

North Middleton Township Board of Supervisors

April 1, 2010

The meeting of the North Middleton Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building, 2051 Spring Road, Carlisle PA on April 1, 2010. 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, and Recording Secretary Lori A. Coleman.

Visitors: see attachment #1.

Public Comment / Hearing of Visitors

Ken Sheaffer introduced himself as a candidate who was running for the 199th district under the Republican ticket. He recently attended a meeting at West Pennsboro in which each candidate provided a presentation to the public. Mr. Sheaffer said each candidate had the best intentions of the district at heart, but it boiled down to who could address the needs most efficiently and who could get the job done. Mr. Sheaffer noted he was currently a supervisor for Penn Township, and knows how important a state representative is to local townships. Mr. Sheaffer referenced a PennDOT project in Penn Township that was on the books for years. He sought the assistance of Representative Will Gabig who in turn set up a meeting with PennDOT to get the project started. The end result was completion of the project. During that experience, Mr. Sheaffer learned how important the state representative position was to townships. If elected to the 199th district, Mr. Sheaffer stated his intention was to help townships as much as he can. Mr. Sheaffer thanked the board for their time.

Consent Agenda

- a. Meeting Minutes: 02/25/10 workshop, 02/25/10 Joint NMA/BOS meeting; 03/04/10 action meeting; 03/04/10 Block Rezone Hearing; 03/04/10 Ordinance 2010-01 Crain Drive Hearing**
- b. Tax Collector Reports: 2009 #64-66; 2010 #1; February 2010 monthly report**
- c. Payment of the bills; 03/17/10; 04/01/10**
- d. David Ketner Preliminary/ Final Minor Subdivision Plan #2010.01**
- e. Road Materials Bid**

Supervisor Reisinger referenced a letter from Codes & Zoning Enforcement Officer Paul Fegley to withdraw the David Ketner subdivision from the consent agenda. Thus, Supervisor Kelso moved to approve the consent agenda minus the David Ketner preliminary/final minor subdivision plan. Supervisor Shearer seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Supervisor Bucher questioned the timing error on the subdivision. Ms. Ealer explained John Madden did not want to submit his updated plan to the township until he received an update from DEP. He was trying to save his client some money by only submitting the plan once. She added the applicant provided a request for an extension of time on the plan.

Business of Township Officials

Township Manager

- a. March report**

Ms. Ealer presented her March report to the board. She added the 2009 audit was complete and sent out for advertising. She noted a representative was available to come before the board to provide a review. The board recommended setting up the presentation for the April 29th workshop. Supervisor Shearer noted Pat McDowell inquired when the Zoning Ordinance update meeting would be scheduled. Ms. Ealer stated she would complete a follow-up on the meeting date.

b. Financial Report

Ms. Ealer presented the financial report to the board. Supervisor Kelso asked if she had an update on the first quarter. Ms. Ealer noted the information would be available for the April workshop meeting.

c. West Pennsboro Letter of Support

Ms. Ealer noted West Pennsboro was asking surrounding municipalities and the county for a letter of support to add to their C2P2 grant application for Phase II of their park expansion. The park is located in Plainfield off Rt. 641. Ms. Ealer provided a location map for the board's review. She noted no other commitment was required by the board. Thus, Supervisor Hare moved to authorize Ms. Ealer to sign the letter of support for West Pennsboro Township regarding the C2P2 grant application. Supervisor Kelso seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Supervisor Kelso asked if one or two pavilions were being built. Ms. Ealer said one pavilion was being built via the grant application and the other was being funded by the developer.

d. Mike Hurley

Ms. Ealer referenced a phone conversation with Mike Hurley concerning a traffic issue being faced by Carlisle Area School District (CASD). Ms. Ealer explained an issue with truck traffic traveling east on Newville Road. When getting to the underpass, the trucks realize then cannot make the underpass so they are turning left and going into the CASD parking lot to turn around. She noted student cars are being hit, and most recently a truck got caught on the curbing. Ms. Ealer contacted PennDOT to work with the representatives on Rt. 641. Ms. Ealer suggested Mr. Hurley discuss the concern with the CASD board, and recommended the NMT board send a letter to PennDOT. Supervisor Bucher suggested contacting Representative Gabig. Supervisor Reisinger recommended getting the Borough of Carlisle involved too. Supervisor Bucher added Senator Vance should also be involved. Ms. Ealer noted she would draft a letter for the board's review.

e. Payment of Bills

As a reminder, Ms. Ealer noted the bills are available in advance for review by the board.

f. TCC bill

Supervisor Bucher asked if the TCC bill was paid. Ms. Ealer noted it was in the current batch.

Chief of Police

Supervisor Reisinger mentioned receipt of an email from Chief Rudolph stating that he did not receive his data from the county.

Public Hearing @ 6:15 p.m.

Ordinance 2010-02 – Pre-treatment Ordinance Hearing

See attachment.

Report: Mark Allshouse**a. March Report**

Solicitor Allshouse presented his report to the board. He referenced #6 of his memorandum and clarified that he attended (2) Board of Supervisors meetings and (1) Executive session for a total of (3).

New Business**a. David Ketner Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan #2010-01**

Supervisor Reisinger reviewed a memo from John Madden of Madden Engineering Services, Inc. stating that he is authorized by the applicant to offer an extension of time for consideration of this plan by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Shearer moved to grant an extension of time for the David Ketner subdivision plan until June 4, 2010. Supervisor Bucher seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Old Business**a. DEP Organic Recycling Grant**

Supervisor Reisinger noted the board asked Ms. Ealer to get some information on the financial obligations to operation the compost site. Ms. Ealer referenced her memo to the board. She stated the numbers used were for the current curbside brush collection program. The present average annual cost (wages and equipment) of the present curbside brush collection program is \$43,776. By implementing changes to the present program by requiring brush to be tied in bundles of not more than 4ft in length and providing a facility for residents to haul brush to, the total cost of the program could be reduced to \$25,166. Lester Brickner felt one less employee would be utilized and equipment usage would decrease. She added one additional cost that the Township had not previously looked at would be the rental of the composting equipment from Cumberland County which requires an agreement from the participating municipalities. Ms. Ealer noted training would be provided to staff. The annual fee was estimated at \$15,750, but would be split with Middlesex Township. When determining how to operate the site, Ms. Ealer noted they did review neighboring composting sites. The proposed operational times for the site were from April 1 through October 17 to be open three days a week. Residents wishing to acquire compost would be required to load it themselves as done in South Middleton. Ms. Ealer noted this would eliminate the need for a qualified equipment operator on site and the liability with damaging private vehicles during the loading process. Supervisor Hare asked what the Township was currently paying the Borough of Carlisle. Ms. Ealer stated \$3250/year. She stressed the Township does not use it. Only the NMT residents use the site. Supervisor Bucher verified with augmenting the new brush pick up program and going to the organic recycling program, the township would save around \$10,000. Ms. Ealer agreed, but stressed the leaf pick up was not included in the program. Supervisor Shearer questioned staffing the site with volunteers. He mentioned his concern of township funds being used if someone has to be hired to man the site. Ms. Ealer pointed out the cost would be shared with Middlesex Township. Supervisor Reisinger stressed it was a projected \$10,000 savings. Supervisor Kelso asked if someone would be there during the hours of operation. She agreed, and added the site would be secured with a fence and locked when not in operation. Supervisor Kelso noted that at the BOC site, they assist in loading and unloading the product. Ms. Ealer stressed the

residents would load and unload their own brush/mulch. The focus was to reduce the handling to a minimum. Supervisor Hare stressed his concern with the operational costs involved to run the site once it is started. He seriously felt that volunteers would not be available to run the site. He wondered if the coverage issues were discussed with Middlesex. Ms. Ealer noted Middlesex was ready to go with the site. Supervisor Reisinger noted the operational process costs would be split with Middlesex. Supervisor Shearer asked if the grant from DEP indicated any required hours of operation. Ms. Ealer stated no. Solicitor Allshouse noted the only grant requirement was that the organic recycling site be used as it was stated in the grant. Supervisor Shearer asked if an education program was a requirement of the grant. Ms. Ealer did not recall that being included in the grant. Supervisor Shearer felt a letter should be sent to the residents informing them of the new procedure. The board agreed. Ms. Ealer stressed it would take time to construct the site, and then the board would work on informing the residents. Supervisor Bucher verified the agreement included an option to opt out. Ms. Ealer agreed. Solicitor Allshouse noted the grant was for the construction of the recycling site, not the operation. Thus, Supervisor Bucher moved to enter into an agreement with Middlesex Township to develop the organic recycling site in Middlesex Township as per the grant. Supervisor Kelso seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

b. Tax Collection Agency

Supervisor Bucher noted West Shore Tax Bureau was appointed as the county tax collection agency. The next step was for the committee to form an agreement of which West Shore Tax Bureau would operate. Supervisor Reisinger asked if votes were cast against West Shore Bureau. Supervisor Bucher noted the final vote was 71% for and 28% against.

c. Centax

Supervisor Bucher inquired if the Township was receiving any feedback on how the residents were dealing with Centax in reference to filing returns. Ms. Ealer noted a few residents did attend the Centax presentation, and the township office has fielded a few calls.

d. 199th Legislative District Candidate Night

Supervisor Shearer mentioned attending the candidate night at West Pennsboro. He noted it was well attended.

Adjournment

Supervisor Shearer moved to adjourn the April 1, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting at 6:53 p.m. Supervisor Kelso seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Ealer
Township Secretary

Lori A. Coleman
Recording Secretary