

PALMER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
February 7, 2011

A general business meeting of the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Palmer Library with four Supervisors in attendance: David Colver, Ann-Marie Panella, Robert Smith and Mike Mitchell. Robert Lammi was absent. Also in attendance were the Township Manager, Public Services Director, Police Chief, and Township Solicitor. Colin McEvoy from the Express Times and Takisha Thomas from Patch Internet News represented the news media. Chairman Colver convened the meeting and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

2. APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS – FEBRUARY 7, 2011

INFORMATION

The report will be provided at the meeting.

DISCUSSION

On motion by Mitchell, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the disbursement of funds for February 7, 2011.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 25, 2011

DISCUSSION

Colver noted at the end of the first paragraph it should be noted that no action was required from the executive session held prior to the meeting.

On motion by Smith, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the minutes of January 25, 2011 with the above change.

4. TOWNSHIP CELL PHONE POLICY

INFORMATION

The township safety committee is recommending implementing a township cell phone policy. The Board needs to approve/disapprove the policy.

DISCUSSION

Chief Fretz said this was brought up and discussed at a safety committee meeting. Colver asked if a police radio is considered a single touch operation and if using the Nextel two-way radio is included in the policy. Fretz said the police radios are hard wired and not part of this policy. Fretz said the Nextel two-ways are included in this policy. You need to touch more than one button to use the two-way and you need to look at your contacts to dial. Anckaitis said employees are going to have to pull off the road if they need to use the phone. Fretz said only

one touch is permitted in township vehicles. Fretz said this is all about distracted driving and it is a known fact that distracted drivers are causing many accidents.

On motion by Mitchell, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the township cell phone policy.

5. APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY CENTER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the community center job descriptions.

DISCUSSION

Panella said she had minor grammatical items to clean up and she gave her changes to the Community Center Director, Dan McKinney.

On motion by Smith, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the community center job descriptions with the corrections suggested by Supervisor Panella.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. REPORTS

Solicitor

- Bruno handed out a copy of the proposed decision letter for First Baptist Church conditional use hearing held at the end of December. Bruno reviewed the letter with the Board. Smith made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the decision letter. Mitchell seconded the motion. Panella asked to confirm that the fence around the detention basin is a requirement. Bruno said yes, their waiver request to not install the fence is noted as denied. The motion was agreed by all, and approved.
- Bruno had one real estate item for executive session.

On motion by Mitchell, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. with one real estate item for executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Anckaitis
Township Manager