

Brecknock Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
December 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors, Lancaster County scheduled for December 8, 2020 was held via Zoom format and at the Brecknock Township Building, 1026 Dry Tavern Road, Fivepointville. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Long at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call of Officials. Chairman Long noted that Carol Martin, Secretary/Treasurer was absent and Township Engineer Mike Reinert would be taking the minutes this evening.

Present were Jerry Long, David Leinbach, & Andrew Baum.

Mr. Reinert noted himself present as Township Engineer and Elizabeth Magovern was present as Township Solicitor.

Community Open Session – no comments

At this time, Dennis Reichel, P.E., HRG, Inc. was present on behalf of Villages at Hawk Valley Phase 1 to discuss a request to permit basement construction on lots #97, 147, 148 & 149. The lots contain existing watercourses with corresponding 100 year floodplain elevations calculated. The plan was approved under the County SALDO to require a 2 foot elevation difference between the first floor of the dwelling unit and the calculated 100 year floodplain elevations. The request presented is asking to utilize the current ordinance requirement of equal to or greater than the 100 year floodplain elevation which would allow basements to be constructed for the units on lots #147-149. Lot #97 would not be able to be constructed with a basement at least equal to the 100 year floodplain elevation, however they are asking for relief and would propose alternative measures to address potential issues as outlined in their letter dated November 3, 2020. Those measures include utilizing Superior Walls for the basement and dampproofing, sealing the walls with bitumastic coating, a one foot wide compacted clay layer around the basement wall, and sump pump and battery operated backup. After some discussion with the Board and Engineer, a motion was made by Long and seconded by Leinbach to approve the request provided all items in the HRG, Inc. letter dated November 3, 2020 are incorporated as recommended. All in favor, motion approved.

The minutes of the November 10, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Long suggested deleting the phrase “from this month” in the engineering section for readability. A motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to approve the minutes as presented with the one minor edit. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$52,602.07 with a condition that the Stevenson invoice will be confirmed with Carol Martin prior to payment. All in favor, motion was approved.

Roadmasters Report – The Board discussed the Roadmaster’s report. Andy Baum had no additional comments.

At this time the Board reviewed the items that needed action in Michael Reinert’s Engineers report and presented by Mr. Reinert verbally at the meeting.

1. **Maple Ridge North** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated December 3, 2020 in the amount of \$130,498.50.
2. **Kathryn Hertzog SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated November 16, 2020 in the amount of \$225.00.
3. **Richard & Dorcas Martin SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated November 16, 2020 in the amount of \$250.00.

4. **Daryl Nolt SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated November 16, 2020 in the amount of \$1,302.50.
5. **Amos H. Hoover SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated November 30, 2020 in the amount of \$2,500.00.
6. **Millstone Village Lot 22 & 23 Lot Add On Plan** – Received memorandum of understanding for acceptance by the Board.

A motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to accept and approve all of the recommendations noted by the Township Engineer. All in favor, motion approved.

Levi Hoover had nothing additional to report for the Zoning Officer.

Elizabeth Magovern had nothing to report for the Solicitor's report.

A motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to accept the Roadmaster, Engineer, SEO & Zoning reports as presented. All in favor, motion approved.

PARK & RECREATION The Board reviewed the meeting minutes. Minor discussion was held about the enclosure of the forebay for use by the school during winter months. Levi Hoover indicated he would reach out to Commonwealth about building code requirements.

OLD BUSINESS

Jerry Long noted that the Board had received a final draft of the Township's Act 537 special study from Ebert Engineering. After some brief explanation, Mr. Long suggested that the Board should keep the process moving forward and take the next step with local planning reviews of the document. A motion was made by Long, seconded by Baum to forward a copy of the final draft of the Act 537 special study to the Northern Lancaster County Authority (NLCA), Brecknock Township and Lancaster County Planning Commission's for their review and comment. All in favor, motion approved.

At this time, Jerry Long asked for any further discussion on the proposed 2021 budget. With no further comments or objections, a motion was made by Baum, seconded by Leinbach to adopt the proposed 2021 budget as advertised. All in favor, motion approved.

At this time, a resolution was presented for fixing the tax rate levied on all real property for calendar year 2021 for an increase to 0.5563 mills. A motion was made by Baum, seconded by Leinbach to adopt the resolution as presented. All in favor, motion approved.

It was noted that the amusement tax ordinance passed at last month's meeting contained an incorrect ordinance number. A motion was made by Long, seconded by Baum to have Carol Martin update and correct the ordinance number for the adopted amusement tax ordinance to address the error. All in favor, motion approved. It was noted that the correct ordinance number will be announced at the public meeting in January since Carol Martin was absent for this meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

A draft drainage easement and indemnification agreement was presented for Colton & Laura Henry who own lot #1 of the Meadows Phase 3 Subdivision at 192 Arrowhead Drive. The agreement is needed due to a fence being constructed on the property that is located within the stormwater management drainage easement on the lot. The agreement would memorialize the existence of the fence in the drainage easement and address maintenance responsibilities for removal of the fence if there is an issue that impacts the stormwater system or other properties. A motion was made by Baum, seconded by Leinbach to approve the agreement as presented. All in favor, motion approved.

Discussion was held regarding the current Park & Rec flat fee in lieu of dedication of open space and recreation facilities for land development. Currently the per lot fee in lieu is \$1000 for a proposed subdivision or land development where park and rec facilities are not offered. After some discussion it was agreed that the per lot fee should be increased based on other nearby municipalities fee schedules. A motion was made by Baum, seconded by Leinbach to adopt a resolution to increase the fee in lieu per lot for subdivision and land development to \$2,500. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to adjourn at 7:46 pm. All in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael L. Reinert, P.E.
Township Engineer