

MINUTES
Cecil Township Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2015
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The Monday, October 5, 2015, Board of Supervisors' Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board Chairman Thomas Casciola.

Members in attendance included:

- Supervisor Thomas Casciola
- Supervisor Cindy Fisher
- Supervisor Andrew Schrader
- Supervisor Elizabeth Cowden
- Supervisor D. J. Johnson

In addition:

- Donald A. Gennuso, Township Manager
- Police Chief Shawn Bukovinsky
- Bruce Bosle, Director of Zoning
- Township Solicitor, Christopher Voltz
- Engineer Dan Deiseroth of The Gateway Engineers
- 38 Township Residents
- Noted as absent Bill Bottorff, Director of Public Works

Comments will be taken at this time for any item to be voted on by the Board that appears on the agenda. General Township comments or questions will be addressed after Board of Supervisors' Discussion of Old Business. **PLEASE STEP TO THE MICROPHONE AND STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no Citizens' Comments on the Agenda Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Saturday, October 10, Muse & Cecil VFC Cash Bash at Cecil VFC #3 Fire Hall, Route 50, Cecil – Doors open at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.
- Leaf Collection will begin on Monday, October 19, and continue until Friday, November 20. Leaf piles that contain grass clippings and/or branches will not be collected. Leaves to be vacuumed must be raked to the edge of the road and not be placed on the road. The piles of leaves should not extend more than six (6') feet away from the edge of the road. Bagged leaves must be in biodegradable paper bags and placed at the curb.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (continued)

- The Cecil Township Historical Society will meet on **the third Wednesday**, October 21, 2015, at 7:00 PM in the meeting room of the Cecil Township Municipal Building.
- Sunday, October 25, Cecil Volunteer Fire Company #3 Ladies Auxiliary Bingo. Doors open at 11:00 am, Early Birds start at 1:00 pm, with Regular Bingos immediately following. Must be 18 years or older to attend. Tickets are \$20 each and are on sale at the Township Building.
- Trick-or-Treat in Cecil Township will be Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. If participating, please leave your porch light on.

RESOLUTIONS:

#178-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE SUBDIVISION PLAN APPLICATION #2015-0015, CHARTIERS VALLEY BEAGLE CLUB, APPLICANT.

Engineer Dan Deiseroth addressed the item noting it is located between Allegheny and Washington Counties. Mr. Deiseroth noted that it was previously Lot #2, mostly in Cecil Township and it must be approved by both Cecil and South Fayette Townships.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#179-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE SUBDIVISION PLAN APPLICATION #2015-0014, LOEBIG SUBDIVISION NO. 1. LOCATION: BELVEDERE COURT (ALTO PIANO PARCEL 812-815), R-1 ZONING DISTRICT. HMT & ASSOCIATES (KERRY KRIDER, AGENT), APPLICANT.

Engineer Dan Deiseroth addressed the item noting it is a 4-Lot subdivision phase of Alto Piano and it meets the requirements of the ordinance. Additionally, it is confirming what was on the original PRD. Chairman Casciola inquired about the snow push area. Dan Deiseroth directed Mr. Krider to pick an appropriate area.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#180-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE SITE PLAN APPLICATION #2015-0016, SOUTHPOINTE TOWN CENTER PARK SITE PLAN. LOCATION: MAIN STREET, SOUTHPOINTE II, SOUTHPOINTE TOWN CENTER, L. P., APPLICANT.

Jack Bruce of Horizon presented the Site Plan and noted it is 1.09 acres. Engineer Dan Deiseroth clarified the location of the park is in front of the Noble Building and the application is to confirm the Land Development Plan. Completion is slated for Spring 2016.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

RESOLUTIONS: (continued)

#181-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT #2 FOR THE 2015 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT A FOR WORK COMPLETED TO DATE BY YOUNGBLOOD PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,434.75.

Chairman Casciola noted the success of the tar and chipping with a new emulsion of a couple of township roads. He referenced the possibility of using the product on Hickory Grade Road. Engineer Joe Sites advised he will look at it and make a determination and he'll speak with Youngblood.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#182-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT #3 FOR THE 2015 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT B FOR WORK COMPLETED TO DATE BY YOUNGBLOOD PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,872.75.

Engineer Joe Sites noted this payment is from the Non-Liquid Fuels Contract.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#183-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL (TE-160) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTHPOINTE BOULEVARD AND TECHNOLOGY DRIVE (NORTH) AS IS REQUIRED TO MITIGATE TRAFFIC IMPACTS FROM THE OVERLOOK DEVELOPMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.

Engineer Dan Deiseroth explained the request noting it is a PennDOT requirement giving Don Gennuso authorization and being paid for by the developer.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#184-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL (TE-160) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTHPOINTE BOULEVARD AND TOWN CENTER WAY AS IS REQUIRED TO MITIGATE TRAFFIC IMPACTS FROM THE QUATTRO DEVELOPMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.

Engineer Dan Deiseroth noted the same scenario as #183-2015; modifications to existing signals. Supervisor Cowden inquired as to the maintenance of the signals. Mr. Deiseroth noted the municipality is responsible and there are no additional costs.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#185-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF FUNDS RELATED TO INSTALLATION OF PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS FOR IN & OUT GROCERY FROM \$207,230.65 TO \$8,874.39, A TOTAL REDUCTION OF \$198,356.26, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.

Engineer Dan Deiseroth noted the funds held are for landscaping and dumpster enclosure.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

RESOLUTIONS: (continued)

#186-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE FULL RELEASE OF FUNDS RELATED TO GRADING ACTIVITIES FOR SOUTHPOINTE TOWN SQUARE OFFICE BUILDING, A TOTAL REDUCTION OF \$30,378.46, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.

Engineer Dan Deiseroth addressed the request and noted this is for the Noble Energy Building and it is a formality to reduce the grading bond.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#187-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 1 TO STEWART CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE SOUTHPOINTE BOULEVARD SLOPE STABILIZATION-EMERGENCY WORK – CIVIL WORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,550.

Engineer Dan Deiseroth addressed.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#188-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 1 TO BIONI DRILLING, INC. FOR THE SOUTHPOINTE BOULEVARD SLOPE STABILIZATION-EMERGENCY WORK – WALL INSTALLATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,849.23.

Engineer Dan Deiseroth addressed.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#189-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO AWARD THE ELM STREET BRIDGE REPAIRS IN THE VILLAGE OF MUSE TO GREGORI CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,900.

Engineer Dan Deiseroth noted they solicited for prices and received two.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#190-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO RATIFY THE NEW POLICE BARGAINING UNIT FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT THAT WILL BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2016.

Supervisor Cowden expressed her concerns with the proposed contract:

- *25% increase in the police budget the fifth year*
- *the term of the contract*
- *the individual monetary contributions to the hospitalization*
- *the dental and vision plans*

Supervisor Fisher noted:

- *the change from a HSA to a HRA and a savings of \$45,000/year*
 - *the change has unused funds being returned to the Township*
- *the 25% increase is well deserved*
 - *a comparison of other municipalities to make Cecil's police department competitive*

**FOUR (4) OF THE FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.
SUPERVISOR COWDEN VOTED NO.**

RESOLUTIONS: (continued)

#191-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FINANCE AND PAYROLL SOFTWARE FROM FREEDOM SYSTEMS AT A COST OF \$29,240. THIS SOFTWARE WILL REPLACE THE CURRENT QUICKBOOKS SOFTWARE CURRENTLY IN USE.

Don Gennuso noted it was researched and currently the Township is paying \$7,500 annually for payroll.

Supervisor Cowden inquired about the purchase of lapel microphones. There was discussion regarding obtaining possible demos for next month's meeting.

**FOUR (4) OF THE FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.
SUPERVISOR COWDEN ABSTAINED.**

#192-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF \$89,131.15 IN FOREIGN FIRE FUNDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY TO THE THREE (3) VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES. ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#193-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE 2016 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS (MMO) FOR THE POLICE PENSION PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$279,516. ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#194-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE 2016 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS (MMO) FOR THE NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,859. ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#195-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REACHED WITH CODE SYS. ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#196-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO ADOPT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#197-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE CECIL TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR AN \$18,000 LSA GRANT.
Supervisor Cowden elaborated on the plans and status of the Miner's Pavilion Memorial and noted the work should begin in September of 2016.
**FOUR (4) OF THE FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.
SUPERVISOR COWDEN ABSTAINED.**

#198-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE GENERAL FUND INVOICES FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015. FOUR (4) OF THE FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE. SUPERVISOR COWDEN VOTED NO.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

AT THIS TIME, ENGINEER DAN DEISEROTH RECAPPED SOME ITEMS:

- For next month, various streets to be accepted in various plans, Alto Piano, Oakbrook, Timber Run, and Maple Ridge
- Approval of a portable speed hump in the Timber Run plan that will be removed by Public Works for winter maintenance
- The Cool Valley Plan and applications for developing the land
- O'Hare Road and SR980 Signal Plan and the easements from PennDOT and the Pristine Field HOA

AT THIS TIME, TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR, ATTORNEY CHRIS VOLTZ NOTED:

- A Land Use appeal that can be discussed in an Executive Session
- Current law suits that can be discussed in the Executive Session
- Discussion regarding the pending False Fire Alarm Ordinance and a mobilization fee to adjust the alarm ordinance

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Cowden inquired as to the procedure of the Code Enforcement Officer to contact individuals regarding ordinance violations.

Bruce Bosle addressed her inquiry noting the previously submitted monthly report from the Code Enforcement Officer documented the process and the results.

#199-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO NOMINATE DAVE MARTINCIC, MARK HAMPE, ELIZABETH COWDEN, ANDY SCHRADER, AND FRANK ZIEMBA TO THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS.

THREE (3) OF THE FIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

SUPERVISORS SCHRADER AND COWDEN ABSTAINED.

AT THIS TIME, CHIEF BUKOVINSKY ADDRESSED THE BOARD:

- *Regarding their previous inquiry about creating 3 patrol zones in the Township*
 - *Noting the increase in call volume (up 100 calls from this time last year) and reporting currently 4 platoons with:*
 - *1 Sergeant and 3 officers or 1 Sergeant and 2 officers*

Chief Bukovinsky gave justification in requesting to hire a minimum of 2 officers to make the 3 patrol zones work. Additionally, he gave a comparison of calls to other departments.

Resident Bob Mikulski commented, from the audience, that with two (2) new hires a lot of the overtime would be eliminated.

An unidentified individual from the audience referenced drug arrests and stated an additional officer could work the drug details.

Chief Bukovinsky acknowledged the comments and affirmed a third officer would be able to work drug details.

AT THIS TIME, CHIEF BUKOVINSKY ADDRESSED THE BOARD (continued):

Additionally, he noted:

- *The officers patrol 15,000 miles a month*
- *A comparison to other departments both in Washington and Allegheny Counties*
 - *There was discussion regarding comparative budgets*
- *In response to Supervisor Schrader's inquiry, the previous testing list can be used for the hiring*
- *A letter from Horizon Properties regarding a substation (office) at Town Center that indicated they are willing to meet with the Board regarding leasing a space, for a minimal dollar amount, that will help with the third zone*

Resident Ron Abruzzi inquired, from the audience, if there was a problem with the hiring of two additional officers. Chief Bukovinsky explained his previous presentation and the need.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Resident Justin Foertsch addressed the Board and spoke in support of the request for more officers.

Resident Ed Badia addressed the Board and expressed his thoughts on the new police contract and inquired if the request for additional officers was part of the negotiations. Also, he referenced percentages of wages contributed to hospitalization. At this time, Supervisor Johnson explained the negotiation process to Mr. Badia and noted there was no request for additional officers during the negotiations. Additionally, the 4 year Pay Bump was discussed and explained.

Resident Tom Secreet addressed the Board regarding the Miller Centrifugal expansion and the storage of salvage on Cerenzia's property in a fenced in area. Chairman Casciola asked Mr. Bosle if the expansion work is completed. Mr. Bosle noted the expansion is still under construction, no occupancy permit has been issued, and he will call the company, MCC (Miller Centrifugal), tomorrow. Additionally, Mr. Secreet mentioned the trucks and loader traffic and noise coming from that area.

Resident Julie Settles of the Overlook addressed the Board regarding the traffic at Angerer Road to Cold Stream and Angerer Road to Burnside noting a site distance problem. Engineer Dan Deiseroth noted it may be a maintenance issue or a Developer's issue. He will look at the areas with Bill Bottorff.

Supervisor Cowden inquired as to the winter work on Coleman Road and requested to advertise for the work now and have it completed by May 15. There was discussion regarding the drainage work.

**#200-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO AUTHORIZE GATEWAY ENGINEERS TO PREPARE AND SOLICIT BIDS FOR WINTER STORM WATER WORK ON COLEMAN ROAD.
ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.**

GENERAL COMMENTS: (continued)

Linda Munger of Coleman Road requested, from the audience, that Coleman Road not be paved until public water goes through to the residents.

Supervisor Cowden referenced information from the water company regarding water to Coleman Road from SR980. Mr. Gennuso will follow up tomorrow.

Supervisor Johnson inquired if the heavier traffic on Coleman Road would have an impact on the storm sewer systems. Engineer Dan Deiseroth addressed his inquiry noting the installation will be done properly.

Supervisor Cowden inquired if the leak at Lawrence Post Office was fixed. Mr. Gennuso acknowledged the repairs were the responsibility of the water company and repairs were made. Additionally, Supervisor Cowden:

- *acknowledged and expressed her thanks for the ramp and handrail in the meeting room leading to the dais and requested a handrail on the other side of the ramp*
- *referenced an ordinance for small animals and will provide Mr. Gennuso with a copy of one that she obtained*
- *inquired about LED lights – pricing for the parking lot, tennis courts, and street lights*
 - *Mr. Gennuso has an upcoming meeting with First Energy and will get the information and pricing*
- *inquired if the camera in the lobby was installed*
 - *Mr. Gennuso confirmed the installation*
- *inquired if the generator was operational*
 - *Mr. Gennuso addressed her inquiry noting it is not. The Township is waiting for the plumber (Coleman-Mitchell) to hook the unit up to natural gas.*
- *noted the loan on the building will be paid off and she inquired about a mortgage burning*

Supervisor Fisher requested the control box on the thermostat in the meeting room be kept unlocked.

Resident Ron Abruzzi mentioned, from the audience, the difficulty in having emergency personnel access the trail with the poles at the entrance.

Dan Miller of SouthBridge EMS mentioned, from the audience, their department has already sent a letter to the Montour Trail regarding the recent issue involving difficulty in gaining access to the trail.

There was discussion regarding access to the fuel pumps. Mr. Gennuso noted a technician was there to make the repairs and he also noted keys were given to Chief Cass.

Former Public Works employee, Jim Passieu, commented on the good job that has been done with the roads.

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At this time, 9:30 PM, the Board went into an Executive Session.

The Board returned and reconvened from the Executive Session at 10:10 PM and noted the following:

Based on the information from the Engineer and the Solicitor, the Board decided not to proceed regarding the purchase of the ABB property. Information obtained from the DEP noted potential groundwater problems.

Bruce Bosle gave a history of the codification of the ordinances and also summarized the format and displayed a sample on the overhead.

#201-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO PROCEED WITH THE CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES THROUGH GENERAL CODE PUBLISHERS FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE CHANGE ORDER OF \$7,404.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR FISHER TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TO HIRE THREE (3) ADDITIONAL OFFICERS FOR THE CECIL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

**SUPERVISOR COWDEN MADE AN AMENDED MOTION TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TO HIRE TWO (2) ADDITIONAL OFFICERS FOR THE CECIL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.
AMENDED MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

#202-2015 MOTION AND A SECOND TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TO HIRE THREE (3) ADDITIONAL OFFICERS FOR THE CECIL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

**FOUR (4) OF THE FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.
SUPERVISOR COWDEN VOTED NO.**

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Casciola at 10:20 PM.