

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Board of Supervisors was held on July 11, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Adams Township Municipal Building, 690 Valencia Road, Adams Township, Mars, PA.

Present at the meeting were Supervisors Donald C. Aiken, Linda E. Lees, Edward L. Vogel, Thomas L. Franceschina and Russell R. Ford; Secretary Janet Lubbert, Solicitor Michael Gallagher, Chief Shawn Anglum and Code Enforcement Officer Gary Peaco.

Chairman Aiken called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Dick

Mr. Dick lives at 1633 Three Degree Road and said he had talked with the Supervisors on September 14, 2015, after the fireworks from Community Day and about having them moved. He said he came back to a meeting on September 28 and was told they would be moved. Since there had not been a motion made to do that, he is following up. Mr. Aiken told Mr. Dick he didn't return his phone call from today because he wanted to discuss the situation with the rest of the Board. He said the person who does the fireworks will be contacted and told to move them. Mr. Ford asked if this had been an ongoing problem. Mr. Dick said it had but it kept getting worse every year and that last year he had a lot of debris on his roof and in the yard. He is concerned about his dogs chewing it because of the metal. Mr. Ford said he was asking to see if it had been because of the weather last year and to see where to move them to. Mr. Dick said last year was the worst by far. The debris was pretty much the length of his property and he is still finding debris. He said he had talked with counsel and they said he should talk to the Board. He added the township ordinance says the debris can't land on buildings. Mr. Aiken said they plan to take care of it.

Rob Crouthamel

Mr. Crouthamel lives at 139 Pearce Road. Mr. Crouthamel said he operates a small farm and was at the Planning Commission meeting on July 6 when Weaver Homes presented a plan for 54 homes on one-half acre lots using the existing road. He said there are 20 homes now on a cul de sac. The area is zoned RC and some residents have agricultural activities and animals. Mr. Crouthamel said he feels the Weaver plan runs counter to the development plan of the township. He said the vast majority of residents on Pearce Road came to the Planning Commission meeting and the developer did not address their concerns. Mr. Crouthamel expressed his concerns about one of the Planning Commission members also working for the developer. He said the developer has proposed a paper roadway through his property and requested the Board investigate how the ordinance is being used. Mr. Franceschina said this is only a sketch plan and nothing formal was presented. He also said Brett Schultz had excused himself from the Planning Commission during the discussion. Mr. Ford asked if Weaver Homes had purchased the land, and Mr. Franceschina said they have not. The Planning Commission sometimes gives an opinion on a plan before it is formally presented. Mr. Ford asked how they can show a paper road through someone's property, and Mr. Franceschina said they can show anything they want on a sketch plan. Mrs. Lees asked when the plan would be formally submitted, and Mr. Peaco said the earliest would be September. Mr. Ford asked why the developer went to the Planning Commission if they don't own the land, and Mr. Gallagher said presentation of sketch plans is suggested in the ordinance. Mr. Franceschina added that they present the sketch plan for an opinion to see if they want to purchase the land.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2016, were approved. All were in favor. On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Thomas L. Franceschina, the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2016, were approved. Russell R. Ford abstained. Four were in favor with one abstention.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Public Works Department Report for June was approved. All were in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the Code Enforcement Report for June was approved. All were in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Engineer's Report for June was approved. All were in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor reported he had attended meetings for the Supervisors and the Planning Commission and worked on litigation and other matters as directed by the Supervisors. On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the Solicitor's Report for June was approved. All were in favor.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Animal Control Officer's Report for June was approved. All were in favor.

POLICE REPORT

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Police Chief's Report for June was approved. All were in favor.

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT

There was no Park and Recreation Report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Peaco reported there had been 55 calls with 20 of them being QRS and 35 fire-related calls. On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the Fire Department Report was approved. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT**Change Orders**

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, action on the change orders for the fire station was tabled. All were in favor.

Report and Payment of Invoices

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the Treasurer's Report for June was approved, and approval was given to pay bills totaling \$409,092.25. All were in favor.

Transfers of Funds

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the following transfers were approved. All were in favor.

- \$243,000 from General Fund Checking to General Fund Money Market
- \$12,900.00 from Recreation Fee Money Market to Park Fund Checking
- \$281,400.00 from Capital Reserve Money Market to Capital Reserve Checking

OLD BUSINESS**Ordinance #158 - Apartments in Overlay District**

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Russell R. Ford, Ordinance #158 amending the zoning ordinance establishing requirements for apartments in the overlay zoning districts was approved. All were in favor.

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NEW BUSINESS**Line Painting Roads**

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Linda E. Lees, action on painting lines on roads was tabled. All were in favor.

Guardrail - Carriage Hill Drive

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Russell R. Ford, approval was given to replace the guardrail on Carriage Hill Drive at a cost of \$3,690.00. All were in favor.

Payment to Adams Area Fire District

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Thomas L. Franceschina, approval was given to make the payment of \$156,000.00 to Adams Area Fire District since the signed agreements and their financial statements have been received. All were in favor.

Excess Maintenance Agreement - American Transmission Systems

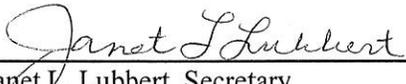
On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the Excess Maintenance Agreement with American Transmission Systems (First Energy) for work on several roads in the township was approved. All were in favor.

PRD Hearings

On a motion by Thomas L. Franceschina and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, approval was given for the Solicitor to advertise for PRD hearings for Cypress Fields and Woodland Trace on August 29, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Thomas L. Franceschina, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All were in favor.



Janet L. Lubbert, Secretary