

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES - NOVEMBER 18, 2002

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on November 18, 2002. Chairman Fegley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. noting that the Board had been meeting in Executive Session since 6:30 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: Scott Fegley, Chairman
 Grace Godshalk, Vice Chairman
 Wes Hackman, Secretary/Treasurer
 Frank Fazzalore, Supervisor
 Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager
 Jeffrey Garton, Township Solicitor
 Robert Williams, Township Engineer
 Kenneth Coluzzi, Chief of Police

PUBLIC COMMENT

One gentleman noted the Agenda was not on the Website. Mr. Fedorchak stated the system was down for approximately ten days. The gentleman also commended the Police Department on the recent apprehensive of a burglar in the Township.

Ms. Sue Herman reminded the Board of Supervisors of the regional meeting to be held on December 5 which was called by the Newtown and Wrightstown Boards of Supervisors. She stated local, County, and State officials will be present. She feels that the intention is to ask them to combine the Swamp Road culvert and full improvements projects and this will result in a ten to fifteen year delay in the road opening. She stated this is a public meeting and asked that the Lower Makefield Township Board of Supervisors attend in support of the local residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hackman moved, Mrs. Godshalk seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of November 4, 2002 as written.

YARDLEY-MAKEFIELD FIRE COMPANY PRESENTATION TO THE 9-11
MEMORIAL

Mr. Larry Newman, President, Mr. Henry Hoffmeister, Chief, Ms. Diana Hibbs, Ladies Auxiliary President, and Mr. William Winslade, Harvest Day Chair were present. Mr. Newman presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Mrs. Godshalk toward the 9-11 Memorial. He noted this represents the proceeds raised at Harvest Day. Mrs. Godshalk thanked the Fire Company for their donation and stated the fundraising group has raised over \$200,000 to date.

ACCEPTANCE OF \$40,000 COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE 9-11 MEMORIAL

Mr. Fedorchak stated in August the Township submitted two Grant Applications, one through Joe Conti's office and one through Dave Steil's office. The Township has been notified that they received a total Grant of \$40,000.

Mr. Fazzalore moved, Mrs. Godshalk seconded and it was unanimously carried to accept the Grant and to direct the Township Manager to write to the various representatives thanking them for helping the Township obtain this award.

APPROVE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD TOWERING OAKS SEWER/WATER EASEMENT

Mr. Stainthorpe stated the Farmland Preservation Corporation met last week and discussed this matter. They agreed to an easement around the perimeter of the property which matches what Mr. Williams had proposed. They also agreed to pay one third of the cost to take this more round-about route. The total additional cost for taking this route is \$16,000 according to the estimate by CKS.

Mr. Fazzalore stated he felt that Mr. Wilson was to pay one third of the cost, the Farmland Preservation Corporation to pay one third, and the Township pay a third. He stated he will not vote in favor of this proposal if Mr. Wilson does not agree to pay one third of the cost. Mr. Hackman stated he understands that Mr. Wilson is going to do the work and they are just reimbursing him. He suggested that the Board of Supervisors agree to pay one third of the \$16,000 noting that since Mr. Wilson is doing the work himself he may be able to do it for less than the \$16,000 estimated and the \$10,666 being paid by the Township and the Farmland Preservation Corporation may cover his costs. Mr. Wilson asked if they would consider a compromise. He noted that the Ordinance requires sidewalks on both sides of the street and since homes will only be on one side, he asked that he be required to install sidewalks on only one side and costs saved would go toward installation of the easement.

Mrs. Godshalk asked how the School District will pick up children, but Mr. Wilson was not sure. Mr. Hackman stated he feels they will pick them up on Dolington Road. Mrs. Godshalk stated she feels there should be an area for buses to pull into so that they can pull off of Dolington Road.

Mr. Fazzalore stated he would agree to Mr. Wilson's compromise provided he meets the requirements of the Township engineer with regard to the sidewalk on the one side of the street.

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Fazzalore seconded and it was unanimously carried that the Township contribute \$5,333 together with the one-third contribution from the Farmland Preservation Corporation. Mr. Wilson will not be required to install sidewalks on the one side of the road as approved by the Township engineer.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 4, AND NOVEMBER 18, 2002 WARRANTS, AND OCTOBER, 2002 PAYROLL

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve November 4, and November 18, 2002 Warrants, and October, 2002 Payroll as attached to the Minutes.

DENY REQUEST FOR DEDICATION BY CARMELO SANSALONE

Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mrs. Godshalk seconded and it was unanimously carried to deny the request for dedication by Carmelo Sansalone based on outstanding issues in the sewer engineer's letter.

APPROVE 2003 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND DIRECT SOLICITOR TO FILE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION IN COURT FOR THE MILLAGE

Mr. Taylor stated the real estate millage will change by an addition of .76. This is an increase of 1.11 mills in Park & Rec, reduction of .75 in Debt Service and an increase in Fire Protection of .4. The leaf pick-up will remain the same. Street lights will increase .08 per linear foot. Mr. Taylor stated he attached a comparison of millage from 1990 to 2003 and it has gone up almost 8 mills in that time period. The beginning balances are \$21,839,607, Revenues are \$15,339,316, Expenses are \$26,972,210 and Ending Balance is \$10,266,713. This is skewed somewhat due to the construction of the Golf Course. Mr. Taylor stated the General Fund will begin at \$1,728,275 and end at \$653,099.

Mr. Hackman moved and Mr. Stainthorpe seconded to approve the 2003 Preliminary Budget with a total of \$40.27 mills.

Mr. Fegley asked about money for engineering for the Senior Center. Mr. Taylor stated this has been included in the Debt Service. Included is a refinancing of the 1977 Bond Issue which covers some Pool expenses, Five Mile Woods borrowing from 1979, and Sewer bonds from 1991 and 1978. Also there is the addition of new monies in the amount of \$1,230,000 which was to cover the purchase of a new ladder truck, the design of Phase I of Memorial Park, and design of the Senior Center in the amount of \$200,000.

There was no public comment and the Motion carried with Mr. Fazzalore, Mr. Hackman, and Mr. Stainthorpe in favor and Mr. Fegley and Mrs. Godshalk opposed.

Mr. Hackman moved to direct the Township Solicitor to file the appropriate application in Court for the millage.

Mr. Fazzalore stated he understands that you can go to 21 mills. Mr. Garton stated at this time they are going to 19 which is permitted under the Second Class Code. He stated there would have to be extraordinary circumstances for them to go above 19 mills.

Mr. Fazzalore seconded the Motion, and the Motion carried with Mrs. Godshalk opposed.

ZONING HEARING BOARD MATTERS

Mr. Fazzalore moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to leave to the Zoning Hearing Board the Don and Lorraine Marchand, 671 Leslie Lane, Variance request to construct a shed encroaching in the special setback of Edgewood Road with the stipulation that the applicant be advised that they are responsible for any damage as a result of their project.

Mr. Fazzalore moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to leave to the Zoning Hearing Board the Hovnanian Variance request to construct a porch resulting in encroachment of side yard setback at 1209 Wilshire Drive; the Kevin & Morgan Ryan Variance request to construct a portico resulting in encroachment into the front yard setback; and the Edward D. Bucci, Edward M. Bucci and Donna Vagnozzi-Bucci Variance request to construct a single family dwelling at 2001 Yardley Road resulting in encroachment into the special setback of Yardley-Morrisville Road.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Godshalk thanked the Police Department for their work in apprehending a burglar in the Township. Chief Coluzzi stated this was very good police work on the part of Detective Glenn DeTemple.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Mr. Fegley stated the Newsletter should be coming out the first week in December.

Mrs. Godshalk stated the Historic Commission will take the Edgewood Village plan to the Planning Commission next week. She noted that the Golf Course Groundbreaking took place last week with approximately one hundred people in attendance.

Mr. Hackman asked that the Park & Recreation Board be directed to begin looking at both the Samost property and Memorial Park to bring the plans up to date and consider new plans if necessary so they can move ahead with both the Senior Center and Memorial Park. Mrs. Godshalk stated she saw a Plan for the Samost Tract and was not in favor of the location for the Senior Center because of the impact on surrounding residents.

Mr. Williams stated that they did a few sketches but did not prepare an actual plan.

Mr. Hackman stated this is why he wants the Park & Recreation Board to become involved in the planning and accept public comment from all interested parties including the surrounding residents. Mr. Fegley stated Memorial Park has already been planned except for the addition of the 9-11 Memorial. He stated the Park & Recreation Board could come in with an update, but he does not feel there are any changes to be made. He stated the Park & Recreation Board has already done a concept plan for Memorial Park and a plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors. He stated if Mr. Hackman wants them to begin planning the Samost Tract, this should be submitted as a future Agenda item.

Mr. Hackman asked that this be put on a future Agenda.

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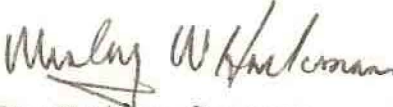
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APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Godshalk moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Michelle Stambaugh to the Historic Commission.

There being no further business, Mr. Fazzalore moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Wes Hackman, Secretary



Township of Lower Makefield

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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NOVEMBER, 2002 WARRANT LISTS AND OCTOBER 2002 PAYROLL COSTS FOR APPROVAL NOVEMBER 18, 2002 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

11/04/02 Warrant List	\$ 822,270.12	
11/02 Manual Checks	2,409.38	
11/18/02 Warrant List	889,340.67	
Total Warrants & Prepaids		1,714,020.17
<u>PAYROLL COSTS:</u>		
October, 2002 Payroll	306,684.45	
10/02 Payroll Taxes, etc.	23,002.27	
Total Payroll Costs		<u>329,686.72</u>
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED		<u>\$ 2,043,706.89</u>

