

KIDDER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 17, 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, June 17, 2010 at the Kidder Township Municipal Building, Lake Harmony, PA.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jason Steranko, of the LH Rescue Squad, announced that just two hours ago they saved the life of a motorist who had a heart attack as she was traveling through the Township. He said the rescue squad and the police were at the scene and the patient was airlifted. Mr. Steranko wanted to know if there was any action taken over the last two months as to the LHRS covering the entire Township. Mr. Finnerty said that he has heard that the White Haven Ambulance has been out of service for as much time as was stated at the previous meeting. Mr. Steranko noted that the previous week WH was out of service for four days. Mr. Steranko said that they have purchased another ambulance that is stationed in the Tannery and that it has been in service. Mr. Lengle asked if they had met with the residents of Golden Oaks and how did they feel about having the LHRS cover their development. Jason said they were concerned that WH was closer and that they had paramedics on their staff. Chairman Polansky said that he would like to have a face to face meeting with White Haven. He asked Mr. Finnerty to arrange the meeting and contact the Luzerne County Communications Center to get a report on the response times for WH. It was noted that a public hearing was not required, but Chairman Polansky would like it to be handled as one.

Robert Fountain, from IDM Consulting Services, explained that his company negotiates with Blue Cross and Geisinger to get their lowest rates for his clients. He said that he currently works with seven different municipalities and that their average health care savings are anywhere from 14 to 16 percent. He said that he was here tonight to ask the Supervisors for permission to do research for the Township to see if money can be saved on health care for the employees. Chairman Polansky asked if there was any charge for this service. Mr. Fountain said that there would not be a charge for the feasibility study. Chairman Polansky told him to contact Mr. Finnerty to get the information that he needed to do the study, and hoped that he would be able to save the Township money.

Ralph Lennon wanted to remind the Supervisors and Chief Protasiewicz of the invitation he extended last month to have them participate in the Firemen's Parade that will be held on Saturday, September 25th in Wilkes-Barre. He is hoping to have their response before the next meeting.

Marv Raphaelson said that last month he complained about the sand at the Lake Harmony Estates beach and nothing has been done about it. He said he witnessed some workers raking sand into the lake. He requested the Township close the beach until something could be done to correct the problem. Attorney Miscavige said that the Township does not have the authority to close the beach. Chairman Polansky said that arrangements would be made to have representatives from each organization around the lake meet in order to come to some agreement of how to address the problem.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting May 20, 2010

MOTION - made by Mr. Gluck, seconded by Ms. Farnschlader **to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2010 meeting.** Motion carried 5-0.

There was an **Executive Session** held prior to this evening's meeting.

CURRENT BILLS:

MOTION – made by Ms. Farnschlader, seconded by Mr. Bradley **to pay the current bills in the amount of \$279,822.79.** Motion carried 5-0.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Mountain Laurel Timeshare Development** - extension of time for Final Land Development Plan until June 18, 2011
Mr. Kalins sent a letter stating that they had received the NPDES permit. He also requested the extension until the capital markets improve and they can again obtain financing. Ms. Farnschlader asked Attorney Miscavige if there were any legal implications involved with the extension. Attorney Miscavige said that it is fine because it is an extension for a final plan and did not involve an improvements agreement.
MOTION - made by Ms. Farnschlader, seconded by Mr. Lengle **to grant the extension of time to June 18, 2011.** Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Lake Harmony Volunteer Fire Company Emergency Services Facility** - extension of time for Land Development Improvements Agreement and Land Development Maintenance Agreement until June 18, 2011.
MOTION - made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Farnschlader **to grant the extension of time to June 18, 2011.** Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Special Olympics Carbon County** - request for donation for Horse Show
Chairman Polansky noted that there are quite a few requests for donations and fortunately the Township has a small budget for these charitable donations.
MOTION - made by Ms. Farnschlader, seconded by Mr. Bradley **to purchase a half page advertisement for \$30.00.** Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Dimmick Memorial Library Fund Drive** - request for donation
It was noted that in previous years the Township was able to donate \$300.00 to the library, but last year they had to reduce it to \$150.00. Mr. Kalins was in attendance at the Supervisors' meeting last year and volunteered to pay the other \$150.00
MOTION - made by Ms. Farnschlader, seconded by Mr. Gluck **to donate \$100.00 to the Library.** Motion carried 5-0.
3. **Lake Harmony Watershed Preservation Group Golf Outing** - request for sponsorship
MOTION - made by Mr. Gluck, seconded by Ms. Farnschlader **to sponsor \$50.00 hole at this year's golf outing.** Motion carried 5-0.

4. **Lake Harmony VFC Golf Tournament** - request for sponsorship
The LHVFC requested a \$35.00 donation but in the past the Township had donated \$50.00 to the fire companies.
MOTION - made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Farnschlader **to sponsor a \$50.00 hole.** Motion carried 5-0.
5. **Joyce Insurance Group** - award Township Insurance Bid
Mr. Finnerty said that two bids were received. Brown & Brown, the current provider, submitted a bid of \$78,163.00. Joyce insurance submitted a bid of \$72,968. He said that Joyce offered better coverage and includes full heart and lung for the police officers and in addition would allow the Township to pay in two installments. Ms. Farnschlader brought up the fact that they had already made a motion to pay the bills which included the payment to Joyce. In the future she would request that a motion be made to award the contract prior to paying the bill.
MOTION - made by Mr. Gluck, seconded by Mr. Bradley **to award the insurance bid to Joyce Insurance Group.** Motion carried 5-0.
6. **WWTP Sludge Removal Contract** - authorization to prepare and advertise for bids
MOTION - made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Farnschlader **to give the authorization to prepare and advertise for sludge removal bids.**
Motion carried 5-0.

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 report:
 1. He said that the board was approached by the AVFC to help correct a title issue that arose during the construction project. He noted the board indicated that they would be agreeable to accept a reversion of the property in the event the property is no longer used for the purpose of a fire company. He said that he has received an Agreement of Sale executed by the officers of the AVFC acknowledging the arrangement. He said it would be appropriate for a motion authorizing the endorsement of the Agreement of Sale and further authorizing the board to sign the agreement of sale and the necessary deeds to complete the transaction. Chairman Polansky said that as he understood it, there are two motions here, one is to accept the fire company giving their property to the Township for \$1.00 and the other is giving the property back to them for the same amount. At this time Chairman Polansky called for a motion.
MOTION - made by Mr. Lengle, seconded by Ms. Farnschlader **to authorize the officers of the board to execute the necessary documents to complete the transaction.** Motion carried 5-0.
 2. Secondly he said that a member of the police force is currently off on a work related injury and part of the benefits received are under the heart and lung act. The workers compensation carrier has conducted an independent medical exam, and based on the results of the exam, which a copy should have been made available to the board, it would be appropriate at this time to initiate the termination of the heart and lung portion of the benefits.

MOTION - made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Gluck **to terminate the heart and lung benefits.** Motion carried 5-0.

D. Manager - Mr. Finnerty had the following to report:

1. He and Mr. Dobosh have been invited to attend the Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting which will be held June 22nd. This will be a blueprint for reducing property damage and saving lives from the effects of future natural and man made disasters in our communities. Also, communities must have a plan to apply for and receive mitigation grants.

2. He and the Zoning Officer meet with the prospective buyer of the former gas station and pizza shop over near the turnpike. There are possible plans for a Subway and other types of eating establishments.

3. He will be attending the Local Shared Gaming Seminar, sponsored by DCED, which will be held at ESU on June 28th.

4. The Route 534 bridge still has weight restrictions.

E. Police - The report was in the Supervisors' file.

F. Planning Commission - There was no meeting in June.

G. Zoning Officer - There was no meeting in May.

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.

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 Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Farnschlader, **to put the reports on file.** Motion carried 5-0.

2. Zoning, Building and On-lot Sewage Fee Schedule Changes

Chairman Polansky noted that the fees had been reviewed by the Supervisors' and verified that they are posted in the office.

MOTION - made by Ms. Farnschlader, seconded by Mr. Gluck **to approve Resolution 2010-003.** Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION - made by Mr. Lengle, seconded by Ms. Farnschlader **to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.**

John P. Finnerty, Township Secretary