

Board of Supervisor Minutes
August 10, 2015

Chairman Elston opened the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, August 10, 2015.

Roll call was taken and present were Gary C. Elston and David L. Mast. Others present were Frank Newhams, Zoning Officer, April Barkasi, Engineer and Kristin Camp, Solicitor.

Chairman Elston called for public comment on tonight's agenda. There wasn't any comment so he continued with the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes from the July 13, 2015 meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Elston. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund - Money Market:	1,454,556.81
General Fund – Checking	3,372.85
General Fund – EMS	7,587.31
State Fund – Money Market:	257,528.21
State Fund – Checking:	4,274.78
PLGIT Regular:	536.85
PLGIT Recreation	285.03
Act 209	1,893.98
CD'S	
Capital Fund	130,521.06
New Truck	49,204.73
Elverson Ambulance	31,314.54
TVFD	31,314.84
Glenmoore Fire Co.	20,065.20
First Resource Bank	240,000.00
First Resource Bank Cedars	60,218.05

Audience:

Carol and Dan O'Keefe, 641 Homestead Drive, Elverson, PA: Spokes people for the Homeowner Associations were here to object to the brightness of the billboard in our township that affects parts of Homestead, Kenilworth Drives and S. Pine St. Mr. O'Keefe read a short statement and submitted additional signatures and pictures to go with the petition and pictures that Mrs. O'Keefe brought to the township last week when they asked to be placed on the agenda for this meeting. Elizabeth Eddins, 619 Homestead Drive described how this invasive light has affected her quality of life as she has lost all comfort in her home. Mike Trojecki, asked how we could have allowed this use and couldn't it be moved to another location. Chairman Elston explained about the Limited Industrial Zoning and how the zoning would prohibit the placing the sign in any other area and it seems as if the billboard complies with our zoning ordinance (Section 1006) that regulates billboards and advertising signs. Our Zoning Officer,

Frank Newhams, has been out and measured the candle power and got zero readings. He has been in contact with Catalyst Outdoor regarding a light survey and we will wait for the results.

All three Supervisor's did go to the properties in question on August 6, 2015 which the people in the audience appreciated.

Philip and Susan Vanderberg, 318 Ironstone Lane, Elverson, PA: Mr. Vanderberg read a letter describing their difficulties regarding the cul-de-sac, which is part of Ironstone Lane. The road is continuing to deteriorate and there has been no top coat applied. They have patched over the years and but there are numerous areas again in disrepair. The problem is that this is a private road and was never intended to be dedicated to the township. The plan was recorded and the declaration of dedication to the Home Owners Association (HOA) was on December 28, 2004 by Southdown Homes, L.P. Our solicitor stated that they need to check the HOA and their deeds to see what they say in regard to who legally owns the road. Since this road is not dedicated the township doesn't have any authority on a private road. However, we are holding a Financial Agreement (December 13, 2010) that includes Paving for the development. Although the road isn't dedicated the subdivision did require to have the road built to township specifications. The supervisor's authorized our engineer to set up a meeting with Southdown Homes to look at Ironstone Lane paving and the revision of the Financial Agreement.

Shawn Blickley, 151 Bollinger Road, Elverson: was in the audience and was asked if he wanted to speak. He is a new resident and had just decided to come to a meeting to introduce himself. In regard to the billboard that was discussed earlier he asked if anyone had contacted PennDOT, the State Police or the Turnpike Commission as billboards are heavily regulated. Mr. Newhams said he would check.

Reports: Frank Newhams gave the Zoning Report. St. Mary's renovations have started and Mr. Newhams feels it will take many inspections. Mr. Newhams will also check on the toxic waste that is reportedly being burned on Killian Road.

Planning Commission: the Draft Minutes from the July 27th were reviewed.

Roads: The John Deer tractor had a fire and we are working with the insurance company regarding the repairs. John Deer Country has given us an estimate of \$7,700.00 for the repairs.

The PennDOT request that asked for township help if we have a severe winter this coming season was reviewed. Unfortunately, we do not have the equipment or man power to assist the state.

Recreation: David Mast gave the Recreation Report. He has received many compliments on the refurbished tennis courts. Some trees that were planted through the grant are dying the engineer has been in contact with the supplier. We will need to replace the backstop on the small field. Mr. Mast will contact the scout who is doing the work for his Eagle Badge in our park. As soon as this is completed we can file with DCNR to receive our grant money.

Historical Commission: Susan Ward gave the Historic Report. We are still working on trying to get St. Mary's (Langoma) on the National Historic Registry. We are working with Wise Preservation. Ms. Camp suggested that we get our state legislatures involved in this endeavor to speed the process along. The annual October Fest will be September 12, 2015 that raises money for repairs to our stone walls.

EMC Report: Mr. Hargreaves report was reviewed.

New Business:

The Hammel – O’Donnell Business Park Subdivision: review period expires today and they have requested an additional year. Motion: Mr. Mast made the motion to grant the year extension to coincide with our August 8, 2016 meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Elston. Vote 2-0

The need for an O&M Agreement and Ordinance for the new alternative sewage systems was discussed. Both our engineer and solicitor will work on this for our next meeting.

PRINT Newsletter was tabled.

The problem with the site distance at Little Conestoga Road (State Road) and Pumpkin Hill Road will be handled by PennDOT. Several calls have residents about this intersection and the difficulty with the site distance. Since the problem is on a state road the board feels that PennDOT should handle this not the township.

Junk Yard Permit: The Junk Yard permit for Richard and Pamela Durnall was approved and signed on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Elston. Vote 2-0

Budget items were discussed. We are planning to purchase a new tractor but the board will have additional items to be discussed for our September meeting.

Bills were paid as listed on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Elston. Vote 2-0.

General Fund	\$ 19,985.26
Payroll	\$ 5,874.50

With no further business to discuss, adjournment took place at 8:40 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Elston. Vote 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Ward, Secretary/Treasurer