

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the South Park Township

Board of Supervisors

December 9, 2013

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Dave Buchewicz presiding. Board members Walt Sackinsky and Ed Snee were present. Also in attendance was: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager, Chief Dennis M. McDonough; Jordanna Lehman, Administrative Assistant; and Paul J. Gitnik, Esq., Township Solicitor.

Two or more members of the Board of Supervisors were together on the following occasions which may or may not qualify as an administrative action(s), conference(s) and/or an executive session(s):

Thursday, November 14, 2013 – Discussion of 2014 sanitary sewer rehabilitation programs with Township Engineer and personnel issues.

Sunday, November 17, 2013 – Possibly during the Montour Trail Council Dinner at St. Joan of Arc Church.

Tuesday, November 19, 2013 – Possibly during the Police Pension meeting in the Police Conference Room.

Wednesday, November 20, 2013 – Possibly during the monthly meeting of the Friends of South Park at the Buffalo Inn.

Friday, December 6, 2013 – Boards & Commissions Dinner at the Community Center.

Saturday, December 7, 2013 – Santa's Breakfast at the Community Center.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ANY ACTION APPROVED AND/OR DECISION RENDERED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT THIS MEETING CAN BE APPEALED TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE AND/OR THE DECISION IS

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RENDERED.**Call on the People**

Joe Betz, 3581 Falmouth Drive – Mr. Betz wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He advised Bruce that he knows that it is not the best time to fix potholes, but there are a couple on Triphammer: one at the bridge when turning off of Piney Fork and the other one where it flattens out, where there is a sign that says that trucks must be tarped. Mr. Buchewicz advised everyone in attendance about the notice in the Park News regarding calling 412-831-7000 to report problems.

Mr. Betz also commented on the little “V” on Piney Fork Road and Single Track, where the woods are located which is owned by Joe Wallace. He wanted to inform the Board that there is a stop sign and a “No Turn” sign laying in the woods still on the pole.

Mr. Betz also expressed concern regarding utility companies placing residents on notice when they will be doing work. He wants there to be a notice saying that his water is going to be shut off in a certain amount of time. On Friday, September 27th and Friday, December 6th, there was a water break on Radstock. No one told him that the water was going to be shut off. His concern with this is that he has a water conditioner and a regulator. When the water is shut off and a person turns on their water at the faucet, there is a build of negative pressure because of the air in the lines. It pulls materials, which are like coffee grinds, out of the conditioner into the lines. Once the water is turned on, the hygiene medium is in the lines and clogs up the aerators, flowmasters in the commodes, the injectors in the water conditioner, and gets into the pressure regulator. If the water comes back on, and the pressure regulator is not working right, there is 180 pounds of pressure coming into his water system. The water heater is not designed to take that kind of pressure and the pop-off valve is only rated at 150 pounds of pressure, which then lets water shoot out. The average person does not know how to clean this up, and needs to get a plumber, who will charge for new items instead of cleaning out the old ones. This could be averted if the Water Company would give notice to the residents. He assumed that they were supposed to give notice.

Anthony Cappetta, PA American Water Company – Mr. Cappetta said that Falmouth Drive is getting replaced in the large infrastructure replacement program because of all of the water main breaks. In a normal working situation, the Water Company tries to give notice door-to-door. In an emergency situation, there could be a property or house that is being affected by a leak, so they cannot go door-to-door, the water needs to be shut off immediately.

Ultimately, PA American Water Company is responsible for any damages to property and needs to limit those occurrences. He advised that when there is a planned shutdown, the residents will receive a letter in advance explaining what is happening. Phone calls will also be utilized. When there is an emergency, a One Call needs to be completed to provide the other utilities time to respond and to mark their lines so no other utilities are damaged. If a resident has a problem, and it is not unusual, PA American Water Company has plumbers on-call for those situations. The plumber will fix the issue and PA American Water Company pays the bill. Mr. Betz said he will know that in the future.

Action on Minutes Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 11, 2013 with regard to Ordinance No. 669 – revising the zoning ordinance as it pertains to hotel/motel time stipulations for various zoning classifications. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Minutes Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on November 11, 2013. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Minutes Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2013, continued to November 18, 2013. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Invoices Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the invoices for November, 2013. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Conditional Use Request – Broughton Volunteer Fire Department – 1030 Cochrans Mill Road – Pennsylvania American Water Company Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the request submitted by Pennsylvania American Water Company to establish a conditional use identified as a contractor’s yard in an area of the Broughton Volunteer Fire Department property located at 1030 Cochrans Mill Road, which is zoned C-4 Heavy Commercial, being Lot/Block No. 564-H-215, with the following conditions as outlined in Section 1903.42 of the South Park Township Zoning Ordinance:

- A. The minimum site required shall be five (5) acres.
- B. All outside storage of materials and equipment shall be located behind the minimum required front building line and shall be screened from view from any public street or any immediately adjoining residential property by a minimum six (6) foot high evergreen hedge or opaque fence.

C. Outdoor areas used for storage of materials or equipment shall be secured by a fence that is a minimum of six (6) feet in height.

D. Any property located within three hundred (300) feet of property in a residential zoning district shall cease operations between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

E. Outdoor areas used for storage of materials and equipment shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet from any property adjoining property in a residential zoning district.

F. No activities of any nature shall be conducted on Sundays.

G. The storage bin area shall be relocated at least one hundred (100) feet from any property line adjoining property in a residential zoning district.

as recommended by the Planning Consultant and Planning Commission. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Minor
Land Development –
Pennsylvania
American Water
Company –
Broughton Volunteer
Fire Company – 1030
Cochrans Mill Road**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve granting preliminary and final approval on the minor land development submitted by Pennsylvania American Water Company for the proposed storage yard located in a portion of the parking lot of the Broughton Volunteer Fire Department, 1030 Cochrans Mill Road, as recommended by the Township Engineer and Planning Commission. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Waiver
Request – Greenman
Tunnel Plan of Lots –
Piney Fork Road –
Montour Trail
Council**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the request of the Montour Trail Council to grant a waiver to Section 118.15.9.8 of the Code of the Township of South Park, being the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance that requires building setback lines to be shown on lots within subdivision plans. The reason for the request is Lots 3, 4-A and 4-B as outlined in the subdivision are unbuildable parcels and have been noted as such on the plat, as recommended by the Township Engineer, Planning Consultant and Planning Commission. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Minor
Subdivision –
Greenman Tunnel
Plan of Lots – Piney
Fork Road**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve granting preliminary and final approval on the minor subdivision identified as the Greenman Tunnel Plan of Lots to be located along Piney Fork Road, with the following condition:

A. A copy of the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT must be provided to South Park Township upon receipt and prior to the onset of any construction activities,

as recommended by the Township Engineer, Planning Consultant and Planning Commission. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Bond
Reduction –
Brookfield Manor –
Phase 2 – Snee Drive**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the request submitted by the Wadwell Group to reduce the cash bond posted to guarantee the completion of the site improvements for the subdivision identified as Brookfield Manor Phase 2, as follows:

Bond	\$83,853.00
Reduction	<u>(\$58,853.00)</u>
Remaining Balance	\$25,000.00

as recommended by the Township Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Snow
Removal Agreement –
Brookfield Manor –
Phase 2 – Snee Drive**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the Agreement by and between the Township of South Park and the Wadwell Group which provides for winter maintenance services to the major subdivision identified as Brookfield Manor Phase 2 by Township Public Works forces at a specific cost to the Developer, the street being the unaccepted section of Snee Drive, and to further authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute said Agreement. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Authorize
the Preparation and
Advertisement of
Bids – 2014
Township-Wide
Sanitary Sewer
Program**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to authorize the preparation and advertisement of bids for the project identified as the 2014 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer Program, scheduling the bid opening for Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., with action on said bids anticipated to take place at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2014. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Proposal –
Provident Insurance
– Volunteer
Firefighters Blanket
Accident Insurance**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the insurance proposal submitted by the Provident Agency, Inc. which provides for blanket accident insurance to the two volunteer fire departments located within the confines of South Park Township: Broughton Volunteer Fire Department and Library Volunteer Fire Company, at a cost of \$12,398.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Payment

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve

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- Request – Grove Road Storm Sewer – CD 39 7.2** Payment Request No. 1 and Final as submitted by Meyer Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$37,1000.00, for the project identified as Grove Road Storm Sewer, with \$26,100.00 being the responsibility of South Park Township, and the remaining balance of \$11,000.00 paid with applicable Community Development grant funding. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Insurance Proposal – Workmen’s Compensation Insurance – Amerihealth Casualty Insurance Company, Inc.** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the insurance proposal submitted by the first Amerihealth Casualty Insurance Company, Inc. through the HDH Group, Inc. to provide the Township of South Park with workmen’s compensation insurance coverage for the calendar year 2014, at total cost of \$169,633.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Resolution No. 18-13** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve Resolution No. 18-13 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS INTO THE POLICE PENSION FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Assessment Change Reimbursements for 2013 – Lawrence P. Arrigo, Tax Collector** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to authorize assessment change reimbursements for tax year 2013 due to successful appeals at the County level, as requested by Lawrence P. Arrigo, Tax Collector in correspondence dated November 13, 2013 and November 20, 2013. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action to Schedule Reorganization Meeting Date and Time** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to schedule Monday, January 6, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time for the Reorganization Meeting of the South Park Township Board of Supervisors. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Service Agreement Amendment Extension – Pleasant Hills Municipal Authority** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the Service Agreement Amendment by and among Pleasant Hills Authority, the Borough of Pleasant Hills, the Borough of Baldwin, South Park Township, and Whitehall Borough, which provides for the extension of the existing Agreement, including any modifications consistent with the requirements of the Consent Order issued by DEP to allocate costs among the Contracting Municipalities based upon measured flow through March 31, 2014 and further authorizing the appropriate Township officials to execute said Service Agreement Amendment. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action to Ratify Addendum to Seismic Agreement – Exhibit B – Permit BNO10714 – South Park Township and Geokinetics

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to ratify the Addendum to Seismic Agreement – Exhibit B – Permit BNO10714, by and between South Park Township and Cougar Land Services, LLC on behalf of Geokinetics USA Inc., which outlines the terms and conditions for Geokinetics USA to conduct vibroseis activities along the Township’s streets and right of ways. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Police Chief’s Report

Police Chief’s Report for the month of November, 2013:

Calls for Service	728
Arrests	9
Traffic Citations	13
Parking Citations	7
Warnings Issued	77
Reportable Accidents	3
Non-Reportable Accidents	8
Fire Calls	9
Emergency Medical Assists to Tri-Community EMS	85
Deer Complaints	4

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Chief McDonough – Chief McDonough sent an email to the Township Manager regarding the website Safest Cities. There were 50 communities chosen, South Park Township came in #4 out of these 50 communities in the Commonwealth. The website is www.safestcities.com/50communities. Mr. Buchewicz congratulated the Chief and asked to place the link on South Park Township’s website.

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to accept the Police Chief’s monthly report for November, 2013. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisors’ Comments

Mr. Snee – Mr. Snee just wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Sackinsky – Mr. Sackinsky wanted to thank Karen and Jordanna for setting up the Boards & Commissions dinner. He also thanked the Recreation Board and Santa for the kids’ breakfast with Santa. He appreciates that every year South Park Township does that for the public and everyone really enjoys the event. He would like to see it continued year to year.

Mr. Buchewicz – Mr. Buchewicz wanted to thank the management team for the Township for the successful year and going forward the Township will be more successful, for example with the new

garbage contract. There are a lot of things going on.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to continue the meeting until Monday, December 16, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Time: 7:32 p.m.