

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 10, 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 Thomas L. Franceschina, Linda E. Lees, Edward L. Vogel, and Russell R. Ford; Secretary Janet Lubbert, Solicitor Michael Gallagher, Chief Shawn Anglum and Code Enforcement Officer Gary Peaco.

Vice Chairman Franceschina called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2016, were approved. All were in favor. On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the minutes of the meeting of October 4, 2016, were approved. All were in favor.

PLAN REVIEWS

Cypress Fields

Mr. Franceschina said the developer has asked for an extension until October 24, 2016. On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Linda E. Lees, an extension for Cypress Fields until October 24, 2016, was approved. All were in favor.

Woodland Trace

Mr. Franceschina asked if there was any new comment on this plan that had not already been heard. There was none.

Brenda Sebring is the attorney for the developer and said she wanted to emphasize that the road improvements are off-site improvements that are being offered by the developer. She said that moving forward with this PRD will get the bus stop off of Mars-Evans City Road to be safer for the kids. The developer has offered many improvements including widening the entrance to Spring Drive, increasing the visibility along Mars-Evans City Road by cutting the vegetation, adjusting the entrance to Spring Drive to allow buses and fire trucks to enter without dragging, completing drainage on Spring Drive and sealing the cracks on Spring Drive, Woodford Drive and Lynwood Drive. Ms. Sebring said the walking trail will be asphalt and six feet wide. Mr. Gallagher asked if the developer is still guaranteeing he will make sure the buses don't drag on Spring Drive. Ms. Sebring said he is and the list of improvements will be part of the Findings and Fact for the PRD and will reiterate their previous promise. Mr. Gallagher said the modification they are requesting is for 23 lots to have a 35-foot setback and 23 lots to have a 40-foot setback to preserve the trees. Ms. Sebring said the developer will select which lots will have which setback based on the individual characteristics of each lot.

John Riemer

Mr. Riemer lives at 122 Woodford Drive and said there is more than just one issue with the hill and it's not just the dragging but also the steepness. He said the bus company has said they won't go up that hill. He has a concern for the safety of kids waiting for the bus on Mars-Evans City Road and additional traffic at that stop. He is also concerned about fire trucks and ambulances. Mr. Franceschina said the school district has given them a letter about the buses. Mr. Ford referred to the letter from the school and said he has talked to Dr. Shipley. The only concern the school had was with the dragging. He said the Supervisors went and looked at the site and the developer has assured them the buses will be able to go up Spring Drive and he will make the necessary changes for that to happen. Mr. Riemer said he had been told the problem was the steepness. Mr. Ford said there are many other roads in the township that are steeper and added the Supervisors want to be sure the plan is done the right way.

Mr. Franceschina said the Planning Commission and Supervisors have granted many modifications in the past. This one will allow the developer to keep more trees with less grading. On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, approval was given for the modification for 23 lots to have a 35-foot setback and 23 lots to have a 40-foot setback. All were in favor.

Mr. Franceschina asked the Supervisors for their vote on the plan. Mrs. Lees said she had concerns prior to the meeting at the site with the developer. She said she is now for the plan. Mr. Vogel asked if the developer would fix the bottom of the road this fall before they start work. Mr. Foreman said he thinks the township project needs to be finished first and the paving plants will probably be closed by then. The developer won't be breaking ground until the spring. Mr. Vogel said he is okay with the plan as long as it is fixed for the buses. Mr. Ford said he thinks steps are being taken for those who live there now and those who will live there and he is for the plan. He thinks what is being offered by the developer is good for the plan. Mr. Franceschina said he agrees with Mr. Ford.

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the Woodland Trace PRD was given tentative approval. All were in favor.

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, approval was given for Mr. Gallagher to prepare the Findings and Conclusions for Woodland Trace PRD. All were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the Public Works Department Report for September was approved. All were in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Code Enforcement Report for September was approved. All were in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the Engineer's Report for September was approved. All were in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor reported he and Sean Gallagher had attended meetings for the Supervisors and the Planning Commission and had worked on litigation and other matters as directed by the Supervisors. On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the Solicitor's Report for September was approved. All were in favor.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, the Animal Control Officer's Report for September 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 September was approved. All were in favor.

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT

There was no Park and Recreation Report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, the Fire Department Report for September was approved. All were in favor.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Report and Payment of Invoices

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford the Treasurer's Report for September was approved, and approval was given to pay bills totaling \$776,567.93. All were in favor.

Transfers of Funds

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the following transfers were approved. All were in favor.

- \$587,300.00 from Capital Reserve Money Market to Capital Reserve Checking
- \$8,000.00 from Recreation Fee Money Market to Park Fund Checking
- \$4,300.00 from General Fund Checking to Park Fund Checking
- \$225,000.00 from General Fund Checking to General Fund Money Market

Payment of Invoices from Pension Plans

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, approval was given to pay an invoice from Hallett Associates in the amount of \$2,380.00 from the police pension plan and an invoice from Hallett Associates in the amount of \$2,060.00 from the non uniform pension plan. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Mr. Franceschina said that in regard to a confidential personnel matter which resulted in a "Loudermill" Hearing being conducted, he moved as follows: A. That Employee "A" is hereby suspended for a period of five (5) working days without pay, to be scheduled by the Director of Public Works. Any further conduct similar to that which was the subject of the "Loudermill" Hearing will result in termination. B. That Employee "B" will receive a Letter of Reprimand with respect to his conduct and he will be directed to refrain from conduct on his part similar to that described in the "Loudermill" Hearing. C. The Township Labor Solicitor is directed to notify the employees in question and their representatives of this action by the Board. The motion was seconded by Linda E Lees. The motion passed with all in favor.

Payment of Pension Minimum Municipal Obligations

The secretary reported the township had received payment in the amount of \$101,691.46 for pension aid which needs to be distributed into the pension plans. The township will need to contribute \$204.34. On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, approval was given to pay the minimum municipal obligation to the police pension plan in the amount of \$67,654.00 and the minimum municipal obligation to the non uniform pension plan in the amount of \$34,241.00. All were in favor.

Foreign Fire Payments

The secretary reported the township had received the foreign fire payment in the amount of \$115,492.87 from the state and had received the necessary information from the fire departments. On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, approval was given for the payment of \$38,497.63 to be made to the Callery Fire Department Relief Association and for the payment of \$76,995.24 to be made to the Adams Area Fire District Relief Association. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-11 - Adoption of Lilly Vue Court

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Russell R. Ford, Resolution #2016-11 adopting Lilly Vue Court was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-12 - Adoption of Pinnacle Court

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Resolution #2016-12 adopting Pinnacle Court was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-13 - Adoption of Vista Ridge Lane

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Russell R. Ford, Resolution #2016-13 adopting Vista Ridge Lane was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-14 - Adoption of Longmore Drive

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, Resolution #2016-14 adopting Longmore Drive was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-15 - Adoption of Southwick Court

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, Resolution #2016-15 adopting Southwick Court was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-16 - Adoption of Gabriel Drive

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Russell R. Ford, Resolution #2016-16 adopting Gabriel Drive was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-17 - Adoption of Wickerham Drive

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Resolution #2016-17 adopting Wickerham Drive was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-18 - Adoption of Hainsworth Court

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, Resolution #2016-18 adopting Hainsworth Court was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-19 - Adoption of Majestic Drive, Phase 1

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Resolution #2016-19 adopting Majestic Drive, Phase 1 was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-20 - Adoption of Majestic Drive, Phases 2 and 3

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Resolution #2016-20 adopting Majestic Drive, Phases 2 and 3 was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-21 - Adoption of Pinto Place

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Resolution #2016-21 adopting Pinto Place was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-22 - Adoption of Morgan Court

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Resolution #2016-22 adopting Morgan Court was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-23 - Adoption of Quarter Horse Lane, Phase 1

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Resolution #2016-23 adopting Quarter Horse Lane, Phase 1 was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-24 - Adoption of Quarter Horse Lane, Phases 1 and 2

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Resolution #2016-24 adopting Quarter Horse Lane, Phases 1 and 2 was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-25 - Adoption of Far View Lane

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Resolution #2016-25 adopting Far View Lane was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-26 - Adoption of Ledge Rock Lane

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Resolution #2016-26 adopting Ledge Rock Lane was approved. All were in favor.

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Resolution #2016-27 - Adoption of Shadow Rock Lane

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, Resolution #2016-27 adopting Shadow Rock Lane was approved. All were in favor.

Resolution #2016-28 - Adoption of Golden Grove Drive

On a motion by Linda E. Lees and seconded by Russell R. Ford, Resolution #2016-28 adopting Golden Grove Drive was approved. All were in favor.

Heat Pumps

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Linda E. Lees, approval was given for Schultz Installation to replace the heat pumps in the heating system for the municipal building at an approximate cost of \$6,000.00. All were in favor.

Chris Kaclik

Mr. Kaclik asked about the adoption of Scharberry Lane by the township. Mr. Peaco said they were waiting on some numbers and hoped to adopt that road and Phase 1 of Kingsridge at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Russell R. Ford, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor.



Janet L. Lubbert, Secretary