

North Middleton Township Board of Supervisors August 27, 2009

The workshop meeting of the North Middleton Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building, 2051 Spring Road, Carlisle PA on August 27, 2009. Chairman Robert Reisinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Vice Chairman Harry Kelso, Supervisor Robert H. Shearer, Supervisor Richard A. Bucher, Supervisor James E. Hare, Solicitor Mark Allshouse, Manager Deborah A. Ealer, Police Chief Jeffrey Rudolph, and Recording Secretary Lori A. Coleman.

Visitors: see attachment #1.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag opened the meeting.

Subdivision / Land Development

Noll Property- Rt. 74

Wes Ketner indicated he was interested in purchasing the 5 acre property from Mr. Noll. He was seeking to subdivide the property and create a new building lot. The existing dwelling would be remodeled. Mr. Ketner proposed the use of a small flow stream discharge for the new lot which would comply with the minimum lot size of 3 acres. The existing system would be utilized on the residual lot. Supervisor Shearer asked what the total lot size was. Mr. Ketner noted it was over 5 acres and it would be split. The area toward the church would be 2.6 acres and the other with the existing home would be 2.4 acres. Supervisor Shearer asked about the gross acreage. Mr. Ketner noted it was 2.6 acres with the existing dwelling and 3.5 acres for the other area. Supervisor Shearer verified the new lot would not be a problem. Supervisor Reisinger agreed. Mr. Ketner noted a system existed on the lot with the dwelling, but no backup system was available. Supervisor Reisinger asked if there was any development potential for the property toward the north. Mr. Ketner noted a few small homes existed. Supervisor Shearer suggested having the applicant file an application for the small flow treatment facility as the backup in the event the primary goes bad. Supervisor Reisinger added some day sewer would be available in this area. Mr. Ketner added John Madden offered a recommendation of making the system large enough that it could handle both properties in the event the other went bad. Supervisor Kelso noted a provision existed that properties cannot share a system. Supervisor Shearer asked for an explanation between the net and gross for acreage. Solicitor Allshouse noted gross was the total acreage where as net is when the right-a-ways are removed. Solicitor Allshouse noted it would comply as long as the total acreage was 3 acres gross. Supervisor Hare noted he had no objection with subdividing the lot as long as a second site existed. Supervisor Kelso asked Mr. Ketner if the sites were perked. Mr. Ketner replied they were, but no site was found. Greg Lebo of Brehm-Lebo Engineering recommended discussing the issue with SEO Vince Elbel to make sure that DEP does not kick back the application for the back-up system. Mr. Ketner thanked the board for their direction.

North Middleton Authority

a. Minutes

Supervisor Reisinger presented the minutes. Supervisor Bucher inquired about the increase in sick leave days. Supervisor Reisinger referenced an incident involving a staff

member involving sick days and workman's compensation. He noted the change was at no cost to the Authority.

b. Manager's Report

Supervisor Reisinger presented Lee Koch's report. Supervisor Shearer questioned the reference to Verizon in the report, and asked about the relationship between Verizon and the Authority. Supervisor Reisinger noted Verizon was good to work with.

Solicitor's Report

No report presented.

New Business

a. Storm Water

David Wilson letter- Cavalry St.

Since drafting the letter, Mr. Wilson noted several people have visited the site. He mentioned a discussion with Michael Kemp, civil engineer for Lobar. Mr. Kemp informed Mr. Wilson on what was going to happen toward the end of the project. Mr. Wilson discussed the installation of a catch basin that would attach to the pond, and catch all the water. Mr. Wilson discussed the current issue of water flowing to the low area that eventually runs to his backyard near his shed and then between his home and the neighbor's property. With the explanation provided by Mr. Kemp, the issue should be resolved. Mr. Lebo noted Doug Brehm just discussed the issue with Lobar about a month ago in which he recommended they stabilize the area with an earthen berm. Mr. Wilson asked if it would wash out over time. Ms. Ealer noted the berm would be stabilized and not wash out. Mr. Lebo noted they have gone through a few design revisions to get to the stable grading. Supervisor Kelso asked when it would be completed. Mr. Lebo said that Lobar indicated it would be soon. He felt it would be done during the final grading. Supervisor Bucher asked how many flood events have occurred that have affected his property. Mr. Wilson noted a few. When the project started, Supervisor Bucher noted the board was assured that the project would not cause any more water than before. He asked why the stabilization could not be completed before the project ends. Supervisor Bucher stressed it was unacceptable. He recommended staff contact Lobar to have the issue addressed ASAP. Ms. Ealer noted staff has contacted Lobar in which they indicated it would be addressed. Supervisor Hare asked if Mr. Wilson had any damage. Mr. Wilson noted the water runs very close to his neighbor's home. Supervisor Reisinger recommended staff follow up with Mr. Kemp. He thanked Mr. Wilson for bringing the issue to the board's attention. Mr. Lebo noted they have been on top of the issue, but now the contractor should be notified that the neighbor is being affected.

In reference to stormwater, Supervisor Bucher questioned the status of the road projects. Ms. Ealer indicated they were completed. Supervisor Bucher asked if the same areas were being affected during the significant rain events. Ms. Ealer mentioned the board wanted to discuss the stormwater runoff throughout the township. Supervisor Reisinger asked if Mr. Lebo had any comments or recommendations for monitoring storm water runoff. Mr. Lebo noted the Township could authorize them to complete a follow-up on the as builts of a developer. Mr. Lebo explained the surveying process to the board. Supervisor Reisinger verified the Township needed a procedure in place to assure that a

builder/ developer is doing what they say they are going to do. Mr. Lebo added some major rain events have occurred in the last year. He noted the board could change the ordinance and make it more stringent. He added most of the information in the current ordinance was standard methods, and the board could ask for detailed information for stormwater and grading plans. Supervisor Reisinger asked if this would be a policy, procedure or ordinance update. Mr. Lebo mentioned a procedural update. Supervisor Reisinger and Supervisor Shearer recommended Mr. Lebo look at the recent developments to check for any issues. Supervisor Kelso suggested Mr. Lebo check the inlet behind the large ravine in North Ridge Phase I on Summit Drive. He noted the ravine gets full of water.

b. Police Report

1. July Report

Chief Rudolph reported the Attorney General's Office came in and did an audit. They complete an audit every two years. Everything went well.

2. Vehicle

Supervisor Reisinger noted the board discussed the need for another vehicle at the last meeting. Chief Rudolph said the department tries to keep two vehicles on the road at all times to answer calls. He noted during traffic details three cars are used. He also added several of the current vehicles have high mileage. Overall, the department has 5 running cars. Chief Rudolph added it was not unusual for one or two vehicles to go down. The highway department usually completes the repairs on the cars. Supervisor Kelso asked Chief Rudolph what he wanted to replace the wrecked vehicle with. Chief Rudolph said a Dodge or Ford. Supervisor Hare asked if the department absolutely had to have the car. Due to budget constraints, Chief Rudolph noted they could get by for now. Supervisor Reisinger asked how long it takes to get a new vehicle. Chief Rudolph mentioned 3 to 4 days if it is in stock. Supervisor Bucher asked if the Township received any insurance money. Ms. Ealer noted the Township received \$5700 for the car and \$2300 for the equipment for a total of \$8500. After some discussion, the board decided to review the purchase of a new vehicle at budget time. Supervisor Bucher asked if any lessons were learned. Chief Rudolph discussed the different communication frequencies and the difficulty to talk with adjacent municipalities.

3. 2nd Quarter Budget

The board mentioned their concern in reference to part-time wages. Chief Rudolph noted the department was trying to cut back as much as possible. Supervisor Bucher stressed he did not want to exceed the budgeted funding. He asked Chief Rudolph to notify the board upfront if more funding was required.

4. Creek Road / Longs Gap Road

Supervisor Kelso asked if any accidents have occurred at the intersection. Chief Rudolph said none. Supervisor Kelso asked about truck traffic. Chief Rudolph mentioned a few were cited.

5. Distribution Drive

Supervisor Kelso questioned the drag racing on Distribution Drive. He asked if the department had any previous reports. Chief Rudolph noted they had not received any prior reports.

- c. Support for Cumberland County Economic Dev. Application for certified status**
Ms. Ealer noted Cumberland County was seeking letters of support from entities and municipalities for the county to become certified for status as an Area Loan Organization (ALO) and an Industrial Development Corporation (IDC). She noted it would allow economic development the ability to have access to additional state funds if the county became certified as part of the application process. Supervisor Bucher noted Commissioner Eichelberger gave a presentation on the subject at the Municipal Advisory meeting. He noted the county would have their own CREDC (Capital Region Economic Development Corporation). Supervisor Bucher noted the county was currently being left out of a lot of investment money. Ms. Ealer noted it was a good program that would open doors for businesses to grow locally within Cumberland County. Supervisor Bucher highly recommended the board support the issue. Ms. Ealer noted she would complete the letter of support and add it to the consent agenda.
- d. Trick or Treat night**
Ms. Ealer noted the Borough of Carlisle has scheduled Trick or Treat night for October 29th from 6-8pm. Ms. Ealer added the board usually follows the Carlisle schedule. The board supported scheduling the Township Trick or Treat night for October 29th from 6-8pm.
- e. York Waste Fuel Price Adjustment**
Ms. Ealer stated a fuel vehicle adjuster section was added to the current contract. When fuel prices go up or down, the hauler must adjust for the increase or decrease in fuel prices. With the current calculation, Ms. Ealer noted customers would see their quarterly bills decrease by \$1.87. The change would take effect in October.
- f. Highway Department**
Supervisor Shearer extended a thank you to the Highway Department for their timely pickup of brush and tree limbs from last week's storm.

Old Business

- a. Task List**
Ms. Ealer reported the RFP for the subdivision and zoning ordinance update would be out next week. Also, disability insurance would be handled in October.
- b. Municipal Advisory Board**
Supervisor Bucher indicated that Dennis Marion said stimulus monies were available for municipalities. A meeting was slated for September 9th. Ms. Ealer noted she would be attending. Supervisor Bucher noted the county would give the funds to municipalities for small projects such as energy audits, traffic signals, conservation projects, codes and inspections, etc. In addition, the H1N1 virus was discussed. Supervisor Bucher suggested coordinating with a medical facility to offer shots to residents. Ms. Ealer noted the township building is already scheduled as a site to offer flu shots in November.
- c. Line Painting**
Supervisor Hare questioned the painting of lines on the Township roads. Ms. Ealer stated the contractor was behind due to all the recent rains.
- d. Restrooms at North Middleton Park**
Supervisor Kelso questioned when the restrooms at North Middleton Park would open. Ms. Ealer noted the project was behind due to other projects.

The workshop meeting of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ealer
Township Secretary

Lori A. Coleman
Recording Secretary