

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MINUTES**

October 10, 2011
Meeting in Session at 6:34 p.m.

6:34pm: Workshop Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Kraus and that the meeting will be recorded

ROLL CALL

President

Richard Bufalini Absent

Vice President

Norm Kraus

Commissioners

Nick DiPietro

Joe Kusnir Arrived 6:42 pm

Brian Rohm

Others Present

Wendy Kasunic, Administrative Manager

Marie Stratakis-Hartman, Township Engineer

Mike Jones Township Solicitor

6:36pm CITIZENS FORUM

Debbie Trillow 102 McKenna Drive

Mrs. Trillow spoke to represent herself and her neighbors on McKenna Drive as to their disappointment in the Board of Commissioner's decision as stated in the Solicitor/Mike Jones' letter to the McKenna Drive residents that the Township has never taken over McKenna Drive as a Township road. She restated that because of past practice McKenna Drive should be considered a Township road. Mrs. Trillow presented Mr. Kraus with a second/new Public Records Request. After some discussion including the other residents (listed below) Mr. Kraus stated that the Board of Commissioner's would have to discuss this matter further with Mr. Jones/Township Solicitor in executive session. Mr. Kraus requested that the residents take pictures and supply them to the Township Engineer/Marie Stratakis-Hartman showing the water issues they are having. They stated that they wouldn't sign the agreement because it was one sided because the Township wouldn't accept responsibility and liability for a road that they paved. They stated that if the Township cannot work out some resolve with them, that they would be hiring an attorney. Mrs. Trillow requested that the Township preserve all documents in reference to McKenna Drive and please notate it in the minutes. They would like the road brought up to safe standards and their major issue is water issues and the catch basins. The road was slag prior to paving. They would not agree to going back to slag, they want the road as it is now with asphalt. They feel it can be adopted as is without being brought up to current specifications.

Eleanor Catalogna 104 McKenna Drive

Mrs. Catalogna stated that she has lived on McKenna Drive for 51 years and that the Township has been ploughing and patching it for 20 + years.

Mr. Healy (Mrs. McKenna's son 103 McKenna Drive

Mr. Healy stated jointly with his mother, Mrs. McKenna that the right of way was adversely taken when Nick Colafella (formerly at 102 McKenna Drive) moved in. That they weren't asked and gave no consent for the paving and other maintenance work done on McKenna Drive.

(Also in attendance were: Dan Marcum 107 McKenna Drive, Lou Catalogna 104 McKenna Drive, and several others who were not named.)

Frank DeRose 2207 Ridgevue Avenue

Mr. DeRose had applied and paid for a vendor booth (for food) for the Fall Fest through Pam Fiejdasz. He was raising money for his son's senior project and was going to sell gyro's, meatball sandwiches/subs to go. On Thursday, October 6th, Mark Faiella contacted Mr. DeRose and informed him that Pam in error accepted his application but in fact that food booths are not allowed because it takes away from concession sales (of which the proceeds go directly back into the park budget). He had already purchased some of his supplies, and was rather upset about the situation, especially that he feels it is a conflict of interest for Mr. Faiella, who supplies the pizza for the concession stand, and that Mr. Hickman was allowed a booth with some food product, supposedly because he allows the Township to use his equipment for the event. Mr. DiPietro spoke as the Commissioner over the Park, and stated that he and the Commissioner's would address the situation and speak with the Park Board in reference to it.

Karen Junak, Junak's Auto 337 Franklin Ave Aliquippa, PA

Mrs. Junak just wanted to make herself available to answer any questions or address any concerns the Commissioner's may have in reference to the contract proposal she submitted at the prior meeting. Junak's Auto could implement an administrative towing fee on the automatic impounds (as it does for Aliquippa) which would help generate some revenue for the Township. Mrs. Junak stated that if the change from 3 years to 7 years is an issue she wouldn't be opposed to changing it. Mrs. Junak was advised that Mr. Jones would review the contract and get with Andy Brunette, Township Manager to possibly discuss it at the next meeting October 24th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: IN 7:25 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION: OUT 7:43 PM

7:44pm ENGINEERS REPORT Marie Stratakis-Hartman (Report on File)

8:49pm CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: IN 8:52 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION: OUT 9:27 PM

9:27pm BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. DiPietro Motion to approve the Workshop Minutes of September 12, 2011
Mr. Rohm Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Abstain
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Absent

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the list of bills dated for October 10, 2011
Mr. Rohm Second the motion

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Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Absent

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to appoint Pam Fiejdasz to Park Board to complete Nancy Pajak's term through 12/31/14 due to her resignation from the Park Board.

Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Absent

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve payment request in the amount of \$43,937.50 to J J Stefanik for the Beaver Lakes Boulevard culvert replacement project.

Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Absent

Motion Carried

Mr. Rohm Motion to approve change order #1 in the amount of \$1,373.02 from J J Stefanik which encompasses pavement repair on James Street, elimination of D-W endwall and addition of rip-rap in lieu of D-W endwall.

Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Absent

Motion Carried

Mr. Rohm Motion to proceed with the refinance of the 2004 and 2006 General Obligation Note Bonds to ESB Bank.

Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Absent

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to appoint Kevin Gurchak as Alternate Sewer Board Member. (As recommended by Brian Rohm) (No term assigned for an Alternate) (To replace William Persuitte, who resigned his Position).
Mr. DiPietro Second the motion
Roll Call Vote:
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Absent
Motion Carried

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

All items for discussion in regards to engineering were addressed in the engineers report and are on file at the Township Building.

Mike Jones updated the Board on the pending drilling ordinance and advised the Board that he continues to work on this. Mr. Jones continues to work on the revised grading and filling ordinance with the Township engineer, the new grading permit fees should be on the Business Agenda for the next meeting 10/24/11, and he also advised the board that he only had one revision to make after meeting with Chief Ungarean on the reciprocating police coverage to neighboring communities' ordinance and that the final copy will be ready for the next meeting. Mr. Jones advised the Board that in regards to the Property Maintenance Ordinance, he got some information from John Bates and will continue to work on it. Mr. Jones advised the Board that he will review the Towing Contract from Karen Junak and update them on it at the next meeting.

Officer Vince Cipolla will be getting bids from 2 alternate suppliers for the new guns they would like purchase against their 2012 budget before the Board makes a final decision on whether to approve the purchase through Markly Supply Company in the amount of \$4,850.00. Those bids will be acquired and turned into Andy Brunette so that this item can be voted on at the Business Meeting on October 24th. (in order to allow adequate time to get ammunition and guns ordered)

The Board discussed the chain of command for Park Recreation Activities in reference to the issue brought to their attention by Frank DeRose in the public forum. The Commissioner's are the final say on any of the processes or functions involving the Park Recreation Department, the Park Boards function is to make recommendations to the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian Rohm Commissioner

Mr. Rohm stated that it was a great day at Fall Fest.

Norm Kraus Vice President Board of Commissioners

Mr. Kraus stated that although he was unable to attend, he heard that Fall Fest was a wonderful affair

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

10:02pm ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kusnir Motion to adjourn
Mr. Kraus Second the motion
Voice Vote: All in favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Wendy Kasunic 10/10/11
Minutes Prepared by: Wendy Kasunic 10/10/11