

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
YORK COUNTY PA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

August 6, 2015

Chairman Manifold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge to the flag followed. Present were Supervisors Aaron Manifold and David Wisnom. Also present was Attorney Andrew Miller.

Approval of Minutes:

Wisnom motioned to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2015 regular meeting as distributed. Manifold seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Invoices:

Manifold motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report of July 31, 2015 and previously reviewed invoices listed in this report. Wisnom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Roads Report:

Piedmont Road had the base coat completed in the Spring 2015. The wearing course was applied in July 2015. The crew has been mowing and has started Jims Road. In the process it was discovered that a pipe had collapsed. Waiting to hear back from Dept. of Environmental Protection before proceeding.

Subdivision/Land Development Plans:

The Barr's submitted application to the Agricultural Security Program property located at 7615 Setting Sun lane on January 12, 2015. It is deemed approved after 180 days if no action taken. No action taken. MPL law firm will record a resolution with the York County Recorder of Deeds acknowledging the deemed approval and addition of the property to the Ag Security Area of the Township. Wisnom motioned to adopt resolution 3-2015. Manifold seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report:

Township Open Records Officer - Miller suggested the Board appoint a public records officer. He could not recall if it had been done at an earlier meeting and suggested the Board make the appointment even if it will ratify a prior motion just to be sure some is appointed. Manifold motioned to make Darlene Parker Open Records Officer Wisnom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Miller discussed Zoning Ordinance Amendment for density of Chickens in a residential zone. Miller submitted to YCPC and the Hopewell Township Planning Commission for their review and comments. Miller stated YCPC is having their regular meeting on August 24, 2015. Manifold motioned to advertise and hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2015. Wisnom Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gannett-Flemming - Manifold stated the Township worked with them previously with ACT 537. Gannett-Flemming has submitted a fee schedule. Manifold motioned to approve the Engineering firm fee schedule and work with them on an as need basis. Wisnom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Mason-Dixon Public Library - Janet McElwain was present to update the Township on Automatic Doors. McElwain stated the library has rec'd \$150.00 from Crossroads, \$900.00 East Hopewell and \$1,500.00 Stewartstown Borough. The offer has been extended to Fawn Grove Township & Fawn Grove Borough. Wisnom motioned to give the Library \$3,750.00, previously approved. Manifold seconded. Motion carried unanimously. McElwain also presented and discussed the Library budget for next year. She asked the Township to please continue to donate. Electronic media has increased so therefore fewer visitors at the library. People use electronic devices to read material which has lowered revenue of fine income. Repairs will be needed to the HVAC system and the roof in the future. Discussed upcoming fund raisers.

PennDot - Winter Maintenance Agreement for Sawmill Road and a portion of Ridge Meadow Road has been received. Manifold motioned to approve the PennDot agreement. Wisnom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ACT 537 Update - Table until next month.

Vernon Haas - Haas was present to discuss the Mowing Ordinance Violation he received in the mail for his property located at 12652 Willwert Road. Haas gave a history of the 3 Lots that he originally owned. Haas sold two of three, keeping one empty Lot. Haas requested withdraw of Violation letter. Manifold stated Haas has a residential lot in an Ag Zone. In the Ag Zone you can grow Hay. Township received a complaint and acted upon it. Manifold stated in a normal year a Hay field could have been cut twice by the month of July. As of the complaint the Hay field had not been cut. Haas can keep the hay field if he takes a crop off the Lot.

Recycle Bins - At this time the Township has given out all Recycle bins. Currently taking names and telephone numbers of people requesting bins.

Manifold stated pricing of bins. 50 – 499 Bins @ \$15.55 each. 500 or greater @ \$15.10 each. No grants are available at this time as they were in previous years. Patricia Schaub of 16630 Green Valley Court questioned how the Township was going to keep inventory. Wisnom stated the Township has no plans to track how many Bins each resident in the Township has received. The motion at this meeting is for ordering purposes only. Distribution and costs to be discussed at a later date. At this Manifold motioned to order 250 Bins. Wisnom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment - William Streett of 16572 N Barrens Road was present to talk about the Newsletters, Personnel changes and the office closed on Wednesdays. Streett wants to know what the plans are for the future. Manifold stated the Township plan is to progress forward. Township has advertised for an additional personnel employee. Applications are being accepted until August 10, 2015. The office will be kept open. At this time the Subdivision and Land Development is on the low side, thus creating less foot traffic. Township is moving forward. In regards to the Newsletter, Supervisors are considering going back to the newsletter. Maybe in the form of bring up electronically. Would print fifty or more to mail out to Residents who do not have a computer. Mary Glass of 39 Ballast Lane suggested having some available at the Township Building for Residents to stop by and pick up. At this time no decision was made. Street stated he had considered Shrewsbury Township to be the elite in Southern York County at one time. Streett now considers Hopewell Township to be the “Model Township” and so does York County Planning Commission. Streett questions if the Township is lowering their standards. Manifold stated the Township plans to continue operating with high standards. Wisnom stated we have always had high standards and hope we always do. There is always going to be hiccups.

Larry Knott of 110 Stoker Court asked if the Board of Supervisors had come up with their list of recommendations for the Planning Committee to review and comment on. Manifold stated no they have not yet had an opportunity. The three supervisors have all been on vacation in the past four weeks and their schedules have not allowed for them to come up with a list of recommendations.

