

REGULAR MEETING –April 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commissioner Thomas Sray at the Municipal Building in Morgan, PA 15064.

**PRESENT: CURL, SRAY, COX, CAFFREY, GABRIEL**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Township Manager: Michael W. Hoy, Township Solicitor: Jonathan Kamin, Township Administrative Assistant: Evonne Williams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was moved by COX and seconded by CURL with all Commissioners present voting AYE to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 15, 2010

**PETITION OF CITIZENS/PERSONS REQUESTING TIME – None**

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

- A. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- B. PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- C. AMENDMENT TO AGENDA**

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by CURL to approve the consent calendar items. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Commissioner Gabriel-Mayview Task Force Meeting is May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 PM. It will be at the Upper St. Clair Rec Center. This is a public meeting.

Commissioner Caffrey-We had a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on April 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the draft Gas Drilling Ordinance. We will begin discussing that next month. There is a lot to consider. Thursday is the joint Fire Department meeting at Sturgeon at 7:30 PM. Cash bash is 6:30 this Saturday. On the Comprehensive Plan we had an interactive focus group. Most of us were there on Wednesday night. It was not well attended. The object was to gather information from the community about key areas of how the Township should develop. Most of topics that were discussed were things that we are all familiar with. There was a follow-up meeting that Evonne went to and there were six residents in attendance. The next part of the community feedback is a survey. One thousand were sent out to random residents. There are copies on the website and in the In South Fayette magazine along with some passed out through the schools. The Comp Plan is designed to be a planning tool, a vision for the future. The

next meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. They are open to the public. I will be attending the Duquesne drilling symposium on May 3 and 4. This is a discussion of natural gas drilling as it pertains to municipalities. It will be a discussion of regulatory issues, DEP and water issues.

Commissioner Sray-Public Works, we interviewed eight applicants for the truck driver/laborer position. We will recommend hiring tonight. I attended the celebration for Nick Carr and the basketball team Saturday at the High School. It was cold and the turnout seemed less than expected.

Commissioner Cox-Library Board meeting was last week. We had talked about the fact that we might be hiring soon, some type of professional financial fundraiser. I think it is quite important that the architect come meet with the Library Board. *(discussion continued on space requirements for the library)*

The Conservation Group was funded again for the Fishing Run Project, \$450,000 from Growing Greener. That will be going into the Millers Run Water Shed. That is a very small group getting funding when others are not. That is two Growing Greener grants going at the same time.

Commissioner Curl: The Seven Springs agenda was not as good as in the past. We do get to meet and share what other municipalities are doing. Thursday was the COG Annual Dinner at Rudy Juniors in Coraopolis. The main speaker was Steven Zapalla. He talked about the cameras they put in the city and how they got grants for the cameras. This Wednesday is the design committee. The Parks and Rec meeting received the final draft of the Feasibility Study for the Star City property.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hoy: We received notice that the Federal Government, thru FEMA did approve the snow reimbursement of cost, which will filter down thru the state. We did not receive notification but it will be similar to when we had the flood. We kept good records of our expenses.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kamin: We have a busy month. We are working thru the Port Authority license agreements/lease, working on the draft of the oil and gas ordinance. We have settled one public works grievance and a tentative settlement on the second one. I need an executive session to discuss one land matter and one personnel issue.

#### OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider the adoption of proclamations for the South Fayette Township High School Varsity Basketball team and Varsity Wrestler Nick Carr.

Mr. Hoy-These were actually handed out. I worked with the President of the Board so we had them in time to hand them out. These will be proclamation one and two of 2010.

It was moved by GABRIEL and seconded by COX to adopt the proclamations for the South Fayette Township High School Varsity Basketball team and Varsity Wrestler Nick Carr. All members present voted AYE to approve the motion.

- B.** Consider authorization to advertise a public hearing to receive comment regarding the proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance regulating gas and oil wells.

Mr. Hoy-It is recommended that this hearing be scheduled for May 10 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building. As you this was discussed in length at our April Workshop Meeting. Staff is recommending approval. This is authorization to advertise the public hearing.

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by CURL to authorize advertisement of a public hearing to receive comment regarding the proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance regulating gas and oil wells. All members present voted AYE to approve the motion.

- C.** Consider a request to modify the original Conditional Use Open Space Design Application filed by Newbury, Inc.

Mr. Hoy-We did hold a public hearing to discuss this matter and to receive public comment. We also reviewed it at the Workshop Meeting. Staff is recommending approval.

It was moved by GABRIEL seconded by CAFFREY to approve a request to modify the original Conditional Use Open Space Design Application filed by Newbury, Inc. by the official request submitted by the applicant as presented and reviewed at the Workshop Meeting. All members present voted AYE to approve the motion.

- D.** Consider a resolution accepting the traffic signal to be installed by Giant Eagle at the intersection of Danielle Drive and Washington Pike.

Mr. Hoy-This was also reviewed at the last Workshop Meeting. This will be Resolution No. 6 of 2010. Staff is recommending approval of the resolution as submitted in Attachment 12D of your packet.

It was moved by CURL and seconded by COX to adopt a Resolution No. 6 of 2010 accepting the traffic signal to be installed by Giant Eagle at the intersection of Danielle Drive and Washington Pike.

ROLL CALL: For the Motion: CAFFREY, CURL, COX, SRAY  
Against the Motion: Gabriel

Motion passes 4:1

- E. Consider authorization to advertise an ordinance authorizing the installation of “No Parking” signs from the intersection of Fairview Drive and Olde Orchard Drive.

Mr. Hoy: This was reviewed at the last Workshop Meeting. This is simply authorization to advertise the ordinance. The ordinance itself will appear at the next Workshop Meeting. We are recommending that you proceed with advertising the ordinance. If you are leaning not doing this, lets not spend the money doing this.

*Phil Makowski speaking on behalf of the Oakridge Fire Department discussed the “No Parking” sign issue.*

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by COX to advertise an ordinance authorizing the installation of “No Parking” signs from the intersection of Fairview Drive and Olde Orchard Drive.

*Richard Melnick resident of Olde Orchard Drive discussed the resident’s concern about the installation of the “No Parking” signs.*

Commissioner Caffrey: Do you think we should have discussion now?

Commissioner Sray: We have a motion and a second.

Commissioner Cox: Can we table it and have more discussion?

Mr. Hoy: We have a motion on the floor. The only motion that can supersede it would be a motion to table or to vote it down.

Commissioner Caffrey: The protocol is anyone can make a request for a sign installation. That goes to the administration. The police are asked to comment on public safety and public works director is asked to comment. Phil made some calls and I think his point was a valid one. The property owner was not consulted. Should the fire department be consulted to see what their opinion was from the public safety perspective? Mike thought the Police Chief could comment on that.

ROLL CALL: For the Motion: SRAY, COX, CAFFREY  
Against the Motion: CURL  
Abstain: GABRIEL

Motion passes: 3:1:1

- F.** Consider the distribution of \$800 from the MEIT's 10,000 Steps to Better Health Program.

Mr. Hoy: This was review and discussed at length at the April Workshop Meeting. Staff is recommending payment of \$250.00 to Evonne for her dedication to the 10,000 Steps Walkathon and the remainder to be put in the general fund.

It was moved by CAFFREY seconded by COX to approve distribution of \$250.00 in gift cards to Evonne. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

- G.** Consider a resolution setting the 2009 and 2010 Employee Pension contribution rate at 9.5% and 9.20 % respectively.

Mr. Hoy: These are two separate resolution and are in your packet as Attachment 12G. We did review these at the Workshop Meeting and they would be Resolution 4 and 5 of 2010.

It was moved by CURL and seconded by COX to adopt Resolutions No. 4 setting the 2009 Employee Pension contribution rate at 9.5% respectively. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by CURL to adopt Resolutions No. 5 setting the 2010 Employee Pension contribution rate at 9.2% respectively. All members present voted AYE to the motion

- H.** Consider the appointment to various Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Hoy: This is a board discretionary item. As you know we have several vacancies and you have interviewed. The first is the alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board.

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by GABRIEL to appoint David Bradley of Crestwood Drive as the alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board to a term to expire 12/31. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by GABRIEL to appoint C. Kenneth Chambon to the Municipal Authority Board to fill an unexpired term to expire 12/31/14. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by CURL to appoint Ronald Miller to the Parks & Recreation Board to a term to expire 12/31/11. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

- I. Consider a extending a conditional officer of employment to an applicant for the position to probationary truck driver/laborer.

Mr. Hoy: As presented in Executive Session, the Administration Selection Committee is recommending Barry Miller be hired on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was moved by COX and seconded by CURL to approve the offer of conditional employment as discussed at the Workshop, to Barry Miller on or before June 1st. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER & LAND MATTERE**

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by CURL with all Commissioners voting AYE to adjourn to Executive Session.

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It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by CURL with all Commissioners voting AYE to adjourn.

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Michael W. Hoy, Township Manager

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Thomas J. Sray, President

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