

## REGULAR MEETING –May 17, 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 (arrived 7:19), SRAY, COX, CAFFREY, GABRIEL (arrived 7:02)

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by COX with all Commissioners present voting AYE to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 19, 2010

**PETITION OF CITIZENS/PERSONS REQUESTING TIME** –Bob Price-3533 Old Oakdale Road--Concerns about the cost of the new Community Center

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

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

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by COX to amend the agenda to remove Item E as recommended by the Manager. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

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

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Commissioner Gabriel-I attended the Marseilles Shale conference at Duquesne University. Mayview Task Force has their meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the USC Community Center at 7 PM to discuss the bidding for the property. This is a public meeting.

Commissioner Caffrey-June 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a roundtable discussion on gas and oil drilling with DEP, regulatory people, industry people and environmental people. The Comprehensive Plan steering committee met this month. We discussed feedback from the two public information sessions that were held earlier in the month of April. We discussed the survey. We started going thru what a build out plan would look like. We are progressing and are generally on schedule.

Commissioner Sray-Public Works we hired 5 summer student and Parks and Rec hired 2. New hire is ready to go for June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Cox-I attended the facilities committee. I also attended the Library Board Meeting. They were discussing whether the Library could be part of the Township and they figured out they could not be. The communities that do fund their libraries are home rule. The library is looking for money and still writing smaller grants. A Pitt student will be coming in to research for money. The Design Committee meeting is on Wednesday. Conservation Group was funded another \$5000 from the Allegheny Conservation District. This is a joint project with the Township. This is for fish habitat on Millers Run. It serves for fish habitat and diverts the water to prevent erosion.

Commissioner Curl-I missed the Parks and Rec Board meeting. I have the COG meeting this Thursday at North Fayette Township.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Hoy: The Monthly Manager's Report is included in your packet. Design Committee meeting is Wednesday night at 7:00 PM. We are doing the citizen survey. As of this afternoon Evonne reported to me that we have 233 surveys in. Keep asking people to keep sending them in.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Kamin: I distributed at the Workshop Meeting our proposed resolution which is offering our .7172 acre piece in front of Star City for sale requesting RFPs on that particular piece of property. At this point I would ask the Board to authorize the advertisement of that so we can solicit bids and accept them at our June meetings if we decide to do so. This would be resolution No. 7 of 2010.

It was moved by COX and seconded by CAFFREY to authorize advertisement for the .7172 acre piece in front of Star City. All members present voted AYE to approve the motion.

Mr. Kamin: The second item, which I discussed also at the Workshop Meeting, was we have received a request from St. Anthony's Church. There is a small sliver of property that was supposed to be vacated and they would like us to advertise for a hearing on that. They have made a deposit for that. The hearing will be the date of the Workshop.

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by COX to advertise a public hearing for the purpose of vacating a small strip of land by St. Anthony's Church to be scheduled on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. All members present voted AYE to approve the motion.

Mr. Kamin: I have received an email request as to the status of the Public Works grievance. I talked to Mr. Winters today and he asked me to put some things into writing and hopefully we can have this resolved.

Commissioner Caffrey: Can I ask for two other updates? Our negotiation with Port Authority?

Mr. Kamin: We sent back some comments from their redlined. We have a couple of minor issues that we are working through.

Mr. Hoy: Basically Sue, we sent them our proposal. They redlined it and sent it back. We are going to redline it again and send it back.

Mr. Kamin: The issues are minor but important. One is the rent and the other is snow removal. Another is condition issue as to how we are going to figure out whether the busses are doing any damage.

Commissioner Caffrey: One the GSP Consulting did you pick through that agreement?

Mr. Kamin: It's not ready. We have to have some further discussion as to what our expectations are in terms of deliverables. Specifically, the language in terms of grants is not real clear that they have to go ahead and it looks like three (3) grants and three (3) grants only. I am not so sure that is our expectation. Also in terms of the way they have it set up with the retainer of \$5000 a month. We want to make sure that we have some deliverables as far as status reports, project reports, so we know exactly what we are getting.

## **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Consider awarding a certificate of achievement to Marcus Sherer for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Hoy-This item was discussed at the May Workshop Meeting. It has been presented to the individual. Staff is recommending approval.

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by GABRIEL to award a certificate of achievement to Marcus Sherer for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. All members present voted AYE to approve the motion.

- B.** Consider a request from Joni Minor of 6256 Spring House Place for a refund of penalty fees for 2009 property taxes.

Mr. Hoy-We did review this at the May Workshop Meeting and the applicant was in attendance. Staff is recommending denial of the refund of \$29.95.

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by COX to deny the request from Joni Minor of 6256 Spring House Place for a refund of penalty fees for 2009 property taxes. All members present voted AYE to approve the motion.

- C. Consider a resolution adopting the South Fayette Township Community Center Feasibility Study.

Mr. Hoy-This was discussed at length at our May Workshop Meeting. It comes forth after several hard work by the Feasibility Study Committee. The resolution officially accepting the study is attached as Attachment 12C of your packet. Staff is recommending approval of that resolution. That would be Resolution No. 8 of 2010.

Commissioner Curl: Is that the final complete and were all the comments included in the ending of the report?

Mr. Males: There is an appendix with all the comments.

It was moved by GABRIEL and seconded by CAFFREY to adopt Resolution No. 8 of 2010 for the South Fayette Township Community Center Feasibility Study. All members present voted AYE to approve the motion.

- D. Consider a resolution authorizing an application for CDBG Funds for the construction of an ADA entrance, parking and walking area at the Boys' Home Park.

Mr. Hoy-This item came forth from the Parks & Rec Board where they recommended approval as well as discussion at the May Workshop Meeting. The proposed resolution is included in your packet as Attachment 12D and staff is recommending approval. This will be Resolution No. 9 of 2010.

It was moved by CAFFREY and seconded by GABRIEL to adopt a Resolution No. 9 of 2010 authorizing the application for CDBG Funds for the construction of an ADA entrance, parking and walking area at the Boys' Home Park.

- ~~E. Consider authorization to advertise an ordinance directing the installation of "No Parking" signs on Old Orchard Drive.~~
- F. Consider a proposed agreement with GSP Consulting for professional fund raising services related to the Civic Center Project.

Mr. Hoy: Based on the recommendations and discussion of the Solicitor, Staff will now recommend that Item F be tabled until next month.

It was moved by CAFFREY seconded by CURL to table and direct the Manager to clarify the terms in preparation for the June Workshop. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

**G.** Consider the proposed appointment of a solicitor to the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Hoy: As discussed at the Workshop Meeting, we did receive a letter of interest from Terry Ging who is a resident of South Fayette Township and an attorney. He has represented the Civil Service Commission in the past. This is a Board appointment.

It was moved by GABRIEL and seconded by CURL to approve the appointment of Terrance Ging as the solicitor the Civil Service Commission.

Commissioner Caffrey: Where are the terms of that all spelled out?

Mr. Hoy: I would recommend that a proposal of fee structure and rate be submitted prior to accepting an agreement.

Commissioner Caffrey: What if the terms are not agreeable to the Board?

Mr. Kamin: My understanding was it was to be the rate as Mr. Marmo. The other figures that were submitted were more than the former solicitor's rate.

Commissioner Caffrey: Are the people willing to amend their motion and second?

Commissioner Gabriel: Yes.

Commissioner Curl: Yes

Commissioner Caffrey: Just to clarify, the appointee will provide you with the terms and as long as they are in the realm of the last solicitor, that appointment will just go thru. If the terms are outlandish we will bring it back to the Board.

All members present voted AYE to the motion.

**H.** Consider authorization to advertise bid specifications for the reconstruction of the tennis courts at Fairview Park.

Mr. Hoy: This is against our protocol. Normally we request each item be work shopped, however, in an effort not to loose a month, we went out and tried to secure proposals. If it is under \$10,000 we are not required to bid it. They are going to be more than \$10,000 so instead of loosing a month, authorize advertisement of the bid. It should come in somewhere between \$14,000 and \$18,000.

It was moved by GABRIEL and seconded by CAFFREY to authorize advertisement for bid specifications for the reconstruction of the tennis courts at Fairview Park. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

It was moved by COX and seconded by GABRIEL 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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