

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
11279 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642
Presiding Officer – Lee D. Moffatt, President, Board of Commissioners**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moffatt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Herold	Present
Commissioner Haigis	Present
Commissioner West	Present
Commissioner Gray	Present
Commissioner Martino	Present
Commissioner Austin	Present
Commissioner Moffatt	Present

Also Present:
John M. Shepherd
Craig Alexander
Michael M. Turley
Chief Daugherty
Richard G. Albert
Andy Blenko

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Raymond Lyons of the Circleville United Methodist Church gave the opening prayer.

CITIZENS' INPUT

David Castle, 1089 Brownstown Road: He asked if there was any progress on the weight limit sign. This was posted by neighbor dispute. He needs to work on his truck and he can't afford to take it out. There were comments that you should not have to look at the truck. He is frustrated and there aren't any neighbors that have a problem. He was never cited by the Zoning Department and has been bringing the truck home since 1994. He has pictures of the roads and the roads in the area are in the same shape. He wants to bring his truck home and stay in business. It is only once or twice a week. There are different trucks that drive in there. Catherine Brown calls the police whenever he brings the truck home. There is only neighbor who minds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Martino I'll make that motion. (Public Hearing – 3/11/10)
Second: Mr. Austin

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

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Motion: Mr. Austin So move. (Special Meeting – 3/11/10)
Second: Mr. Martino

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

Motion: Mr. Herold So move. (Regular Meeting – 3/17/10)
Second: Mr. Austin

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion: Mr. Martino I'll make that motion. (March 2010)
Second: Mr. Austin

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion: Mr. Martino I'll make a motion we pay Voucher No. 59615 through
Second: Mr. Austin Voucher No. 59726.

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

There were no Board comments.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

There were no Board comments.

POLICE REPORT

Mr. Gray asked if the Nixle System was under way.

Chief Daugherty said it was used on the weekend. It was set up on guide lines and they had to verify the municipality. The kick off is set for May 1. There will be weekly blogs for activities. With the storm damage over the weekend, they put a message out to avoid the roadways that were blocked.

Mr. Gray asked if the Nixle is strict by setup and if there are policies.

Chief Daugherty said it is for information for community alerts and traffic alerts and they will use those guide lines. When the Elvis Dinner Show was cancelled, they could have put that on. If there is an accident on Route 30, they can send out alerts to avoid it or they can send out alerts of cars broken into in certain areas.

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Mr. Gray asked who puts the information out.

Chief Daugherty said it is himself, Lt. Mahinske and dispatch.

Mr. Gray said there should be a written policy.

Chief Daugherty said dispatch knows to contact him if there is anything questionable in an e-mail. For traffic closures, they know they can put it out.

Mr. Gray said this is left to dispatch to make the call. They should have a policy on the information going out. They need guide lines and asked if the Board was in favor of a written policy.

Chief Daugherty said they have restricted who can do it. There are no other Directors or Officers who can give the information to the dispatchers.

Mr. Gray said dispatch should have a policy.

Chief Daugherty said this is for the community. When they are doing work on the roads, they can inform the public. He doesn't know how many are registered to get the information on Nixle. He sent the information to the paper and the school district to let everyone know. This is a good program to have.

Mr. Gray said it is a very valuable tool and they need a policy to address the concerns.

Chief Daugherty said he will do something to pass it on.

Mr. Gray said all that was mentioned is valid and that he should write what he can do.

Mr. Moffatt said that until then, could they run all the information by the Officer in Charge.

Chief Daugherty said that would work 80% of the time. The Officer in Charge could be involved with a bad accident on the road and you wouldn't be able to get in touch with him about an e-mail. He is not here at night but they know they can always call his cell phone. Using the Officer in Charge is not 100% because of certain cases.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

There were no Board comments.

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT

There were no Board comments.

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SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REPORT

- 1) Action to adopt Resolution No. 112 of 2010, which approves S-6-2010, Adelphoi-Iocco Subdivision, Route 30 at Ardara Road, C-1/R-4 Zoning.

Motion: Mr. Herold So move.
Second: Mr. Austin

Remarks

Mr. Gray asked Mr. Blenko to explain the boundary line revision.

Mr. Blenko said the original detention basin was deeded to the Township. Lincoln Hills Phase 3 & 4 is done and they want to deed that detention basin over to the Township. It is further up the valley and if it is subdivided, it will make it landlocked. They had to join the two parcels to make a long narrow parcel and the Township has to become a party to the subdivision.

Mr. Gray asked what the plan was to access it before the proposal.

Mr. Blenko said it was never changed. That is a right-of-way when the lots were developed. The only other way would be from Westminster Drive but that is steep.

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- 1) Action to adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 4 of 2010, amending Ordinance no. 765 to provide for micro-breweries in the C-1A Zoning District. If adopted, this would be Ordinance No. 2145.

Motion: Mr. Herold So move.
Second: Mr. Martino

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Action to approve the March check register.

Motion: Mr. Herold So move.
Second: Mr. Austin

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 2) First Quarter Financial Report – March 2010 Report

There were no Board comments.

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- 3) Action to donate to the Norwin Chamber of Commerce for the Route 30 Beautification Project. (\$50.00 was donated last year)

Motion: Mr. Martino I'll make that motion for \$50.00.

Second: Mr. Herold

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 4) Action to authorize the V.F.W. Poppy Day Sales on May 6, 7 and 8 in accordance with their request of April 1, 2010.

Motion: Mr. Austin So move.

Second: Mr. Gray

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 5) Action to award the base bid for the Pickford and Mickanin Project to A Folino Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$78,202.71. (Note: The alternate bid is \$10,533.65 for a total bid (base & alternate) of \$88,736.36)

Mr. Shepherd said the Board can decide about the bid. The minimum is the base bid which is under budget. The alternate is also under budget and it will do more paving on Pickford Street.

Mr. West asked how far up Pickford Street it would go.

Mr. Turley said the base bid would be to Thoroughbred Drive and that base and alternate would go to Dartmoor Drive. He recommends the base and alternate bid.

Mr. Shepherd said this was brought to the Board because they thought the project was a go. They received money from Maronda Homes.

Mr. Martino asked if the project was covered under that money.

Mr. Shepherd said that even with the alternate bid, most of it is covered by the money by Maronda Homes.

Motion: Mr. West I'll make the motion for the base bid.

Second:

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Mr. Gray asked if he could explain the alternate paving.

Mr. Shepherd said the alternate bid will pave further up Pickford Street to Dartmoor Drive.

Mr. Gray asked if there was additional widening.

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Mr. Turley said it is mostly overlay with some widening. The paving is not in good shape and they don't know when it was last paved. With the alternate, it will allow the roads to blend.

Motion: Mr. Gray I'll make a motion for the base bid and alternate bid.
Second: Mr. West

Remarks

Mr. Gray said the project will be covered by the money received from Maronda Homes.

Motion Carried 6 – 1 – 0 (Mr. Herold)

- 6) Action to hire the following persons for 2010 Seasonal Employment in Parks and Recreation and Public Works:

Lance Sabol
Ryan Zabelsky
Steven Mowry
Jonathan Hooke
Emily Brentzel
Matthew Hursh
Chad Tatkus
Jeff Petro

Mr. Shepherd said this will complete the hiring of 14 summer help.

Motion: Mr. Herold I'll make a motion to hire the list.
Second: Mr. Austin

Remarks

Mr. Gray asked if these names were selected by the Department Heads and do they know where they are going.

Mr. Albert said Matthew Hursh, Chad Tatkus, and Jeff Petro are for Public Works.

Mr. Shepherd said that Mr. Miller has 11 in the Parks.

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 7) Action to hire Matthew Henderson as an intern in the Planning and Zoning Department.
(Mr. Henderson was employed in 2009 as an intern)

Motion: Mr. Herold So move.
Second: Mr. Austin

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

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- 8) Action to approve the Right-of-Way Agreement with Kriebel Resources. This right-of-way is located along Schade Hill Road and will be used for a natural gas pipe line.

Motion: Mr. Martino I'll make that motion.

Second: Mr. Gray

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 9) Action to enter into an agreement with E-Gov Link for hosting of the Township Web Page.

Motion: Mr. Haigis Motion to approve.

Second: Mr. Gray

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 10) Action to authorize the bid for the 2010 Road Paving Program.

Mr. Shepherd said there are some additional costs from the consulting engineer and staff. The consulting engineer said today that when he looked at Five Pines Road, he did not include 700 ft. where North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority did the work last year. He took it to the wrong intersection. They need to add 700 ft. to that road. If they do Five Pines Road, it will be an additional \$26,000. Another recommendation is to make Toby Street an alternate making it one of two alternates. His numbers differ from the consulting engineer's because of the base repair that is done in house and the consulting engineer based the numbers on base repair being included. The Board needs to pick the roads to put out to bid.

Mr. Martino said they need to add Five Pines Road.

Mr. Shepherd said they could keep the program as is and make Toby Street the alternate and Vincent, Rochelle is the other alternate.

Mr. West asked if Caruthers Lane is part of the project.

Mr. Shepherd said it is a joint project with Irwin. If approved, Irwin will include it with their bid and we will reimburse Irwin.

Motion: Mr. Herold I make a motion we go with the roads on the list extending Five

Second: Mr. Gray Pines Road and make Toby Street an alternate.

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 11) Action to adopt Resolution No. 114 of 2010, which designates John M. Shepherd as the agent for signing the forms and documents related to the February 2010 snow storm disaster declaration.

Mr. Shepherd said they just got notice that they will get money back from that storm.

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Motion: Mr. West So move.
Second: Mr. Martino

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

- 12) Action to repeal Ordinance No. 2136, which established a 5-Ton weight limit on School Street, School Hill Road, Shannon Drive and Shannon Drive Alley.

Mr. Shepherd said if the Board wants to remove the sign, they have to do an Ordinance to repeal the 5-Ton weight limit.

Mr. Moffatt said this is in his Ward and when the signs went up, Mr. Castle wasn't happy. If he knew all the facts, he wouldn't have voted on it. They should have cited Mr. Castle if it was against the Ordinance. This came to the Board as a road issue. There is a 1-Ton Ordinance that says no parking a truck at a residence unless they are working on it.

Mr. Shepherd said that is a separate Ordinance. There is one for traffic and the other is zoning. There are 3, 6 and 8 Tons on the roads.

Mr. Moffatt said based on Mr. Blenko this is a reasonable weight.

Mr. Blenko said the provision in the Zoning Ordinance is for carrying capacity.

Mr. Moffatt said they are trying to stop commercial vehicles. Trucks that are 1-Ton or more are not permitted in residential areas unless they are doing work on it.

Mr. Shepherd said it is not the vehicle weight but the carrying weight.

Mr. Moffatt said there are companies delivering fuel oil that are heavy. Some roads say for local delivery only.

Mr. Shepherd said the master Ordinance excludes local delivery.

Mr. Moffatt said they should take the signs down and he parks in the driveway, he should be cited.

No action was taken by the Board.

FURTHER BOARD COMMENTS

There were no Board comments.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The last week for the Spring Yard Waste Collection is scheduled for curbside pick-up by Waste Management on the regular day of trash service during the week of May 25, 2010. Leaves and yard waste need to be placed in special **biodegradable** bags that are available at most retail stores such as Home Depot and Lowe's. Please have bags out at curb by 6:00 A.M. during those weeks.
- 2) Westmoreland Cleanways is sponsoring a "Hard-to-Recycle" collection at Norwin Hills Shopping Center on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Please go to their web site: www.westmorelandcleanways.org for more information.
- 3) Discount Amusement Park tickets will be available in the near future for sale at the Town House. For more information, please check out our web site at: www.nhtpa.us or contact the Administration Office.
- 4) Wildflower Tours at Braddock's Trail Park will be taking place this spring on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10:30 A.M. through May, 2010. Participants will learn interesting facts about the flowers and foliage throughout the park. The tour will begin from Braddock's Trail parking lot and is presented by Dr. John Boylan, Superintendent of the Norwin School District and Warren Gardner.
- 5) North Huntingdon Parks & Recreation Department will be sponsoring a "PITCH, HIT & RUN" competition on Saturday, May 8, 2010. The program is open to boys and girls ages 7 – 14 and is free to all those who want to participate. This is a cooperative program with the Major League Baseball and North Huntingdon Township. Please go to the web site: www.nhtpa.us to pre-register.

The Board of Commissioners held the following Executive Session:

Thursday, April 15, 2010 -- Personnel

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Gray So move.
Second: Mr. Herold

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

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- Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2010 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on May 19, 2010.

Lee D. Moffatt, President

John M. Shepherd, Township Secretary

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