

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MAXATAWNY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Allen Leiby called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Heath Wessner and Judy Daub. Professionals present: Engineer, Roy Stewart; Solicitor, Jill Nagy; Code Enforcement, Chris Paff; Manager, Justin Yaich. Audience officials: Authority members: Garret Miller and Steve Wilson. Auditor: Walter Hess.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Chairman Leiby announced that recycling bins are available to Township residents. Each household is entitled to one bin.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2015 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion passed (3-0).

REPORTS:

1. State Police Report - Reverse side of Agenda
2. Kutztown University - Dr. Carlos Vargas - Acting President
 - a. Dr. Vargas made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors and public about Kutztown University and his role there. He emphasized his desire to build a relationship with the Township.
3. Kutztown Library - Mary Laub
 - a. Mary Laub presented her report for the month of February.
4. Roadmaster - Richard Grim
 - a. Richard Grim presented his report for the month. There were no questions for Richard. There were several compliments from audience members on the effort to keep the roads clear in the winter weather.
5. Code Enforcement - Chris Paff
 - a. Chris Paff presented his report for the month. He stated that all action items are listed on the agenda.
6. Manager - Justin Yaich
 - a. Justin Yaich gave his report for the month. He asked that the Board add item #3 under Plans to Review - The Rink.
7. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to approve the reports as presented. Motion passed (3-0).

PLANS TO REVIEW:

1. Arrowhead Lot #19 - Conditional Use Application
 - a. Chris Paff explained the conditional use application to the Board. He asked that a hearing be scheduled for March 11, 2015 at 6:30PM. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to authorize the Solicitor to schedule the hearing for the stated time. Motion passed (3-0).
2. William Kennedy - Driveway waiver request
 - a. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to grant a waiver of the driveway requirements for William Kennedy. Motion passed (3-0).
3. The Rink - Marty Rappaport represented the plans for the Rink.

- a. Solicitor Nagy stated that the developer's agreement, storm water agreement, and the sewer management agreement all appear to be in order. She asked that the Board grant conditional final approval pending a final review of the three agreements.
- b. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to grant conditional final approval as stated prior. Motion passed (3-0).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to appoint Donald Bucci to the Planning Commission (5 year term)
 - a. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to appoint Donald Bucci to a five year term on the Planning Commission. Motion passed (3-0).
2. Motion to appoint Earl Martin to the Planning Commission (1 year term)
 - a. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to appoint Earl Martin to the Planning Commission for a one year term to expire on December 31, 2015. Motion passed (3-0).
3. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-02 – Unemployment Compensation Trust
 - a. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to adopt Ordinance 2015-02. Motion passed (3-0).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

1. Solicitor – Jill Nagy
 - a. Solicitor Nagy gave an update on the Karaisz sewer connection matter.
 - b. Solicitor Nagy updated the Board that she and the Manager had been discussing extraction tax for the local quarries. She asked for permission to continue researching the matter with the Manager and presenting something to the Board for consideration.
 - c. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to authorize the Manager and Solicitor to proceed with the extraction tax review. Motion passed (3-0).
2. Engineer – Roy Stewart
 - a. Nothing additional at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT & HEARING OF THE VISITORS:

1. Douglas Demchyk spoke on Northeastern Berks Emergency Medical Services. He was seeking the Board's input on establishing an ambulance advisory board. Solicitor Nagy stated that the ambulances companies were free to engage in any type of committees they saw fit but that the Township had no role in that and no legal authority under the Second Class Township Code to do so.
2. Mr. Demchyk also asked if the Board would take a vote showing its willingness to allow NBEMS to provide services in the Township. Solicitor Nagy stated that we have never done this in the past and she would not advise doing it now. Certainly if Mr. Demchyk starts his company, he would be able to serve within the area so long as he met all of the County requirements.
3. Chairman Leiby called and executive session for personnel matters at 8:15PM.
4. Chairman Leiby reconvened the meeting at 8:45PM and announced the executive session for personnel matters.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

1. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed (3-0).

2. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

ADJOURN: Motion by Wessner and seconded by Daub to adjourn at 8:58PM. Motion passed (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin Yaich, Manager

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