

Ridgebury Township Supervisors' Meeting
April 1, 2009

Sup. Ostrander called the Supervisors Meeting to order a 7 pm at the Ridgebury Township Municipal Building, 13278 Berwick Turnpike Gillett, PA. He led those in attendance to a pledge to the flag.

Members Present: Lawrence Ostrander, Gary Wood, James Allen.

Announcement of recording: Township.

Citizens Input

- Terry Husted – Ambulance Association replaced the sink, and asked what the Township wanted done with it. Supervisors said it could go with the Spring Cleanup.
- Bob Galvin – Complaint in regard to barking dog at a neighboring trailer park. Discussion was held, Mr. Galvin feels the township should deal with the dog. It was explained that it is not something the Township deals with.

Meeting Minutes

- Sup. Wood made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2009 Supervisors Meeting, with the change from am to pm for the Road Inspection, seconded by Sup. Allen, motion carried.

Treasurers Report

- Sup. Allen made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and pay bills, seconded by Sup. Ostrander, motion carried.

Sub-Division

- Sup. Wood made a motion to approve the M. Owen Sub-Division, seconded by Sup. Allen, motion carried.

Reports

- Township Road Report was reviewed.
- Judy Stevens provided an update for the Park Committee.

Correspondence & Communications

- Atty Foster Letter – Atty Foster responded to the Townships request for a reduction in the final bill covering the loader case. Atty Foster did provide a reduction of 1.5 hours if the bill is paid within 30 days. Sup. Allen made a motion to pay the bill, seconded by Sup. Wood, motion carried.
- Discussion was held in regard to PennDot closing the Berwick Turnpike for a three month period for a bridge repair. Secretary to send a letter to PennDot stating the concern of the Township and its residents.

Old Business

- Bids:
 - **Equipment Bid:** One bid was received from Denny Strong, Strong Excavating for \$16,200 for the Cat Loader. Sup. Ostrander made a motion to table the bid, seconded by Sup. Wood, motion carried. Bids were not received for the 1991 International truck or the 1977 GMC truck that was advertised. After discussion as to the possibility of using the loader as a trade in on a backhoe, Sup. Wood made a motion to accept Strong's bid for \$16,200, with the monies to go into the Township Equipment Fund seconded by Sup. Allen, motion carried. Secretary is to advertise the other equipment online with Municibid.
 - **Gravel Bid:** At least 2000 yards end product crushed gravel using impact crusher to be crushed and stored at your location, not to exceed 12 miles from the Township's Municipal Garage. Stone should be 1.5 inch minus in size. And 45 yards more or less IRC to be stockpiled at the Ridgebury Township Garage. Three bids were received:
 - i. Porters Sand & Gravel: Crushed gravel: \$8.00 per ton/IRC \$10.75 per ton. (noted that bid requested yards but price provided in tons)

- ii. Cole Construction: Crushed gravel: \$4.75 per ton/IRC \$12 per ton. (noted that bid requested yards but price provided in tons)
 - iii. Gerould Excavating: Crushed gravel: \$9.25 per yard/IRC \$18 per yard.
- Sup. Wood made a motion to table these bids until the April 14 Special Meeting/Road Inspection (secretary to advertise) meeting, seconded by Sup. Ostrander, motion carried.

- **Fuel:** 6,000 gallons more or less of low sulfur diesel fuel and 1,500 gallons more or less of 86 Oct NL gas to be delivered to the Township garage as needed during the year of 2009. One bid was received, Sup. Wood made a motion to accept the Williams Oil bid for: diesel 1.6817 and gas 1.5371, seconded by Sup. Allen, motion carried.
- **Cinders:** 1,500 ton m/1 of PennDot approved anti-skid cinders to be stockpiled at the Township Garage. One bid received, Sup. Allen made a motion to accept the Matthews Trucking bid for \$15.97 per ton, seconded by Sup. Wood, motion carried.
- **Road Bonding** – Discussion was held in regard to posting/bonding Township roads. Proposals from Municipal Solutions in the amount of \$7,800, estimated quote from Scott Bray, Engineering \$1,500 to \$2,500. Sup. Wood made a motion to accept the proposal from Municipal Solutions in the amount of \$7,800, there was no second to this motion. Sup. Ostrander made a motion to table until the April 14th Special Meeting, seconded by Sup. Allen, Sup. Wood, ney, motion carried.
- **Building Permit Fee** – Sup. Allen made a motion for the Township to add a 5% fee to building permits through the COG, seconded by Sup. Wood, motion carried.

New Business

- **Annual Dam Inspection** – Sup. Wood made a motion for Secretary to get a proposal from Fagan Engineers for the dam inspection, seconded by Sup. Allen, motion carried.
- **Dust Oil** – Sup. Allen made a motion for Secretary to get quotes and advertise for the dust oil, seconded by Sup. Wood, motion carried. Supervisors will review schedule with Road Crew when they do the Road Inspection.
- **DeCristo Sub-Division** – Sup. Allen made a motion to table the DeCristo Sub-Division until Secretary contacts Sanitation, seconded by Sup. Wood, motion carried.
- **Exonerations** – Sup. Allen made a motion to approve the tax exonerations, seconded by Sup. Wood, motion carried.
- **Backhoe** – Supervisors discussed the purchase of a backhoe. Sup. Wood made a motion, seconded by Sup. Allen not to purchase a backhoe, motion carried.
- **Fire Department will be selling house number signs to the residents.** Residents will be able to order the signs and the Fire Department will number the signs and put them up either on their mailbox or a post in the yard. Supervisors felt this was a good idea.
- **Park Mowing** – Sup. Wood made a motion to approve the equipment rental agreement for park mowing with Ken Beauman, seconded by Sup. Allen, motion carried.

Discussion was held in regard to everyone's concern about the Berwick Turnpike being closed.

Sup. Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sup. Wood, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen K. Borden
Ridgebury Township Secretary