

PALMER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 11, 2011

A general business meeting of the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Palmer Library with all Supervisors in attendance: David Colver, Robert Lammi, Ann-Marie Panella, Robert Smith and Mike Mitchell. Also in attendance were the Public Services Director, Police Chief, Township Solicitor and Township Engineer. The Township Manager was absent. 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 – APRIL 4, 2011 AND APRIL 11, 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 April 4, 2011.

On motion by Lammi, seconded by Smith, and agreed by all, the Board approved the disbursement of funds for April 11, 2011.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 29, 2011

DISCUSSION

On motion by Mitchell, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the minutes of March 29, 2011.

4. PALMER COMMUNITY POOL RESOLUTION

INFORMATION

The township is applying for a matching DCNR grant for the Palmer Pool rehabilitation. The Board needs to approve/disapprove the Palmer Community Pool rehabilitation resolution.

DISCUSSION

Public Services Director Tom Adams said based on the Wade Associates study and taking out all the non-essential items the total estimated cost is just under \$852,000. Adams said we will be applying for \$300,000 through a DCNR grant and also \$243,000 through a Northampton County grant. Adams said the remainder will need to be paid with township funds. Colver asked if either of the grants are not approved what would happen. Adams said we cannot do portions of the repairs. It has to be done as a complete project. Adams said the pool needs a

new skimmer system and distribution system. Adams said the \$300,000 was an advisable amount we received from our DCNR representative as the highest we could apply for. Adams said once the grant gets approved we can do some of the ADA work in the bathroom facilities and we can start some engineering repairs during the first year. Adams predicted if the grant gets submitted this month it most likely won't get approved until September, October, or November. Adams said we will have the designer finish the pool design and get it constructed before the 2012 season.

On motion by Lammi, seconded by Smith, and agreed by all, the Board approved the Palmer Community Pool rehabilitation resolution.

5. DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS RESOLUTION

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the destruction of records resolution.

DISCUSSION

On motion by Smith, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the destruction of records resolution.

6. NO PARKING SIGN REQUEST FOR FOX RUN PARK

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the Traffic Safety Committee recommendation for a no parking zone at Fox Run Park.

DISCUSSION

Colver said the Traffic Safety Committee is recommending the no parking zone be extended from Fox Hill Road to the middle of 1309 Van Buren Road. Smith said the parking area is going to be extended in the future. Smith said the difficult time is when one team is finishing and the other teams are arriving.

On motion by Smith, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the no parking zone at Fox Run Park.

7. PENN'S GRANT ESTATES SECURITY RELEASE

INFORMATION

After an inspection of further work completed, the Pidcock Company is recommending a release of \$108,200.91 from the improvements security for the Penn's Grant Estates project. The developer has agreed to post additional security of \$37,664.14 for outstanding Category I improvements (local road construction) and \$30,283.00 for outstanding Category II improvements. The net amount recommended for release at this time is \$40,253.77. The Board needs to approve/disapprove the security release.

DISCUSSION

On motion by Lammi, seconded by Smith, and agreed by all, the Board approved the Penn's Grant Estates security release of \$40,253.77.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Garger, 2140 Gruver Avenue, said Ludlow Street has never been paved but he believes it is a dedicated street. Garger said they are proposing sewer for our area and if they are going to be doing that it would be nice if it was paved. Adams said he believes the road wasn't built within the 21 year timeframe so it reverted back to the property owner. Carol Garger said she was at the sewer authority meeting and they are looking into possible sewer in the area. Carol Garger said the sewer authority lawyer is having trouble finding the right-of-way around Ludlow. Colver asked the Garger's to give their information to Tom Adams so he can look into what is proposed by the sewer authority and get back to them with information.

Mason McIntyre, 3600 Farmersville Road, a student from Easton Area High School, asked if each Board member was equal. Colver said yes, they all have equal voting authority on the Board.

9. REPORTSSolicitor

- Bruno had a proposed maintenance agreement for New Creation Church to enter into their maintenance period. Bruno said there are minor issues to work out related to their letter of credit. On motion by Lammi, seconded by Mitchell, and agreed by all, the Board authorized the chairman to sign the maintenance agreement subject to the final letter of credit being satisfactory to the township solicitor.
- Bruno said at our last meeting we discussed the stipulation regarding the tax assessment appeal with Glenmoor and the Highlands. At that time a question was brought up on how to handle the 2011 refunds because it was not in the written stipulation. Bruno said he contacted the county solicitor, Dave Backenstoe, and they will be refunding the 2011 tax at the 100% level. Mitchell made a motion to authorize the township solicitor to sign the stipulation providing for the full 2009 refund, 27% discount for 2010, and a full refund in 2011. The motion was seconded by Panella, and agreed by all.
- Bruno had one litigation item for executive session.

Public Services Director

- Adams said Met Ed is replacing the street lights with the new high pressure sodium lights.

Chief

- Fretz said the aggressive driver program is still taking place on Route 248.
- Fretz said the police department's new vehicles arrived today.

Supervisors

- Smith had one real estate and one personnel item for executive session.

- Lammi said we previously spoke about a possible stop sign at VanBuren and Fox Hill Road and at that time it was turned down. Lammi said since that discussion he had a number of people bring it up again stating they feel it is necessary due to the amount of traffic. Adams said since then we added a four-way stop sign at Kingston and Northwood and we lowered the speed limit to 35mph. Fretz said we have more accidents at the four-way stop intersection than at VanBuren and Fox Hill.
- Colver said at our last meeting we talked about a resident interested in a clean up project on the bike path by Fairview Park. Colver said he will be bringing his presentation to our May 9th meeting.

On motion by Panella, seconded by Mitchell, and agreed by all, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with one litigation, one real estate, and one personnel item for executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Manager