

KIDDER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 22, 2010

Chairman Polansky called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Kidder Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at the Kidder Township Municipal Building, Lake Harmony, PA.

ROLL CALL: Township Manager John Finnerty, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Klem, Supervisors Polansky, Bradley, Farnschlager, Gluck and Lengle were present along with Attorney Miscavige.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Ralph Lennon, Chief of the LHVFC, wanted to remind everyone about the Emergency Services Banquet on Friday, May 7th at the Mountain Laurel Resort. Chairman Polansky noted that the Township would provide a trophy to the Emergency Services Recipient of the year.

Barbara Franzosa, a member of the Kidder Township EAC, wanted to wish everyone a Happy Earth Day and said that members of the EAC worked on the rain garden at the Penn Kidder School with the second graders today. Also, she wanted to let everyone know that the annual EAC workshop will be held on Saturday, June 19th at 9:00 AM at the Galleria at Split Rock.

Jason Steranko, of the LH Rescue Squad, said that he has spoken to David Troel, the Chief of the KTVFC, about placing an ambulance at their fire house. Jason noted that the second ambulance is currently not used for calls because there is no one to staff it. He said that the KTVFC could staff the ambulance which would help with the increased call volume in the northwest section of the township. He asked the Supervisor to change the call sequence to grant the LH Rescue Squad all of Kidder Township. He noted that the White Haven Ambulance that would be the first responders to that section of the township had been out of service for several weeks because of licensing issues and that they have not been staffed 24/7 which is required for ALS providers. **Chairman Polansky** asked what would happen during ski season when the second ambulance is staffed. They planned to bring the ambulance back to Lake Harmony for the shift and then returned to the Tannery. Chairman Polansky said that they should speak to the residents, such as the Golden Oaks development, to see how they feel about the change. **John Toft**, of Golden Oaks, said that he would be interested in talking to the Rescue Squad, but is not convinced that it would be in their best interest to change the call sequence.

Chairman Polansky announced that Kidder Township has received grant money from Monroe County Gaming Funds for their conversion from Basic Life Support (BLS) to Advanced Life Support (ALS) services. Good news, the Township received \$108,000, bad news, that is half of the funds requested. He said it will make it a little more difficult to achieve what needs to be done to convert from BLS to ALS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting March 18, 2010

MOTION - made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Gluck **to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting.** Motion carried 4-0-1. Ms. Farnschlager abstained since she was not present at the March meeting.

There was an **Executive Session** held prior to this evenings meeting.

CURRENT BILLS:

MOTION – made by Ms. Farnschlader, seconded by Mr. Gluck **to pay the current bills in the amount of \$211,495.40.** Motion carried 5-0.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Willowbrook Phase II Building 5** - extension of Land Development Maintenance Agreement until August 16, 2010

Mr. Kalins requested a 120 day extension in order to complete the wearing coat paving. In order to coincide with meeting dates a 123 day extension would be necessary.

MOTION - made by Ms. Farnschlader, seconded by Mr. Bradley **to approve the extension until August 19, 2010.** Motion carried 5-0.

2. **Smith Partnership Pine Point Plaza Coffee Shop** - Preliminary/Final Land Development - Letter to PennDOT

The plans are to construct a 1,000 square foot bakery and coffee shop on the southern side of the property utilizing the current parking lot and access drives. An overall traffic impact study is being conducted for the larger project at the northern side of the property. The Planning Commission recommended that the Supervisors send a letter to PennDOT in support of the project and request that a PennDOT review not be required at this time based on the scope of the project. Eric Snyder, from Keystone Consulting Engineers, was present to explain the project and said that he had prepared a letter to PennDOT per the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

MOTION - made by Ms. Farnschlader, seconded by Mr. Bradley **to allow the Supervisors to sign the letter from the Engineer to PennDOT in support of the project.** Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Lake Harmony Volunteer Fire Company** - Waiver of Well Permit and Sewer Tapping Fees

A letter was received from Louis Montanaro, President of the LHVFC, asking for a waiver of the well permit and sewer tapping fees. Chairman Polansky stated that the Supervisors can and have waived fees for the fire companies and ambulance in the past.

MOTION - made by Ms. Farnschlader, seconded by Mr. Gluck **to waive the well permit fee for the LHVFC.** Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Polansky said that they can not waive the sewer tapping fees. He noted that a former manager had recommended not waiving the fee but rather reimbursing the fee, but that was when the fee was \$1,500 and now it is \$6,000. Ms. Farnschlader added that legally under the Penn Vest loan they can not waive any fees. Chairman Polansky stated that the township is in no position to reimburse the fee and that it is the fair amount that everyone else has to pay. Chief Lennon asked if there was any way that they could pay the tap in fee over a period of time. It was noted that this was not possible and it would have to be paid in full.

REPORTS:

- A. Police Chairman** - There was nothing additional to report.
- B. Roadmaster** - There was nothing additional to report.
- C. Solicitor** - Attorney Miscavige had the following to discuss:
 - 1.** The developer of Golden Oaks has recently requested that the Township explore the possibility of rephrasing Phase I Stage I and eliminating both Red Oak and West Oak Drive since no lots have been sold on either street. Chairman Polansky said that he would like to know the position of the residents of the development, but at this time the Township should stay on the course they're on since they have called the bond for the development.
 - 2.** The Board will have to consider a grievance submitted by the Fraternal Order of Police requesting the reimbursement of two hours of sick time for an officer. Chairman Polansky said that this personnel issue was discussed in the executive session. It was decided to deny the grievance but to reinstate the two hours of sick time but this will not set a precedent for the future. The policy will no longer be to treat two hours of sick time as regular on the job wages. The current operating procedures followed by the police are that if an officer goes home two hours sick from his shift he will be paid regular pay and will not have to use his sick time.

MOTION - made by Mr. Lengle, seconded by Mr. Bradley **to deny the grievance.** Motion carried 5-0. It was noted that the Standard Operating Procedures will have to be changed to reflect the recommended policy.
- D. Manager** - Mr. Finnerty had the following to report:
 - 1.** He has received two insurance quotes for the Township which covers the period from June 2010 to May 2011.
 - 2.** He was out checking the manholes along Birchwood Road this week. This is one of the oldest parts of the sewer system and a very wet area. Something will need to be done to stop the water from infiltrating into the sewer lines along this road.
 - 3.** He invited Craig Harahus of Blue Ridge Real Estate to explain to everyone about the trees being taken down along Route 940. Mr. Harahus explained that there is a low voltage issue at Snow Ridge Village and the ski area. He said that when the ski area is in operation lights flicker at Snow Ridge which is a public safety issue. They discussed with PPL different ways to get the new lines back to that area, such as using the current access road, but PPL said the best option was along Route 940 and then back thru the sewer maintenance road.
 - 4.** There will be a 911 re-addressing meeting on Thursday, April 29th. Ralph Lennon, Chairman of the Fire Commission was asked to attend this meeting. At this meeting duplicate road names will be reviewed and changes suggested.
- E. Police** - The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- F. Planning Commission** - The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- G. Zoning Officer** - The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- H. Zoning Hearing Board** - The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- I. Sewage Enforcement Officer** - The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- J. Code Enforcement Officer** - The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- K. Environmental Advisory Council** - The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- L. Fire Commission** - The report was in the Supervisors' file.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Reports were received from the Lake Harmony Volunteer Fire Company, Albrightsville Volunteer Fire Company, Kidder Township Volunteer Fire Company and the Lake Harmony Rescue Squad.
MOTION - made by Ms. Farnschlader, seconded by Mr. Lengle, **to put the reports on file.** Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Zoning, Building and On-lot Sewage Fee Schedule Changes**
Chairman Polansky said that the board needed more time to review the changes and that it would be discussed at next month's Supervisor meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION - made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Gluck **to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.**

John P. Finnerty, Township Secretary