

TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA

June 13, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Indiana was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Mayor Darrin Krally with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at Indiana Township Town Hall, and recorded on audio cassette.

Supervisors in attendance were Paul Jorgensen, Albert Kaan, Darrin Krally, Michael Schurko, and Daniel L. Taylor. Also in attendance were Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey S. Curti, Engineer Daniel B. Slagle, Manager Daniel L. Anderson, Public Works Superintendent Larry Smith, Solicitor Gavin Robb, and Recording Secretary Carolyn Kustra.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAY 9, 2017, REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Taylor said the fourth paragraph on Page 2, incorrectly states each townhouse owner will have 1/90 ownership of the open space. That fraction should actually be "1/91". He also said the second paragraph on Page 3, incorrectly states that Karel Ulizio referenced "Seminole" Oaks. She actually said "Sentinel" Oaks. In addition, the Solicitor's Report on Page 6, incorrectly states that "Mr. Robb" had nothing to report. "Mr. Firman" actually attended the meeting.

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schurko, to approve the May 9, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT- Presentation of "Low Volume Road Grant" check for Jacoby Road, by Don Newman and Jonathan Burgess.

Mr. Anderson introduced Don Newman of Allegheny County, who along with Jonathan Burgess, were instrumental in assisting Indiana Township with its application for a Low Impact Road Grant through the Dirt and Gravel Road Program. Mr. Newman presented Board Members with a check in the amount of \$183,000 which is earmarked for the Jacoby Road project. Allegheny County had been allotted a total of \$360,000 to be awarded to qualifying municipalities. Mr. Newman said these are roads that are primarily near streams, and are subject to approximately less than 500 vehicle trips per year.

CITIZENS' FORUM

TIM SCHMITT-OLD MILL ROAD

Mr. Schmitt was not in attendance. Mr. Anderson said he had spoken with him on the phone previously to discuss his concerns regarding dust on Old Mill Road created by busses, and feels his questions were addressed. Chief Wilson said there is not a lot of data to support claims of speeding issues on this road.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

HARTWOOD ACRES PARK/PA TURNPIKE (Wetland Mitigation Project)-SITE PLAN

Board Members were presented with a request to construct .5 acres of wetlands with a disturbed area of 2.3 acres required to mitigate wetland impacts associated with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Widening Project. The site is located west of Saxonburg Boulevard, within the Allegheny County Hartwood Acres Park, approximately 1.6 miles north of the intersection with Harts Run Road. It will be accessed by a dirt road. The property is zoned "AG" - Agricultural. John Dzurko, Project Manager from Hill International, Inc., as well as Dave Cutlip, Environmental Services Engineer from Markosky Engineering, were present to represent the applicant, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

Mr. Dzurko, said a wetland mitigation project in connection with the PA Turnpike Widening Project has been proposed for construction in Hartwood Acres Park along Saxonburg Boulevard in Indiana Township. An agreement between the Turnpike Commission and the County has been made to mitigate the impact the Turnpike's project will have on the environment. This proposal was previously reviewed by the Planning Commission, and recommended for approval provided the outstanding items noted in the Engineer's letter dated June 8, 2017, are satisfactorily addressed. Supervisor Jorgensen asked if this will result in two pools of standing water. Mr. Dzurko said the cells will be fed with moving ground water, and bat boxes and vegetation will be added to attract birds and wildlife. Mr. Taylor asked who will be responsible for the wetlands. He was told that for the first five years it would be the Turnpike Commission, and thereafter Allegheny County. Mr. Taylor suggested something be put in writing to ensure that the Township will have a responsible party to contact if maintenance issues arise at a later date. Mr. Jorgensen asked if the County could be asked to perform regular maintenance when it assumes responsibility, just as the Turnpike Commission is expected to do during the first five years; perhaps the very same type of maintenance. Board Members were told once the wetlands are established, no maintenance should be needed. Mr. Jorgensen asked what keeps the wetland area from "spreading". Mr. Dzurko said it will be on an uphill slope, and is not likely to expand. Township resident Jim Horvat asked if any culverts will be added for affected driveways. Mr. Dzurko said there are no private driveways at this location. Lucy Klimko of 9 Pine Creek Drive asked if this will be a swamp or bog. She was told it will not; the water will be very clean, and some of it will drain into the stream below. Karel Ulizio of 404 Hartwood Trail asked how healthy the current wetland in Emmerling Community Park is. Mr. Anderson said no mosquito problems have been reported.

Supervisor Schurko said all of these types of discussions and questions from the public should take place at the public Planning Commission meetings. He asked the concerned residents if they were aware of those meetings, and if they had attended those discussions. He was told they had not. Mr. Schurko encouraged the public to attend the Planning Commission meetings as well, where a lot more details are discussed for a better understanding of these proposals before they reach the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Kaan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schurko, to approve the Hartwood Acres Park/PA Turnpike Wetland Mitigation Project Site Plan, provided the items noted in the Engineer's letter dated June 8, 2017, are adequately addressed, as well as providing a copy of an Operation and Maintenance Schedule that includes types and frequency of wetland maintenance, as well as identifying who can be held responsible to the Township if wetland maintenance becomes an issue. Motion carried unanimously.

GETTY-ARMSTRONG PLAN OF LOTS-SIMPLE SUBDIVISION (RE-APPROVAL)

Mr. Curti told Board Members that the Getty-Armstrong Plan of Lots Simple Subdivision that they approved last year needs to be "re-approved" because the 90 day window for recording has lapsed. The owners need to get this re-approved by the Township to enable them to record the plan properly with Allegheny County.

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schurko, to re-approve the Getty-Armstrong Plan of Lots Simple Subdivision as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-JUNE, 2017

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to approve payment of the June, 2017, expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Payments were to be made from the following funds:

GENERAL:	\$126,938.14	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 34,721.00
K-9:	\$305.50	DEVELOPERS REC.	0.00
DARE:	\$996.61	STATE:	\$6,589.84
ROSEDALE RD:	\$0.00	<u>PAYROLL:</u>	
OTTAWA HILLS:	\$12,752.47	PAYROLL ENDING 05/14/17	\$82,004.15
MIDDLE RD NO.1	\$21,645.03	PAYROLL ENDING 05/28/17	\$82,797.66
MIDDLE RD NO.2	\$12,516.37	PAYROLL ENDING 06/11/17	<u>\$82,479.22</u>
FAIRVIEW:	\$9,073.22	TOTAL:	\$472,819.21

FINANCIAL REPORTS-MAY, 2017

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of the "Expenditures and Revenues as Compared to Budget" and "Balance Sheets" for May, 2017.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-MAY, 2017

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of the "Accounts Receivable Statement" for May, 2017; copies were placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

REPORTS

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

John Rex, Middle Road Volunteer Fire Department Chief, told Board Members he felt the Township could save between \$4,000 and \$6,000 on insurance if all three departments were collectively insured independently of the Township on their own policy. He said he would like to have a detailed proposal ready for the Board by August. Mr. Anderson said liability insurance is an important consideration as well. Mr. Rex agreed, adding there are lots of things to consider and compare. Board Members agreed this proposal needs to be reviewed and considered before the Township's policy is due for renewal this Fall.

DVFC

Ed Banks said he feels the Dorseyville Volunteer Fire Department has fulfilled its obligation to the IRS when it filed the necessary tax forms. Supervisor Taylor said he still has questions regarding the Department's Form 990, which have not been satisfactorily answered. He had sent a written list of questions to Mr. Banks for clarification previously. He said the accountant who prepared the forms for the Department should be able to offer clarification. Carol Banks, Fire Department Treasurer, said she feels they are being targeted, and that the information submitted by the accountant is true and accurate. She asked if other organizations the Township gives money to are asked for their 990 forms. **Mr. Anderson** said they have been, adding the Township requested the same information from Lower Valley Ambulance, who had also requested funding from the Township. That information was never provided, and no Township funding was given. He said the Township is responsible for being good stewards of the taxpayers' money, and needs to be comfortable with how the money is managed or spent. Mr. Jorgensen agreed the Township should have access to this financial information when questions arise. Mr. Taylor said he is not comfortable with disbursing funds to Dorseyville Volunteer Fire Department without getting clarification of his questions, adding this would be a simple matter of having the accountant who prepared the document, answer the questions that he posed.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Each Board Member was previously presented with copies of the Police Department's written report for May, 2017. A copy was placed on file.

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of Part Time Police Officer Garrett Lynn's Letter of Resignation. Chief Wilson said Officer Lynn has accepted a full-time position with another police department.

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schurko, to accept Part-Time Police Officer Garrett Lynn's resignation as of May 29, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Each Board Member was previously presented with copies of the Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for May, 2017. A copy was placed on file. Mr. Curti said he attended (for approximately 40 minutes) the Duquesne Light Public Meeting held to present information to residents regarding the proposed new power lines.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of the Public Works Department written report for May, 2017. A copy was placed on file.

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.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Robb had nothing to report.

MANAGER

Mr. Anderson said Jason Davidek of the Allegheny League of Municipalities, has presented Indiana Township with a scholarship to be used for educational opportunities offered to Township Officials by ALOM.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD

No report submitted.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

No report submitted.

SUPERVISORS

MR. JORGENSEN

Mr. Jorgensen said some Township residents have come together to resist allowing Duquesne Light Company to construct power lines through the Agricultural (AG) Zoning District.

MR. KAAAN

Mr. Kaan had nothing to report.

MR. TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor had nothing to report.

MR. SCHURKO

Mr. Schurko reported attending a recent meeting of the North Hills COG. He said as a result of the mild winter, Morton Salt has agreed to waive the storage fee for those municipalities who have extra salt stored there. Mr. Anderson said Indiana Township stores its own salt.

MR. KRALLY

Mr. Krally said he too became aware of Duquesne Light's plan to install new power lines, and knows that some Township residents are actively opposing it.

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

It was noted that a free dust control treatment was applied to approximately 800 ft. of Cedar Run Road. This "demo" application was observed by a representative of the Allegheny County Conservation District, who will monitor its effectiveness and durability, as a new product that is now available for use in this area. Residents who travel the road, seem pleased with the results so far.

CORRESPONDENCE

RANGE RESOURCES-JR MILLER WELL SITE NOTIFICATION

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of a letter from Range Resources notifying the Township of the Miller JR Well location.

CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS-TURNPIKE WIDENING/TEMPORARY STREAM CROSSINGS/RELOCATIONS

Each Board Member had previously received copies of two letters notifying the Township of the proposed temporary stream crossings/relocations (with maps) relative to the PA Turnpike Widening Project.

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY PLANS TO BUILD NEW TRANSMISSION LINE

Each Board Member had previously received a copy of a letter from Duquesne Light Co. notifying its customers of its plan to build a new 138-kilovolt transmission line from the Pine Creek Substation on Dorseyville Road in Indiana Township to the West Deer Substation on Route 910 in West Deer Township. A map of the preferred as well as alternative routes was also provided.

NEW BUSINESS

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT WITH MORTON SALT FOR OPTION YEAR 2017-2018 WINTER SEASON

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schurko, to approve the Morton Salt Final Option Year Articles of Agreement for 2017-2018, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #381 TO AMEND BARTOLACCI PARCEL ON ZONING MAP

Mr. Schurko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt Indiana Township Ordinance #381, amending Township Ordinance #368, to change the zoning classification of 725 Dorseyville Road (Lot & Block 524-H-140) from Medium Density Residential (MDR), to Office Flex Commercial (O/C). Motion carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2017-04, GROW GREEN GRANT APPLICATION FOR OTTAWA HILLS SEWER DISTRICT

Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to adopt proposed Resolution 2017-04, authorizing an application for ALCOSAN's GROW Grant to fund a project that proposes to reduce sewer overflow in the Ottawa Hills Sewer District. Motion carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 2017 F-350 FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Mr. Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaan, to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford F-350 Pick-up Truck from Day Ford, Inc., for the Public Works Department, based on the PA CoStars Contract, at a price of \$31,823.00. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the purchase of this vehicle was included in the 2017 Township Budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Daniel L. Anderson
Manager