



FORWARD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING
November 15, 2016
7:00 PM

PRESENT:

Mary McElhinny, Chairperson
J. Rodger Lees, Supervisor
Jeff Argyros, Engineer
Jim Rape, Planning Commission
Brian Miller, CEO

Jay Rape, Vice Chairman
Tom May, Solicitor
Charles Behm, Roadmaster
Donna Behm, Auditor

VISTORS:

Jennifer Doty
Mel Musulin
Aaron Beyer (Cleary Building Corp.)
Patty Flock (Evans City Library)
Jessica Burr (Resident)

Tamara Ranalli (Survey Tech & Assoc.)
Page & Derek Wessel
Tom Baker (Tj's Hideaway)
Steven Lasanich (Wilson's Ridge HOA)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson McElhinny called the public meeting to order & welcomed everyone at 6:59 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at the Forward Township Municipal Building located at 207 Ash Stop Road, Evans City, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Patty Flock spoke about the Evans City Library. The library board currently has five members from Forward Township. Mary McElhinny will be leaving the board at the end of 2016 and a new member can be appointed if anyone is interested.
- Steven Lasanich from the Wilson's Ridge Home Owners Association presented evidence of the rain gardens located at Wilson's Ridge are not completed. After discussion Jeff Argyros and the developers engineer will be setting up a meeting to review the issues. Mr. Lasanich also spoke about street parking on Naughton Circle. Brian Miller will stop and speak to the residence.
- Tom Baker owner of Tj's Hideaway spoke about the stormwater issue at his business location. After some discussion Tom stated he will be putting in his own retention pond soon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Lees made a motion to approve the October 11, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Rape made a motion to approve the October 27, 2016 Workshop minutes. Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed. Supervisor Lees was not at meeting therefore abstained.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bills

- The Board reviewed outstanding bills for the month of October 2016 in the amount of \$54,530.22 for payment from the PLGIT General Fund.

Supervisor Lees made a motion to approve the October 2016 payables in the amount of \$54,530.22. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Payroll

- The Board reviewed the Township’s October 2016 payroll expenditures within the NexTier General Fund for employee compensation in the amount of \$16,112.33 & payroll processing fees in the amount of \$313.06.

Vice Chairman Rape made a motion to approve the October 2016 payroll expenditures in the amount of \$16,425.39 Supervisor Lees seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Marburger Sub-division Plan - *Supervisor Lees made a motion to approve the Marburger Sub-division Plan contingent on county approval. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*
- Charles Wilson Sub-division (Survey Tech) - *Vice Chairman Rape made a motion to pass the Charles Wilson Sub-division Plan contingent on county approval. Supervisor Lees seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*
- Mountain Gathering, Plan #3 (Smith Road) – *Supervisor Lees made a motion to approve Mountain Gathering, Plan #3. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*
- Meadow Ridge/Leslie Farms – *Supervisor Lees made a motion to approve the drawings of the new plat. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*
- Shipley Grave Site - At Septembers meeting it was determined Mr. Shipley would need to obtain a variance of no less than 15 feet for grave site. Jim Rape stated that this was not done and Mr. Shipley is now wanting to give the area in question to a neighbor. Solicitor May told the board to deny the request when it is brought to their attention.
- Ray Turner Commercial Review - *Supervisor Lees made a motion to approve the Turner Commercial Review drawings. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. Mr. Turner is Chairperson McElhinny’s son-in-law therefore abstaining.*

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

- Brian Miller let the Board of Supervisors know that the Burr property is over the 5,000 square foot stormwater ordinance. Jessica Burr was present and stated she has contacted an engineer and is working on her Stormwater report.

EVANS CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Not Present.

SOLICITOR:

- Tom May informed the Board that he has met with the Sewer Authority and they are discussing the takeover of the Meadow Ridge Sewage Treatment Plan.

ENGINEER:

Nothing to present.

ROADMASTER:

- Fall road inspections will be completed in the next few weeks.
- The grader was sold for \$1,500.00 and is now off the township property.
- There was only 1 bid on the 2001 Ford F-450 from Zack Purvis in the amount of \$7,105.99. *Supervisor Lees made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$7,105.99 in the form of a cashier's check. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*
- *Vice Chairman Rape made a motion to accept the Anti-Skid bid in the amount of \$20,244.00. Supervisor Lees seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*
- *Supervisor Lees made a motion to accept the quote from ECS&R for leaf pick at \$145.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,900.00. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*
- Charles informed the supervisors that Peachmont Farms would like the township to provide them with winter maintenance again for the winter of 2016-2017. *Supervisor Lees made a motion to provide Peachmont Farms with winter maintenance for the fee of \$3,332.00. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:

- Work session scheduled for November 26, 2016 at 7:00 AM.
- December 13, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Rape made the motion to adjourn at 9:04 PM. Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.