, and Recording Secretary Carolyn Kustra.

It was noted that three "yes" votes would be needed for any motion to pass this evening due to the attendance of only three Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAY 10, 2016, REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Schurko noted the misspelling of the word "Lime" in the first line on Page 5.

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to approve the May 10, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' FORUM

JOE THOR-INDEPENDENCE EXCAVATING ACTIVITIES

Joe Thor of 5 Fossil Ridge Road, asked if Independence Excavating is permitted to remove the hillside on their property, and asked for clarification of what is happening there. He was told they are permitted. He added that the grading of the hillside was part of a project to build a pad on the opposite side of the road in addition to the dirt removed from the same side. However, there is no additional building to be built. He said the noise the Thors have complained about is the banging of the dump truck tailgates. Mr. Anderson said grading that is consistent with the Site Plan is what is permitted.

JANICE THOR

Mrs. Thor said when she originally bought her property she was told this was a "flood zone" and no one could develop it. Now she is dealing with excessive noise and grading activities. Mr. Curti said this is a "Light Industrial" Zoning District (as is the Thor property), and as long as the grading criteria is met, it is permissible. Anything outside of the Consent Order must be approved by the Township. It was noted the activities could continue for months before the project is complete, and that the Township would address the Thors' concerns as they arise.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

VALLEY LANE-SIMPLE SUBDIVISION (REVISION)

Board Members were previously presented with a request to subdivide/consolidate four lots into three, in an LDR (low density residential) zoning district. Board Members did not approve the plan at that time, due to substantial changes that were made since the original submittal. The Plan was re-submitted, and the Planning Commission recommended its approval. Mr. Slagle also recommended the Plan be approved provided the following items are satisfactorily addressed:

1. Provide executed copies of the "Termination and Release of Easement Agreement" and the "Private Road Maintenance Agreement".
2. Remove the "Valley Lane" road sign located on Dorseyville Road and return the post and sign to the Indiana Township Road Department.

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schurko, to approve the Valley Lane Simple Subdivision as recommended by the Planning Commission and Engineer, provided the two aforesaid stipulations are met. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Kaan arrived at 7:28 p.m.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-JUNE, 2016

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to approve payment of the June, 2016, expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Payments were to be made from the following funds:

GENERAL:	\$111,434.63	CAPITAL IMPROV	\$169,906.45
K-9:	0.00	DEVELOPERS REC.	0.00
DARE:	\$146.91	STATE:	\$5,274.36
ROSEDALE RD:	0.00	<u>PAYROLL:</u>	
OTTAWA HILLS:	\$5,999.14	PAYROLL ENDING 5/15/16	\$78,774.92
MIDDLE RD NO.1	0.00	PAYROLL ENDING 5/29/16	\$78,935.77
MIDDLE RD NO.2	\$43.18	PAYROLL ENDING 6/12/16	<u>\$81,291.77</u>
FAIRVIEW:	\$3,970.90	TOTAL:	\$535,778.03

FINANCIAL REPORTS-MAY, 2016

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of the "Expenditures and Revenues as Compared to Budget" and "Balance Sheets" for May, 2016.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-MAY, 2016

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of the "Accounts Receivable Statement" for May, 2016; copies were placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

None discussed.

REPORTS

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

None submitted.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Each Board Member was previously presented with copies of the Police Department's written report for May, 2016. A copy was placed on file.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Each Board Member was previously presented with copies of the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for May, 2016. A copy was placed on file.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN

Each Board Member had previously received copies of the Public Works Foreman's written report for May, 2016. A copy was placed on file.

It was noted the demolition of the tennis court at the Dorseyville Community Parklet was completed as requested, and seeding will take place soon.

ENGINEER

Each Board Member was presented with a copy of the Engineer's written report. A copy was placed on file. Mr. Slagle reviewed his report for the Board.

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Mr. Slagle said Final Estimate No. 12 for Swede Construction Corporation in the amount of \$125,271.57 has been prepared, adding the project is approximately 99% complete.

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to approve payment of Final Estimate No. 12 in the amount of \$125,271.57 to Swede Construction Corp., as recommended by the Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Robb had nothing to report.

MANAGER

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of Mr. Anderson's written report, which he reviewed.

Mr. Anderson said the Pennsylvania Traffic Calming Handbook allows for neighborhoods requesting traffic calming measures to pay for the required traffic engineering study. A Resolution which establishes a written policy to respond to these requests with this requirement, has been drafted. The Traffic Calming Handbook also allows for requiring those making the request to pay for the installation and maintenance of the calming devices should they be determined to be warranted. This requirement was not included in the Resolution as drafted. Supervisors could consider this, should a study recommend improvements when it comes before them.

Mr. Anderson said Indiana Township has been named number 12 of the 20 safest cities in Pennsylvania by Safewise.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

No report submitted.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

No report submitted.

SUPERVISORS

MR. KAAAN

Supervisor Kaan had nothing to report.

MR. TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor had nothing to report.

MR. SCHURKO

Mr. Schurko had nothing to report.

Mr. Kaan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to accept the foregoing reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None submitted for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO HIRE SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to authorize hiring enough camp counselors to maintain the proper counselor-to-camper ratio, as requested by the Community Services Coordinator in her Memo dated June 10, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT WITH MORTON SALT FOR OPTION YEAR 1, 2016-2017

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to approve the Articles of Agreement with Morton Salt for Option Year 1, 2016-2017. Motion carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT WITH ALLEGHENY COUNTY FOR 2016-2019 WINTER SEASONS

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to approve the Snow & Ice Agreement with Allegheny County for the 2016-2019 Winter Seasons. Motion carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-05, ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING TRAFFIC REGULATION

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to adopt Resolution 2016-05, establishing a policy regarding traffic regulation requests. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

**Daniel L. Anderson
Manager**