

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MAXATAWNY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Allen Leiby called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Leiby asked that everyone take a moment of silence in honor of DeLight Breidegam who passed away earlier in the day. Chairman Leiby recognized Mr. Breidegam's contributions to the surrounding communities. Members present: Heath Wessner, Judy Daub. Professionals present: Engineer, Tom Deily; Solicitor, Jill Nagy; Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Paff; Manager, Justin Yaich; Roadmaster, Richard Grim; Authority Members, Steve Wilson and Garret Miller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nothing at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2015 Board of Supervisors. Motion passed (3-0).

REPORTS:

1. State Police Report – Attached to agenda.
2. Kutztown Library – Mary Laub
 - a. Mary Laub presented her report for the month. She thanked the Board for their continued support.
3. Roadmaster –Richard Grim
 - a. Richard Grim gave his report for the month. He stated that Church Road was complete and lines have been painted on the roadway. Several residents thanked the Township for the job done on Church Road.
4. Code Enforcement – Chris Paff
 - a. Chris Paff gave his report for the month.
 - b. Paff reported on a rental property owned by Joe Karaisz. He stated that all outstanding issues have been resolved with the rental property with the exception of the sewer connection. The Board stated that they believe the ordinances all have to been adhered to. Mr. Karaisz stated that the matter of the sewer connection is on appeal at the Commonwealth Court.
 - c. Solicitor Nagy stated that there was no stay filed in the case which would have set aside the Board's consideration of denying the permit.
 - d. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to deny the permit until the Commonwealth Court rules on Mr. Karaisz's appeal of the sewer connection. Motion passed (3-0).
 - e. Chris Paff stated that Gary Reidenhour has requested the Township do something with the street light on Palmer Lane which has been out for some time.
 - f. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to allow the Dave and Suzanne Hummel memorial snowmobile grass drag races as a special event permit at the Kutztown Airport for October 24, November 21 and December 31. Motion passed (3-0).
5. Manager – Justin Yaich
 - a. Justin Yaich gave his report for the month. He stated that Penn Dot has revised their Winter Maintenance Agreement and the Board would need to take a vote to reapprove the revised contract.
 - b. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to approve the revised Winter Maintenance Agreement with Penndot for years 2015-2020. Motion passed (3-0).
 - c. The Manager reminded the Board that the Township is still in need of a new Emergency Management Coordinator and that he was working with Greenwich Township to find an able volunteer.

6. 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 #20 – Truck Parking
 - a. Earl Stafford represented the sketch plan for the truck parking compound on behalf of the applicant Rafael Esquea. The purpose of the informal sketch was to get a feeling from the Board if they were inclined to support or object to such a proposal.
 - b. The consensus of the Board was that at this time they have no objections to the project. Mr. Stafford was advised to contact Code Officer Chris Paff for details on how to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to reschedule the East Penn zoning hearing from September 9 to October 14, 2015 at 7:00PM, as requested. Motion passed (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to authorize Rodale Institute to close a portion of Siegfriedale Road for the Apple Festival on September 19, 2015. Motion passed (3-0).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

1. Solicitor – Jill Nagy
 - a. Solicitor Nagy stated that the Board would need to take action to set a conditional use hearing for a proposed convenient store on the corner of Long Lane and Route 222.
 - b. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to set the hearing for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 4:00PM. Motion passed (3-0).
2. Engineer – Tom Deily
 - a. Nothing additional

PUBLIC COMMENT & HEARING OF THE VISITORS:

1. Tammy Bollinger voiced opposition to the zoning plans for East Penn Manufacturing. She asked for a show of hands of those who were opposed.
2. Robert Reber voiced his opposition to the zoning plans for East Penn Manufacturing.
3. Kathleen Lodwig voiced her opposition to the zoning plans for East Penn Manufacturing and also asked if the application was a public document.
4. Todd Robinson voiced his opposition to the zoning plans for East Penn Manufacturing.
5. Tana Olson voiced opposition.
6. Chris Nickels voiced opposition.
7. James Williamson questioned if East Penn has even bought the property yet.
8. Grace Haas thanked the road crew for the work they did on Church Road.
9. Ray Beahler asked if the township could plow a small lane along the front of his place that is on the State Highway.

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 Wessner and seconded by Daub to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed (3-0).

ADJOURN: Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to adjourn at 8:38PM. Motion passed (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Yaich, Manager