

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the South Park Township

Board of Supervisors

January 11, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Dave Buchewicz presiding. Board members Walt Sackinsky and Ed Snee were present. Also in attendance were: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager, Chief Dennis McDonough, 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 executive sessions(s):

Monday, December 21, 2015 – After the meeting of the Board of Supervisors continued from December 14, 2015 to discuss personnel issues.

Monday, January 11, 2016 – Prior to the meeting of the Board of Supervisors to discuss potential litigation.

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 RENDERED.

Call on the People

Cindy Atchison, 3121 Southern Drive – Mrs. Atchison discussed a light on the Lamp House located on Route 88, next to the Rite-Aid. She explained that the large, square light is very bright and distracting to motorists driving south on Route 88, and stated that she took two photographs of the light. Mrs. Atchison requested that the owner be notified to adjust the light to shine toward their parking lot.

Mrs. Atchison discussed the traffic light at the intersection of Brownsville Road and Route 88 and questioned why motorists are not permitted to make a “right on red” turning right onto Route 88 from Brownsville Road. Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that at the time the Port Authority parking lot was constructed, South Park Township was given the opportunity to review the plans for the

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intersection. The Township engineer had determined that he could not say for certain that making a right turn on red was completely safe. Three years ago, Allegheny County contacted South Park Township regarding having the “No Right On Red” sign removed. Mrs. Fosbaugh continued to explain that the intersection is comprised of a county road and a state road, and the Township did not want to take on the liability of removing the sign. Therefore, Mrs. Fosbaugh sent a letter to Allegheny County stating that if the County wanted the sign removed, it would be their responsibility to do so.

Mrs. Atchison mentioned the difficulty of turning left onto Brownsville Road from Route 88, since the visibility is limited. Mrs. Fosbaugh replied that the Township is currently pursuing the possibility of adding a turning lane; however, Route 88 is a PennDOT road.

Mrs. Atchison stated that a friend of hers, who lives at 1171 Thomas Avenue, has had to continually call Republic Services to have their recycling collected, and they were told they need to have the blue recycling containers. Mrs. Fosbaugh asked if she had “Recycling” written on the containers that she currently uses, and Mrs. Atchison replied that she believes so. Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that any container can be used as long as “Recycling” is written in bold marker, so as to be clearly visible. Mrs. Atchison mentioned that her friend was told that the large recycling containers are \$35.00/each. Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that the 32 gallon containers are \$16.00/each, and that is the only size sold by the Township.

Thomas P. O’Toole, 2813 Stanley Street – Mr. O’Toole complained about the parking on his street. He is aware of a “No Parking” Ordinance which will go into effect in February; however, he is concerned how the residents will navigate along the street with all the vehicles blocking their access prior to the adoption of the Ordinance. Chief McDonough replied that the request for the updated Ordinance and the new signage has been placed. Public Works will put in the signs, which may difficult at this time due to the frozen ground. Chief McDonough explained that after having a traffic survey done, they have determined that “No Parking” signs will be posted from the beginning of the guard rail down to the corner of the stop sign, and on the opposite side, from the corner up to the first driveway. Mr. O’Toole asked if he should continue to call until the signs are erected. Mr. Buchewicz asked Mr. Beaver if there was any way to expedite the installation of the signs. Mrs. Fosbaugh commented that she has previously spoken to Mr. O’Toole regarding the legal process of adopting a new Ordinance and the placement of new stop signs and that these items will be placed on the February 8th meeting agenda. Mr.

O'Toole asked Chief McDonough what can currently be done regarding the Hot Shot's patrons harassing the residents and blocking the road. Chief McDonough stated that he has not been made aware of any harassment, and he explained that according to the current Ordinance, the patron's of Hot Shot's are legally parked. Until the new Ordinance is adopted and the signage is in place, the police cannot enforce the "No Parking" on Stanley Street. Mr. O'Toole disagreed with Chief McDonough, and stated that the parking is illegal because it caused him to have an accident in November. Mr. O'Toole stated that Hot Shot's Saloon continually exceeds their occupancy limitation, and he contacted Labor and Industry who told him that if they are parking on the street, then they are over their occupancy limit. Mr. O'Toole stated that a representative of Labor and Industry told him to contact the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Sackinsky commented that if the vehicles are parked in the middle of the street, he should contact the police. Mr. O'Toole stated that he has contacted the Police and was told there is nothing they can do.

Mr. O'Toole complained about vehicles not stopping at the stop sign located at Stanley Street and Dolores Circle. He stated that his children's bus stop is located at the intersection, and the bus picks them up between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. He expressed his concern for their safety. He mentioned that a sheriff, who resides on Dolores Circle, also drives through the stop sign. Chief McDonough stated that to verify Mr. O'Toole's previous complaint, he did a traffic study of the intersection in an unmarked car. During that period of time, there were no stop sign violations. He explained that during the traffic detail, he was there in the early morning, and around 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and again at approximately 3:30 p.m. Chief McDonough stated that he will assign a police officer to traffic detail in that area, between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Mr. O'Toole stated that his adult neighbor harassed his son on the South Park Elementary Center property. He contacted the police, and spoke to Officer Stewart who said there was nothing he could do. Mr. O'Toole stated that the incident was recorded on the school video camera. Mr. O'Toole mentioned that his child has an IEP, and he is currently in conflict with the School District. The School District has brought charges against his son. He stated that he has been intimidated by the Principal who is blackmailing him, and Officer Stewart told him there was nothing he could do. District Attorney Zappalla's office told him to contact the South Park Police Department. Mr. Buchewicz inquired about the blackmailing, and Mr. O'Toole stated that the Principal told him that if he does not keep his son in charter school, they will file charges against him. Chief McDonough stated that he is not aware of any blackmailing or intimidation by the Principal. Mr. O'Toole

stated that Officer Stewart told him that he will be calling a probation officer to bring charges against his son. Chief McDonough asked if his child is currently on probation, and Mr. O'Toole replied that he is not, but he is on the IEP, because he has an emotional disorder. Chief McDonough explained that if his son is not on probation, there would be no need to contact a probation officer. He believes that the issues are with the School District, and he is not sure what Dr. Furman is doing. Mr. Snee asked if Mr. O'Toole brought the matter to the School Board's attention, and Mr. O'Toole stated the Jeannine Gregory did not believe him. Mr. Snee suggested that he go before the School Board with the matter.

- 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 Monday, December 14, 2015. 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 Monday, December 21, 2015, which was continued from December 14, 2015. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Minutes** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2016. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Invoices** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve payment of the invoices for the month of December, 2015. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on 2016 Junkyard License – Louis Pane, Jr.** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve the application of Louis Pane, Jr., representing Advanced Auto Recyclers, Inc., 3100 Ridgeway Drive, for a 2016 Junkyard License. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Minor Consolidation Subdivision – Abbondanza Consolidation Plan** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve granting preliminary and final approval to the minor subdivision identified as the Abbondanza Consolidation Plan, located at the corner of Annette Avenue and Berryman Avenue; and if approving, as recommended by the Township Engineer, Planning Consultant and Planning Commission members. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action to Schedule Public Hearing – Conditional Use Request – Svnty Svn LLC – 6374 Library Road** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve scheduling a Public Hearing on February 8, 2016, at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of considering the Conditional Use request submitted by Brandon Colella, of Svnty Svn LLC, with regard to the property located at 6374 Library Road, to allow for warehousing and storage in the structure identified as the former Library Post Office, which

is zoned C-3. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Release of Bond – Scioto Construction Company – Hidden Ridge Development

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve the request submitted by Scioto Construction Company for the release of the Performance Bond in the amount of \$55,574.20 posted by the Developer to guarantee the completion of the site improvements for the development identified as Hidden Ridge Condominiums, located off of Wallace Road, as recommended by the Township Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Appointment of Official Newspapers

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to appoint the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Tribune Review as the official newspapers for South Park Township for the year 2016. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Preparation and Advertisement of Ordinance – Revised Pre-Treatment Standards for Existing and Future Industrial Users – Discharge of Wastewater into the Collection System

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an Ordinance revising pre-treatment standards for existing and future industrial users for the discharge of wastewater into the collection system operated by the Township of South Park with regard to the interceptor system and sewage treatment plant operated by the Pleasant Hills Authority, with action on said Ordinance anticipated to take place at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled for February 8, 2016. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action to Establish the 2016 IRS Reimbursement Rate for Mileage

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to establish the IRS rate for mileage reimbursement at \$0.54 cents per mile in 2016. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Training Request – Crisis Response and Management – Sgt. David Starzynski

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to authorize the attendance of Sgt. David Starzynski to a seminar sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation entitled, “Crisis Response and Management,” which will be held at the Monroeville Training Center on February 2, 2016 at no cost to the Township. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Training Request – Human Trafficking – Sgt. David Starzynski

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to authorize the attendance of Sgt. David Starzynski to a seminar sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation entitled, “Human Trafficking,” which will be held at the Monroeville Training Center, on March 10, 2016, at no cost to the Township. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Refunds Due to Assessment Change Reimbursements – Lawrence P. Arrigo,

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to authorize South Park Township property tax refunds for the calendar years 2013, 2014 and 2015, due to successful assessment appeals at the County level, as requested by Property Tax Collector Lawrence P. Arrigo, in correspondence dated January 6, 2016. All members

Tax Collector

voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Proposal for
Engineering Services –
HRG – Abandoned
Properties Demolition
Project**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, approve the Proposal submitted by the firm Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. with regard to the project identified as the Abandoned Properties Demolition Project, the purpose of which is to provide structural engineering services to determine if the structures located 2910 Highland Avenue and 2503 Grove Road should be subject to demolition by South Park Township, at a total cost of \$4,000.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Proposal –
2016 Township-Wide
Sanitary Sewer
Rehabilitation Project
– Point Repairs - HRG**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve the Proposal submitted by the Township's engineering firm, HRG, which provides for the design and preparation of bid documentation related to the project identified as the 2016 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Point Repairs, at a cost not to exceed \$24,500.00 and authorizing the appropriate Township official to execute said Proposal. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Proposal –
2016 Township-Wide
Sanitary Sewer
Rehabilitation Project
– Lining - HRG**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve the Proposal submitted by the Township's engineering firm, HRG, which provides for the design and preparation of bid documentation related to the project identified as the 2016 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Lining, at a cost not to exceed \$24,500.00, and authorizing the appropriate Township official to execute said Proposal. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Police Chief's Reports

Police Chief's Report for the month of December 2015:

Calls for Service	669
Arrests	10
Traffic Citations	10
Warnings Issued	41
Reportable Accidents	5
Non-Reportable Accidents	11
Fire Calls	9
Emergency Medical Assists to Tri-Community EMS	75
Deer Struck by Vehicles	4

Police Chief's Report for the year 2015:

Calls for Service	9,298
Arrests	162
Traffic Citations	356
Parking Citations	24
Warnings Issued	865
Reportable Accidents	56

Non-Reportable Accidents	107
Fire Calls	119
Emergency Medical Assists	
To Tri-Community EMS	897
Deer Struck by Vehicles	45

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to accept the Police Chief's monthly report for December 2015 and 2015 year-end report. All members voted aye. Motion was carried.

**Supervisors'
Comments**

Mr. Snee – Mr. Snee had no comments.

Mr. Sackinsky – Mr. Sackinsky had no comments.

Mr. Buchewicz – Mr. Buchewicz had no comments.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to adjourn the meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Time: 7:29 p.m.

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