

PALMER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2011

A general business meeting of the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 22, 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 Public Services Director, Planning Director, Police Chief, and Township Solicitor. 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 14, 2011 AND FEBRUARY 22, 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 14, 2011.

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 7, 2011

DISCUSSION

On motion by Panella, seconded by Smith, and agreed by all, the Board approved the minutes of February 7, 2011.

4. 2011 SUMMER PLAYGROUND DISCUSSION

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the summer playground program for 2011.

DISCUSSION

Colver said we thought it was a good idea to get a recommendation from the Recreation Board prior to our discussing this item. Supervisor Smith said it was discussed at the Recreation Board meeting and they recommended we keep the program going for one more year because they feel not everyone can afford the summer camp program at the community center with the current state of the economy. Cheryl Nielsen said the Recreation Board is about providing all types of recreation in the township and this program effects kids that aren't active in other

township programs. Nielsen said this program has been active since 1967. Nielsen said she understands the reasons for cutting the program but as a retired physical education teacher and someone involved in the township recreation program she hates to see it abolished. Colver said it cost about \$10,000 in 2010 and we budgeted for the program in this year's budget. Colver agreed it is part of the overall recreation program of the township. The Board agreed to keep the program active in 2011.

5. AUDITOR RESOLUTION

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the auditor resolution appointing Palmer and Company as the township auditor.

DISCUSSION

On motion by Smith, seconded by Mitchell, and agreed by all, the Board approved the resolution appointing Palmer and Company as the auditor of the 2010 books.

6. WOODRIDGE FALLS III PLANNING MODULE POSTCARD EXEMPTION

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the Woodridge Falls III Planning Module Postcard Exemption as recommended by the Executive Director of the Palmer Township Municipal Sewer Authority.

DISCUSSION

On motion by Mitchell, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the Planning Module Postcard Exemption for Woodridge Falls III.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. REPORTS

Solicitor

- Bruno had an extension request from Victor Ricci regarding the Park Avenue Market plan. He is requesting an extension of time until February 28, 2013 in order to record the plan, enter into an agreement, and post security for the project. On motion by Smith, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the extension request.
- Bruno had a land development improvements agreement for the Weis Market project related to the gas pumps. Bruno said they are getting the required security in place. Bruno said there was a deferral requested regarding the sidewalk on Greenwood Avenue. Bruno said the Board granted the deferral. Bruno said the issue is that if Weis Markets isn't here in five years, we can't make the property owner do the

sidewalk unless they agree to it. Bruno said Weis proposed they pay the money associated with the work, even though the work isn't being done now, to be held in escrow. Bruno said the figure was approved by The Pidcock Company. On motion by Mitchell, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board authorized the chairman to sign the agreement subject to security being posted to the satisfaction of the township solicitor.

- Bruno had one litigation item for executive session.

Planning Director

- Carman said the zoning hearing board hearing related to the sign request for First Star Bank has been continued to March 4, 2011.

Public Services Director

- Adams had a fence agreement for Martha Ritz, 12 North Ridge Court. Adams said the fence already exists on two sides and this would be for the third side to close in the yard. Adams said this portion crosses a drainage easement. Bruno said he reviewed it and it looks fine. On motion by Smith, seconded by Mitchell, and agreed by all, the Board authorized the chairman to sign the fence agreement.

Police Chief

- Chief Fretz said the bullet proof vest program has new criteria that you must have a mandatory wear policy in order to receive 50% reimbursement. Fretz said they put the mandatory wear policy into effect in the department.

Supervisors

- Panella asked if the Chief could bring the Board up to date at the next meeting about the certification process. Fretz said it's been put on hold due to being down a number of officers in the department.

On motion by Panella, seconded by Mitchell, and agreed by all, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. with one litigation item for executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Manager