BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Comm. Steele called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following in attendance:

Comm. Granholm Elizabeth Heathcote Scott DePoe

Comm. Jones Lisa Frye Gary Milbrand

Comm. Kessler Carly Mercadante Neil Beach Comm. Knepper Peter Ruth Fred Krause

Other Township Employees: Adam Wolf; Kathy Dellinger and Jeff Grove, EMA; Glenn Myers, ZHB; Ed Dick, Water & Sewer Authority

Others: Cpl. Boyce, YARP; Mike Keiser, PennDOT; Rep. Kristen Phillips-Hill, Rep. Stan Saylor; Mayor Gruendler, Jacobus

Minutes On motion of Comm. Granholm, seconded by Comm. Kessler, the minutes of November 10th, 2015 were approved as presented. Vote 5 yes.

Payment of Bills

On motion of Comm. Knepper, seconded by Comm. Granholm, the following bills for November 2015 were approved for payment:

General Fund $466,336.27

Sewer Revenue Fund 581,617.22

Intermunicipal Sewer Fund 9,658.45

Stormwater Mgt. 7,652.75

Recreation Capital Reserve 55,919.52

Liquid Fuels Fund 644.43

General Capital Reserve 141,568.79

Sewer Capital Reserve 10,300.42

Street Light 226.92

Escrow Fund 1,500.37

**TOTAL $1,275,425.14**

Professional Services

Non-Reimbursable $21,986.47

Vote 5 yes.

Jack

Jones Kaltreider-Benfer Library. Copy of presentation included in the minute book. Thanked the board for their contribution and hope that they will again be included in the 2016 budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chambers Road

Comm. Steele advised that with Mike Keiser, PennDOT, Rep. Kristen Phillips-Hill and Rep. Stan Saylor here and a number of citizens that wished to speak about Chambers Road extension and signal light he was moving the public comments segment to this part of the agenda.

The following spoke regarding the Chambers Road extension and the installation of a signal light at Plymouth Road:

Lee Hoffman, 3158 Skylight Drive

Mike Keiser, PennDOT District 8

Jeff Cooper, 827 Solarlight Drive

Paulette Smyser, 884 Solarlight Drive

Steve Neeman, 3180 Skylight Drive

Riaz Mohammad, 921 Heritage Hills Drive

Brent Leibowitz, Sweet Willows Creamery

Matt Landis, 844 Solarlight Drive

Tom Kiser, 724 Daylight Drive

Tina Cooper, 827 Solarlight Drive

Gail Boone, 904 Chambers Ridge

Janiece Eisenhart, 837 Heritage Hills Drive

Rebecca Hickey, 1820 Stone Hill Drive

John Slatky, 3673 Cimmeron

Rep. Stan Saylor

Rep. Kristen Phillips-Hill

Kelly Paraskevakos, 3102 Skylight Drive

COMMISSIONER AGENDA

Comm.

Kessler November 13th, attended the 10th anniversary of OSS. I spoke with Rep. Hill and to get the road to Plymouth we will go thru several properties.   
The road would go through property owned by Matt DeRose. He indicated he would have drawings of the road to Plymouth and determine the value. Once done he would give the property to the township. The discussion about placing the light at the old credit unit is half the price of the light at Plymouth. I hope that the commissioners will move forward. I have walked the property, it can be built, it will be built, but there are a lot of hurdles to cross.

December 4th, I attended the YARP Christmas party. Officers McGee and Hempfing were named Officers of the Year at YARP. Congratulations to both of them.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Comm.

Jones It has been a pleasure to work with Comm. Kessler, who has taken the lead on the Chambers Road project. Things move slowly, the township has been meticulous with the finances and keep the township in superior condition. This project will not break us or divide us.

On October 29th, Ed Beck was in his garage and experienced a serious heart attack. The ambulance was called and from the time the call was made and he was in the operating room getting stents in his heart 39 minutes passed. Ed wanted to thank the EMT’s that showed up and saved his life. Joe Stevens, Chris Bardsley, Jennifer Myers, and Jessica from York Regional Emergency Medical Services were here to receive Ed’s thanks.

Sadly we acknowledge the passing of Dr. Hal Bowman, killed in the terrorist attack in San Bernardino, CA. I was Dallastown High School Principal when he was in school. Ironically 3 of the commissioners (Jones, Kessler, Steele) had children that graduated in the same class as Dr. Bowman. In the yearbook he had written ‘he didn’t like to lose’. He had a very distinguished career and an untimely death. Life is precious, and we must be very vigilant.

November 11, attended YARP meeting.

November 19, attended Red Lion Fire Co. Appreciation dinner.

November 23, attended meeting with EMA, and County 911, regarding alerting of the EMA during various emergencies.

December 2, attended Pam Gay, York County Coroner, presentation on the heroin epidemic in York County. We had about 31 people here, but had a lively discussion. It is sad to hear, and we need to be very diligent. YARP has been very important in saving people.

Jeff Grove

PEMA

Certification Comm. Jones presented Jeff Grove, EMA, with his Advanced PEMA Certification. We are very fortunate to have a very active EMA in York Township.

Yesterday we celebrated the 74th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Surviving WWII veterans told us we live in an exceptional country and need to be vigilant.

Comm.

Granholm Attended YARP meeting on November 12th. We passed a budget with no increase. It is the first time there was no unit increase since regionalization. We recessed that meeting to November 23rd and Chief Gross announced his retirement as of January 22, 2016. The Commission appointed Tim Damon as temporary Acting Chief. He is currently a patrol sergeant. On December 4th a Christmas party was held for the police department.

On December 2, Pam Gay gave a presentation here at the township building. We have one of the biggest opiate pain pill problems. There are 60 confirmed deaths from heroin and pain pills in York County. There have been 80 lives saved with the Naloxone. When I review the reports, the deaths are not in the City, there are happening right here. We have an epidemic, you need to take action, or it is only going to get worse.

Citizen At

Large On motion of Comm. Granholm, seconded by Comm. Kessler, Carl Dallmeyer was appointed Citizen At large for 2016, representing York Township. Vote 5 yes.

I walked the extension that has been proposed by PennDOT with Comm. Knepper, Scott DePoe and Neil Beach. Can it be built? There are a lot of challenges. What we received originally from PennDOT was a Google map with a sketch drawn on it. $2 million has been assigned to the project. If we had been allowed to put the light at the alternate site, nobody was opposed and it could have been done in 6 months.

Comm.

Knepper Attended the OSS 10th anniversary and spoke with Rep. Kristin Hill and Rep. Seth Grove and we discussed the use of state police and how it affects local regional police departments.

I attended the Business Alliance meeting. We have 30 businesses and encourage more businesses to join.

I attended the York Township Planning Commission and we have quite a good group. With a resident threating litigation they moved forward and approved the plan.

I also visited the ZHB meeting. They also dealt with an issue with a resident that muddied the waters. The ZHB supported the applicant. Glenn Myers is the Chairman and he is doing a great job. The board is proud of both boards.

I walked the proposed Chambers Road extension. I have been in construction for 46 years, and I look at this with a different set of eyes. That work will cost far more than $2 million. I’m not sure that’s realistic. If the state wants to have a light there they should put up the light.

Attended YARP Christmas party, and I think all that attended were thankful.

Pearl Harbor is a sobering thing. There are still 300 bodies encased in the USS Arizona.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Comm.

Steele The board members do not ever get together and make decisions. When we have an executive session we follow the Sunshine Law and there are only certain things that can be discussed. Go home and look up Sunshine Law and you will see what can be discussed in an executive session.

Attended the YARP banquet on Saturday. It was an excellent choice for Officer of the Year.

Some of the local boroughs are choosing the state police for protection; say ‘it’s free’. But it’s not free you are paying for it. If this doesn’t stop regional police departments will disappear.

I spent a week with Mickey Mouse and a 2 year old.

A citizen provided a comment about York Township Resolution 2015-6 related to police and radar.

A citizen called me to discuss Chambers Road. There is a lot of misinformation available. I have also received written comments from citizens. I have provided a response to those that have provided contact information.

I understand the PennDOT staff has stated a traffic light at the alternate site that the township selected is too close to the PA 24/124 intersection. I suggest that everyone travel to SR 182 (Leader Heights Road) and review the traffic light locations. I would think the ‘too close’ excuse is not a valid reason for PennDOT to not approve a relocation of the traffic light at the York Township proposed location. It appears to me that PennDOT is basing the comment on outdated thinking. In today’s electronic world, the control of traffic light sequencing should not be an issue.

Do you believe everything you read in the paper? There was a recent article about Chambers Road and the missing traffic light. I suggest that the reporter that prepared the article should try to get the facts correct. Did the reporter come to the township elected office or staff to get the facts? Appears not.

Now that PennDOT has stated the traffic light must be at Plymouth Road and York Township must connect Chambers Road by developing access across several properties with the connecting road ending in the Heritage Hills parking lot, this requires York Township to install a traffic light in Springettsbury and then develop a road across several private properties, taking land by eminent domain and then provide access to a private land owner. I estimate that work would be $5 million. At this time York Township does not have a design that would address the various land owner issues, the topography of the site, or the possible private storm water issues.

A 2014 Municipal News article notes PA Commonwealth Court ruled that PennDOT cannot by regulation transfer to another government entity its duty to care to make sure PA state roads are safe. This case was Tate et al vs PennDOT that involved a serious accident where PennDOT refused to install a traffic light. In this case PennDOT refused unless the township agreed to finance the cost of the traffic light. Appears there are similarities to our Chambers Road problem. Can we have the solicitor look into this case?

The township asked the PA Secretary of Transportation to help with the plan to solve the Chambers Road problem. We received an email message from Rep. Saylor stating, “The only solution that is available is an alternative exit. I thought that was made clear to all. If this is the only item to be discussed there is no use for a meeting’.

I see some progress between York Township and the developer at Fountainhead. There is a date coming, let’s see if the developer reacts. I do not want to see the developer walking away from the current agreements.

Comm. Jones noted the death of 1987 DAHS graduate, Hal Bowman. My oldest daughter was a member of 1987 DAHS and was a classmate of Hal. What a sad situation for the loss of life to terrorism.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER – Elizabeth Heathcote

Res. 15-15

Auditor On motion of Comm. Jones, seconded by Comm. Knepper, Resolution 2015-15 appointing Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz as independent auditor for York Township and the Water & Sewer Authority for 2015 fiscal year was approved. Vote 5 yes.

Ord. 15-8

Budget On motion of Comm. Granholm, seconded by Comm. Jones, Ordinance 2015-8 appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government during the year 2016 was approved with the following voice vote:

Comm. Kessler Yes

Comm. Granholm Yes

Comm. Steele Yes

Comm. Jones Yes

Comm. Knepper Yes

Ord. 15-9

Tax Levy On motion of Comm. Knepper, seconded by Comma. Granholm, Ordinance 2015-9 tax levy for fiscal year 2016 was approved with the following voice vote:

Comm. Granholm Yes

Comm. Steele Yes

Comm. Jones Yes

Comm. Knepper Yes

Comm. Kessler Yes

Ord. 15-10

Street Light

Tax On motion of Comm. Granholm, seconded by Comm. Jones, Ordinance 2015-10 establishing the front foot assessment for street lights for 2016 for portions of East King Street between Dallastown Borough line and Susan Drive, and all of Keeney Drive, Wildon Drive and Fair Acres Drive, was approved with the following voice vote:

Comm. Steele Yes

Comm. Jones Yes

Comm. Knepper Yes

Comm. Kessler Yes

Comm. Granholm Yes

Ord. 15-11

Sewer

Rentals On motion of Comm. Kessler, seconded by Comm. Knepper, Ordinance 2015-11 establishing sewer rentals and charges for 2016 was approved with the following voice vote:

Comm. Jones Yes

Comm. Knepper Yes

Comm. Kessler Yes

Comm. Granholm Yes

Comm. Steele Yes

2016

SPCA On motion of Comm. Granholm, seconded by Comm. Knepper, the 2016 Animal Care and Housing Agreement with the SPCA of York County was approved. Vote 5 yes.

2016

Animal

Control On motion of Comm. Granholm, seconded by Comm. Knepper, the 2016 Animal Control Service Agreement with Allegiant Animal Care was approved. Vote 5 yes.

Res. 15-16

Legal

Fees On motion of Comm. Granholm, seconded by Comm. Kessler, Resolution 2015-16 approving the legal fees for Stock & Leader for 2016 was approved. Vote 5 yes.

CBPRP

Appts. On motion of Comm. Steele, seconded by Comm. Granholm, Gary Milbrand was reappointed as representative and Lisa Frey as alternate to the Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Program for 2016. Vote 5 yes.

Res. 15-17

ZHB On motion of Comm. Knepper, seconded by Comm. Jones, Resolution 2015-17, reappointing Glenn L Myers to the ZHB for a term expiring December 31, 2020 was approved. Vote 5 yes.

Res. 15-18

Act 537

Sheetz On motion of Comm. Granholm, seconded by Comm. Knepper, Resolution 2015-18, amending the Act 537 plan with a planning module for Sheetz, Leader Heights Road, was approved. Vote 5 yes.

Healthcare

Rebate On motion of Comm. Granholm, seconded by Comm. Kessler the health insurance rebate for 2015 of $103,208 was approved to be moved to the assigned fund balance. As of 12/31/2014 the assigned balance was $520,567.96. In 2015 we used $163,511 to pay a portion of the 2015 pension costs leaving $357,057. With the $103,208 it will bring the balance to $460,265. Vote 5 yes.

FEMA We received word that our Floodplain Management Ordinance as amended November 10, 2015 brought us into compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program as required for York County’s updated Flood Insurance Rate Map to be released on December 16, 2015.

RECREATION – Carly Mercadante

Monthly report included in minute book.

Board

Member

Opening There is an opening on the Recreation Board. Anyone interested should attend the next meeting, January 7th, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the township building.

PUBLIC WORKS – Scott DePoe

Monthly report included in minute book.

Box

Culvert On motion of Comm. Knepper, seconded by Comm. Granholm, the revised proposal in the NTE amount of $33,750 from CS Davison for the design and GP-11 permitting to replace the existing CMP pipe with a precast box culvert on Oak Road near Walnut Street was approved. The 2015 budget includes $20,000 and the 2016 budget includes $20,000 for this phase of the project. Vote 5 yes.

Chestnut Hill

Bridge On motion of Comm. Knepper, seconded by Comm. Jones, the low bid of $682,961.00 submitted by Rylind Construction for the reconstruction of the Chestnut Hill Road bridge was approved subject to the review of the bid documents by the solicitor. Vote 5 yes.

Mill Creek

Pedestrian

Bridge On motion of Comm. Kessler, seconded by Comm. Jones the bid of $252,250 by Rylind Construction for the construction of the Mill Creek Pedestrian Bridge was rejected. Vote 5 yes.

Municabid

Auction On motion of Comm. Jones, seconded by Comm. Granholm, the following items were approved for sale on Municabid:

International VACON Sewer Flush Truck $38,600

Ford Camera Truck $15,000

CUS Pan and Tilt Camera $5,100

Vote 5 yes.

Leaf

Collection Leaf collection is over, every street was collected 6 times. The trucks will now be equipped with snow equipment.

ENGINEERING & ZONING OFFICER – Neil Beach and Lisa Frye

LD15-10-1

Wyndridge Plan presented by Dave Koratich, LSC. On motion of Comm. Jones, seconded by Comm. Kessler, LD2015-10-1 Wyndridge Farms building addition final land development plan was approved with the following conditions or modifications:

1. All comments on the letter from Neil Beach, JMT, dated November 30th, 2015 shall be met.

2. The York Township Engineering Department shall receive an electronic file prior to recording.

3. A check in an amount to be determined by the Assessment Office and the Recorder of Deeds Office shall be received by the York Township Engineering Department prior to recording.

4. All invoices to be paid prior to recording.

5. Waivers approved for the following:

a. Section 307.B preliminary land development plan

Vote 5 yes.

Rolling Meadows

P2013-8-1

Plan presented by Joel Snyder, RGS. On motion of Comm. Jones, seconded by Comm. Granholm, the preliminary land development, subdivision and lot add on plan for Rolling Meadows, P2013-8-1 was approved with the following conditions or modifications:

1. All comments on the letter from Neil Beach dated December 4th, 2015 shall be met.

2. The York Township Engineering Department shall be provided an electronic file prior to recording.

3. A check in an amount to be determined by the Assessment Office and Recorder of Deeds Office shall be received by the York Township Engineering Department prior to recording.

4. All invoices to be paid prior to recording.

5. Waivers granted for the following:

a. Section 308.E.3.e & 316 traffic impact report

b. Section 512.G.1 direct access from residential lots to an arterial or collector street

c. Section 512.G.12.c driveway profiles

Vote 5 yes.

Surety

Release On motion of Comm. Granholm, seconded by Comm. Knepper, the board approved the surety release for Advance Auto in the amount of $128,194.08. Vote 5 yes.

Time

Extension On motion of Comm. Granholm, seconded by Comm. Knepper, the board granted a 90 day extension for the following plan:

P15-6-1 Stein Hill Estates Subdivision Phase 1

Vote 5 yes.

SOLICITOR - Peter Ruth

No action items.

Comm.

Steele Comms. Kessler, Knepper and Steele were reelected in the November 4th general election and will be sworn in on January 4, 2016 for a 4 year term.

During our January 4, 2016 meeting we must have a reorganization of the Board of Commissioners. This will include the selection of a President and Vice President. As we open our January 4th meeting I will ask for nominations for those positions. Selection of a member for these BOC positions is open for your consideration. If changes in the leadership of the BOC are needed, you should plan to suggest those changes during the nomination and selection process.

Also we must address the various staffing appointments that support the business of the township, such as secretary and solicitor.

On a related issue, Comms. Granholm and Knepper will be York Township’s representatives to the YARP Commission as they were appointed for a term ending December 2016.

To my fellow commissioners and York Township staff, thanks for your support during 2015. Enjoy the Holidays!

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Secretary