

December 20, 2011
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Simmons. The pledge of allegiance was said by all.

ATTENDANCE

Samuel M. Simmons, III, Chairman
A.W. Castle, III., Supervisor

Marjorie Metzger, Administrative Assistant
James Bogar, Solicitor
Greg Rogalski, Zoning Officer
Mark Bruening, Engineer

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Sue Sunday said they continue to get a message to the school board that it is unacceptable to close Monroe school. Someone from the committee has been in attendance at all school board meetings. We have filed a couple right-to-know requests for information. John Dwyer was to meet with Superintendent Harner. Mr. Simmons said the committee has done more than he had hoped for. Mr. Castle said they are doing an outstanding job and he knows the residents appreciate it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2011 Regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Simmons announced there was an executive session held on November 23, 2011.

REPORTS

ROADMASTER'S REPORT

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Roadmaster's Report.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Zoning Officer's report.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve \$2,800 for H.L. Stoneberger to do some HVAC work in the township building. This is part of the energy grant from the county.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PENN WASTE – ORDINANCE REVISIONS REQUEST

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to table the Penn Waste request.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2011-17 – FUND BALANCE DESIGNATIONS

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Resolution 2011-17, which is the fund balance designations in accordance with governmental accounting standards.

SET MEETING DATES FOR 2012

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the list of dates for 2012 as presented.

HUMANE SOCIETY

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to pay the \$250 non-refundable contracting fee for 2012.

WEST SHORE EMS

Paul Christophel presented the study that was done on distances for ambulances and indicated there is approximately 60% of the township not being served by the closest ambulance currently. He suggested meeting with the fire chief to look at the study and discuss what changes may be appropriate at this time. A recommendation will be presented to the Supervisors for their February meeting.

Mr. Simmons appreciates the study being done.

BREECHES AT ALLENBERRY CONDITIONAL USE

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to grant a time extension to the Breeches at Allenberry conditional use through June 30, 2012, as requested.

SANDERSON – BOND REDUCTION REQUEST

Mr. Bruening said there is work that must be completed. The bond being held is to cover the

paving and the 10% retainage of completed work. The bond does not get returned until the work is completed and dedicated to the township. Then a maintenance bond is put in place for 18 months. Mr. Rogalski said there are also drainage issues to be resolved.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to deny the bond reduction request for the Sanderson project.

JOHN DWYER RESIGNATION

Mr. Castle read the letter of resignation submitted by John Dwyer. He resigned his position as Township Supervisor to become a member of the School Board, which he was elected to. He cannot serve in both positions.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to accept the letter of resignation from John Dwyer.

SINCLAIR ROAD PROJECT – PHASING

Doug Gelder was present to request phasing for his project on Sinclair Road for 60 units. He is working on the sewer line installation to hook to Trindle Station. The original thought was to do the development as a whole, but with the economy the way it is he would like to do phasing instead.

Mr. Bogar and Mr. Bruening advised he would have to submit the preliminary plan to show the phasing, and then proceed with submitting the final plans according to the phasing schedule. The ordinance says the phasing must be shown on the preliminary plan with a time schedule, which there is a five year window.

BILLS

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Simmons, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to approve the bills as prepared.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Bruening wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Rogalski wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The \$2,800 under the energy grant will be for modifications to the thermostat locations and revisions to the outside air flow to the building. Then we will figure out how much money is left from the grant to see what the next phase of work should be and provide a proposal.

Mr. Bogar said this is his last rodeo. He thanked the Board for having him and wished everyone good luck. Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Mr. Castle thanked Mr. Bogar for all he has done for the township. He has kept an eye on us.

He didn't get mad when we called him to see what he thought about something. He appreciates his family involvement. He will be missed.

Mr. Castle asked for everyone to remember the troops and their families. He suggested people could help with the food for the needy. There is a meeting tomorrow at 6:00 PM to interview candidates for Township Supervisor. The reorganization meeting will be held on January 3 at 7:00 PM. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The office will be closed on December 23 & 26. God Bless America.

Mr. Simmons said Mr. Bogar has been with the township for 27 years. He has sat to his right and kept us out of trouble. It is going to be a hard road to go without him. Jim is a good lawyer and good person. He is as honest as the day is long. You can trust anything he says. It will be different without him. Jim has done so much for the township, even some of the weirdest situations. He thanked Jim and his daughters, and has respect for all of them. No one is asking Jim to leave. He is one of the top municipal lawyers in the area and it will be very tough to replace him. He appreciates Jim's integrity. Merry Christmas to everyone and Happy New Year.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger
Administrative Assistant