

The regular meeting of the Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Supervisors Joe Fenstermacher, John McHugh, and Tracy Olsen were present, as was Township Administrator Toni Antonini and Township Engineer Michael Reinert.

Consent Agenda.

Minutes of December 11th; bills/receipts; treasurer’s report.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to approve the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion carries.

Treasurer’s Report as of December 31, 2013

| | | December | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Assets--Gen Fund | \$1,482,199.86 | | General Fund Receipts | \$406,488.47 |
| Assets--Cap Reserve | \$932,144.50 | | General Fund Expenditures | \$81,111.37 |
| Assets--Op Reserve | \$350,043.02 | | | |
| Assets--State Fund | \$227,956.54 | | Cap Reserve Receipts | \$26,515.40 |
| Assets--Land Pres (working) | \$220,007.89 | | Cap Reserve Expenditures | \$108,101.35 |
| Assets--Land Pres Fund | \$924,315.42 | | | |
| Total Assets | \$4,136,667.23 | | Op Reserve Receipts | \$43.02 |
| | | | Op Reserve Expenditures | \$546.34 |
| Assets in Restricted Account | | | | |
| Gen Fund--Recreation | \$51,564.37 | | State Fund Receipts | \$28.87 |
| Gen Fund--Hlth Reimb | \$6,151.89 | | State Fund Expenditures | \$4,550.00 |
| Land Pres | \$1,144,323.31 | | | |
| Total Restricted | \$1,202,039.57 | | Land Pres Fund Receipts | \$42,229.47 |
| | | | Land Pres Fund Expenditures | \$302,831.32 |
| Liabilities--Gen Fund | \$181,946.56 | | | |
| Liabilities--Cap Reserve | \$984,635.00 | | Sinking Fund (Loan) | |
| | | | Assets | \$17,331.58 |
| Liabilites--Op Reserve | \$0.00 | | Liabilities | |
| Liabilities--State Fund | \$145,538.45 | | | |
| Liabilities--Land Pres | \$1,528,681.00 | | Land Preservation (Loan) | |
| Total Liabilities | \$2,840,801.01 | | Assets | \$0.00 |
| | | | Liabilities | \$1,498,351.00 |
| Equity--Gen Fund | \$1,300,253.30 | | | |
| Equity--Cap Reserve | -52,491 | | | |
| Equity--Op Reserve | \$350,043.02 | | | |
| Equity--State Fund | \$82,418.09 | | | |
| Equity--Land Pres | -\$384,357.69 | | | |
| Total Equity | \$1,295,866.22 | | | |
| Less Restricted Acct | \$93,826.65 | | | |

Departmental Reports.

Park & Rec— John McHugh stated that there was no December meeting.

Administration—nothing to report.

Planning Commission – Mike Reinert stated that the commission would be continuing its discussion of the On-Lot Sewage Ordinance & subdivisions/land developments as they arise. There will be a Workshop on Jan. 9 to discuss the comprehensive plan update.

Land Preservation – January 21st Monthly Meeting 8 am & Annual Farmer’s Meeting/Breakfast at 9 am. John McHugh stated that this meeting typically has various agricultural topics on the agenda, primarily for farmers but the meeting is open to the public. If interested in attending, please call the Township Administration office so that we know how many to expect.

Roads – Don Johnson stated it’s been busy the last two weeks. The Public Works department has used 275 tons of salt already this winter. John McHugh thanked the Roads Department for a job well done.

Joe Fenstermacher asked Don to address the cars being towed. Don Johnson stated that for the last year and a half notices have been sent out regarding removal of vehicles from the roads so that they can be cleared. Now, the requirement is starting to be enforced. Some cars were towed during recent events, but fewer cars are in the way as a result.

Code Enforcement – nothing to report.

John McHugh resumed the visual tour of the new Township website and asked for feedback from those present.

John asked Deb Gallek that we spell out all acronyms.

Deb Gallek stated that the new website will transfer over by Friday, January 10; certainly by first thing Monday, January 13.

Joe Fenstermacher stated that John McHugh had put a lot of time & effort behind the scenes to get the website up & running and thanked him for those efforts.

Dick Reeder, Tel Hai, asked if the old information would be on the new website.

Deb Gallek stated she will be giving Toni a CD of all that information.

Toni Antonini stated that it will take a while to get historical info caught up and onto the new site, but it will have all of that information eventually. She stated that patience on that point would be appreciated.

Announcements.

Township offices will be closed on January 20th for Martin Luther King Day.

Open Forum.

None.

Business.

Approve/not approve Resolution 01-2014 Fee Schedule. Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to approve Resolution 01-2014 Fee Schedule. All in favor. Motion carries.

Approve/not approve Ricmar Real Estate Minor Subdivision Final Plan, Tax Parcel Numbers 22-6-8, 22-6-8.1, 22-6-8.2, 22-6-9, 22-6-10, 22-6-11, & 22-6-12. Alan Zimmerman from Commonwealth Engineers was present on behalf of the applicant to present the plan. The plan is taking 7 parcels, combining then resubdividing them to create 2 larger lots.

Mike Reinert stated that there was one waiver request received for a stormwater review waiver, since no land development is being planned at this time. A stormwater review is not needed at this point but will be deferred to such time as land development would be done. A note to that affect is on the plans.

Mike Reinert stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval based on the last letter dated December 12, 2013 and approval of the waiver.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to grant the waiver request and grant final conditional approval for the Ricmar Real Estate Minor Subdivision Final Plan based on complying with the Township Engineer's letter of December 12, 2013. All in favor. Motion carries.

Support/Oppose/No Position Samuel & Judith Benne Zoning Variance Application, Tax Parcel Number 22-5-16.38.

The applicants were in attendance and are proposing to build an addition which will encroach on the front yard setback. They stated their hardships for being unable to build the addition within the building envelope are due to the existence of utilities and the sewage disposal system on the property. It would also interfere with drainage across their property, which may create a negative impact as a result.

John McHugh asked what the location of the property was. Samuel Benne stated the property is near Struble lake on Shoreline Drive. It is a corner lot, so there are two front yards. Mike Reinert stated that the Planning Commission did support the application. Corner lots by definition in the Zoning Ordinance have two front yards.

John McHugh asked what the impact of a board decision to support would be. Mike Reinert stated that the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) takes into consideration what has been recommended by the Planning Commission and by the Supervisors but at the end of day the ZHB has the final decision. John McHugh asked if having Supervisors present at the hearing had an impact.

Dick Reeder stated that if a Supervisor were present to speak, it would have an impact in that the comments would be made part of the record. As a sitting member of the ZHB, however, he stated that he cannot say yea or nay either way.

Toni Antonini stated that the Solicitor always asks where Board stands. The Administration Office will let the solicitor know what the Township's stand is.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to support the Samuel & Judith Benne Zoning Variance Application. All in favor. Motion carries.

Appoint/not appoint Ron Husband facilitator of Police review Task Force. Ron Husband was in attendance and stated that it was requested of him to look into creating a report on police force. He has done some preliminary work with Honey Brook Borough & with some folks at the Department of Community and Educational Development at the state level. He is proposing to do a feasibility study to see how local law enforcement could be put in place by taking advantage of economies of scale in joining forces with other municipalities. There are 1,400 municipalities in Pennsylvania, but only 30 joint police forces. Westtown & East Goshen has one locally. The state is behind this effort because there is a lot of redundancy in the system as it stands.

John McHugh concern is that if municipalities solely rely on state police and state legislature passes bill regarding municipalities paying that protection; what would that cost be. Want to look at what are the options we have. What opportunities exist today that did not exist before, such as the WCCCoG. One of the topics that has come up is Regional Police Department, second is partnering and third option would be local Township Police Department. Township is looking into options at this time.

We can look at cost of state police versus our own & make a decision for the future.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to appoint Ron Husband facilitator of the Police Review Task Force. All in favor. Motion carries.

Approve/not approve request for a 6-month extension of land development plan for Cambridge Mennonite Church, Tax Parcel Number 22-6-46-E.

Mike Reinert stated that the applicant submitted this request today, and is a standard request for additional time to be afforded an applicant to complete their plan to meet the requirements of the Township.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to approve a 6-month extension for the review of the land development plan for Cambridge Mennonite Church. All in favor. Motion carries.

Final Open Forum.

None.

Upcoming meetings:

January 9th – Planning Commission Workshop (7:00 pm)

January 16th—Park and Recreation Committee (7:00 pm)

January 21st—LPC monthly meeting (8:00 am) and annual farmers’ breakfast (9:00 am)

January 23rd – Planning Commission (7:00 pm)

February 12th – BoS regular meeting (7:00 pm)

Motion by Joe Fenstermacher, seconded by Tracy Olsen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy J. Deischer-Eddy
Recording Secretary