

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
of the  
MAY 17, 2017  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Jim Bouril, Supervisor Nancy Lamey, Supervisor Mark Hoenig, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Rich Bebout, Solicitor George Verlihay, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark. Manager Mark Taylor did not attend.

Chairman Bouril called the meeting to order.

**VISITORS**

Chief Berchtold, Connie Thorne, Andy Huzyak, Detective Patrick Young, District Attorney David Lozier, and Detective Robert Chamberlain attended. Brenna Boyde arrived during the meeting, after the visitors from Ponderosa Drive had already spoken.

Ms. Thorne and Mr. Huzyak voiced concerns about increased traffic on Ponderosa and about people parking on Ponderosa while they visit the Sahli Nature Park. Ms. Thorne said that people using a GPS are currently directed to Ponderosa Drive when they wish to visit Sahli Park. She would like the Township to look into why this is happening. She said that she would also like to see the Township erect a "No Parking" sign on Ponderosa Drive so that people don't park in the cul de sac to visit the park and a sign that says, "Access to Sahli Nature Park is on McKinley Road". She said since there is no posted speed limit sign on Ponderosa Drive, there are speeders there and at least one of the speeders lives on Ponderosa. She said there are many families with young children on her street and many people park on the street. She said many people with large driveways insist on parking on the street overnight. She did say that the police department has already resolved a problem where one resident parked a truck on the street and she thanked the police for handling this matter. Chairman Bouril said that he will check into the problem with the GPS. At this time Andy Huzyak spoke. He also resides on Ponderosa. He suggested that the Township place a "Dead End" sign on Ponderosa, since it stops at a cul de sac. He said that perhaps this would deter some people from using their street. Chairman Bouril told Ms. Thorne and Mr. Huzyak to leave contact information so that the Supervisors can check into the items they mentioned and get back to them. Mr. Huzyak also asked why there is no speed limit on Ponderosa. Solicitor Verlihay explained that it is the law across Pennsylvania that in a residential neighborhood the limit is 25 mph whether it is posted or not. Solicitor Verlihay said that not all people seem to know this.

## MINUTES

Chairman Bouril had the following minutes for review:

1. April 12, 2017 Supervisors' Agenda Meeting
2. April 19, 2017 Supervisors' Regular Meeting

There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Supervisors acknowledged the minutes of the following meetings:

1. March 20, 2017 Sanitary Authority Board Meeting
2. April 3, 2017 Recreation Board Meeting
3. April 11, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting

## ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

1. Laurel Hollow Condominium Plan:

Rich Bebout spoke on behalf of Manager Taylor. He said that the Laurel Hollow Plan is located off of 37<sup>th</sup> Street. The developer would like to change this from a rental development of apartments to a condominium complex. The Planning Commission read the new plans and approved them at their last meeting.

**MS. LAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE** the request to change the units at the Laurel Hollow development from rental apartments to condominiums. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

2. Central Square Sub. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Revision:

Mr. Bebout explained that this is the existing Home Depot/Kmart location. The Kmart lease will be up in February of 2018. The Planning Commission has already approved this. Chairman Bouril added that they want to separate the two properties so if the developers want to sell or do something with one of the properties, they will be able to do so if they are separate.

**MR. HOENIG MOVED TO APPROVE** the request for the subdivision of the two properties. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

## REPORTS

Chairman Bouril had the following April reports for review:

1. Financial Report
2. Police Department Report
3. Road Report
4. Wage Tax/OPT Report
5. Real Estate Tax Report
6. Zoning Report
7. Code Enforcement Officer's Report
8. Fire Report

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Rich Bebout sat in for Manager Taylor and had the following items listed on the agenda for discussion:

1. David Lozier, Beaver County District Attorney:

Chairman Bouril introduced District Attorney David Lozier, who spoke about his department. He said that as chief law enforcement officer in the county his office prosecutes about 4000 cases each year. He explained how many people work for the District Attorney and said that also includes the detective bureau's task forces. He has been going to municipalities to explain what the task forces do. He said that Chippewa Township actually has one of the larger police departments in the area. He explained that during certain events his office will bring in assets from the entire county to back up the Chippewa Township officers. He introduced Detective Chamberlain of the Anti-Drug Task Force and Detective Young of the SWAT Team, who gave overviews of what their groups do. Detective Chamberlain spoke about the Anti-Drug Task Force, explained where he works, what he does and also talked about the various drugs that are out there. He explained what happened in the East Liverpool department recently with the powder getting on the officer's shirt during a drug arrest. He said it took six doses of Narcan to save this officer's life, and explained how dangerous it is. Gloves have now been given to officers in the county and they will be offered to Chippewa Township officers. Drug forfeiture and asset money is used to purchase these gloves for the officers. He said they like to have officers from throughout the county as participants on the Task Force and they would like Richelle Herczak to remain on the Task Force, as they need female officers on the force. He asked the Supervisors to consider allowing her to remain on the Anti-Drug Task Force. He said drug cases cross community lines. He said the training to administer Narcan is a 15-minute video.

Detective Chamberlain and District Attorney Lozier answered several questions from the Supervisors and from visitors and gave additional explanations about drug problems. In 2016 there were 650 known overdoses and 102 deaths. It was noted that these numbers are even higher so far in 2017.

Detective Young spoke next regarding the SWAT Team and what they do. They bring about 55 officers and others from across the county together. He said they deal with active shooters, apprehension of narcotics, barricade situations and hostage rescues. He said basically they come, "when the cops call 9-1-1." They have equipment and types of training that local police departments do not have. He and the District Attorney explained how things work and what types of situations they handle.

2. Adoption of the 2017 Employee Handbook:

Rich Bebout said that a copy of the proposed handbook was given to the department heads and to the employees for review. He said it was last revised in 1999. He said no one came back to them with comments.

**MR. HOENIG MOVED TO ADOPT** the proposed employee handbook. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and without further discussion the motion carried.

3. Hiring of Carley Ursida and Jesse Lee Richman as part-time police officers:

Carley Ursida and Jesse Lee Richman were hired as part-time police officers for the Township.

### PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Bouril had the April 2017 bills for review

**MS. LAMEY MOVED TO APPROVE** payment of the April bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoenig and with no further discussion the motion carried.

### SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

Attorney Verlihay said that Starting Gate - CED is getting close to closing. He spoke about previous easements and parking agreements. Attorney Verlihay said CED will be a secure facility and they won't want people who are attending events at the Township municipal building to park on their property. He said that he sees no problem in eliminating the previous parking agreement as it is no longer needed for Community Day and other events now that we have Veterans' Park. He asked permission from the Supervisors to extinguish the mutual parking agreement from the deed.

**MS. LAMEY MOVED TO EXTINGUISH** from the deed the previous parking agreement which permitted parking at the Starting Gate – CED building next door. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

### SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

None.

### ADJOURNMENT/MEETING DATES

With nothing further to come before the Board, Chairman Bouril adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The scheduled meeting dates for June, 2017 are: Agenda Meeting: Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m., Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman

