CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 15, 2011

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Supervisors Thomas Roberts, Vice Chairman and Nancy Lamey; Manager Mark Taylor; Code Officer Dawna Pella; Solicitor George Verlihay and Administrative Assistant Angie O'Dell.

Chairman Bouril was absent.

Vice Chairman Roberts brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Larry Ryan of James Street was present to inquire about the discussion at last month's meeting of our new GIS System. He asked if Beaver County is working on a similar version. Mr. Taylor noted that the county is working on a similar system, but our system will include much more information. Mr. Ryan asked if the system will be on line for the general public. Mr. Taylor said that it would be on line in about two months.

MINUTES

Vice Chairman Roberts had the following minutes for review:
      (A)   May 11, 2011 - Supervisors Agenda Meeting
      (B)   May 18, 2011 - Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting
There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved as submitted.

The supervisors acknowledged the minutes of the Sanitary Authority meeting of April 18, 2011 and the Planning Commission meeting of May 10, 2011.

ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

(A)   Woodward Lot Line Subdivision - Mr. Taylor said that this subdivision is just a side lot line addition to Mr. Woodward's property to even out his property lines before he sells his apple orchard. This plan was reviewed at last night's planning commission meeting. They recommended approval with no contingencies. Mr. Taylor also recommends approval. ***MS. LAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE** the Woodward Side Lot Line Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.

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(B)   Blackhawk Highland Middle School Land Development Plan - This plan was also reviewed at the planning commission meeting. They recommended approval contingent on several outstanding items being addressed. Manager Taylor also recommends approval. ***MS. LAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE** the Highland Middle School Land Development plans contingent on outstanding items being addressed. Seconded by Mr. Roberts,   the motion carried.

REPORTS

Vice Chairman Roberts had the following reports for review:

Financial	Real Estate
Police	Zoning
Road	CEO
Wage Tax & OPT (no report) Fire	
Recreation	

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Taylor had the following items for discussion or action:

(1)   Fireworks Permit - A township resident from 37th Street applied for a permit to set off fireworks in the township. We do not have an ordinance that addresses fireworks and up to this point we have been using the state regulations which are enforced by our police department. After much discussion at our agenda meeting, the board voted to reject adopting a fireworks permit resolution. It was decided that having this type of resolution could bring too much liability to the township.
         The resident was notified of the board's decision.

(2)   Repeal of sexual offender ordinance - Mr. Taylor asked Solicitor Verlihay to explain this action. Solicitor Verlihay reported that our ordinance restricted by zoning areas where a sexual offender could live. Recently the Pennsylvania Supreme Court was asked to render an opinion for another municipality that had an ordinance similar to ours.   The supreme court held that the ordinance was not constitutional because the Pennsylvania Parole Statute gave exclusive jurisdiction to the parole office to establish where a sexual offender could live. The ruling therefore gave the authority to make this determination to the Pennsylvania Parole Board and not the municipality. Based on this decision, Solicitor Verlihay asked for authority to advertise to repeal our sexual offender ordinance and act on this at our next meeting.

*MS. LAMEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE Solicitor Verlihay to advertise our intent to repeal our Sexual Offender Ordinance Number 236. Seconded by Mr. Roberts the motion carried.

3.   Braden School and Braun Road Study - Manager Taylor reported that Representative Jim Marshall requested that Chippewa ask Penn Dot to do a traffic study on the Braun Road/Braden School Road intersection to determine if stop signs are needed. Mr. Taylor told him that PennDot already did a study and in their report of October 14, 2009, determined that stop signs were not needed there. Mr. Taylor sent Mr. Marshall all the information from the study and also asked Mr. Marshall to visit that area and check out the situation. Mr. Marshall has not gotten back to Mr. Taylor on this.

4.   Resolution No. 2011 - 9   This resolution was to set up an interest bearing fire escrow account for the burned out property at 114 Braden School Road. We are holding a check in this account until the building has been torn down. Mr. Taylor asked Solicitor Verlihay how much time we are required to give the owner to get the building torn down. Solicitor Verlihay will look into this and get back to us. Mr. Taylor will then have the code enforcement officer notify the owner of the time line.

Manager Taylor had nothing further.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Vice Chairman Roberts had the May 2011 bills for review.

*MS. LAMEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE payment of the May 2011 bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

Walmart Assessment Appeal for the years 2010 and 2011 -   Solicitor Verlihay reported that the court agreed with Mr. Verlihay that the appeal for 2010 was not to be considered. This saved the township $5,000. As for 2011, Walmart was granted only half of what they were asking. That means that the township will receive $5,000 less in taxes from Walmart for the year 2011.

Solicitor Verlihay had nothing further.

Mr. Roberts thanked Solicitor Verlihay for his work on this.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

NONE

With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be a combined agenda/regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

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Secretary   Chairman