

Board of Supervisors Minutes
August 9, 2010

The August 9, 2010 meeting was opened by Chairman Elston at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call was taken and present were Gary C. Elston and David L. Mast. Other's present at the meeting were April Barkasi, Engineer and Frank Newhams, Zoning Officer.

Chairman Elston call for public comment on tonight's agenda from the audience, since there was no comment he continued with the agenda.

Minutes: The July 12, 2010 Minutes were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Elston. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was approved until further audit. Balances were as follows:

General Fund – Money Market:	\$668,655.56
General Fund – Checking:	2,795.54
General Fund – EMS	1,503.85
State Fund – Money Market:	122,069.45
State Fund – Checking	248.82
PLGIT Regular	28,515.89
PLGIT Recreation	284.59
DNB First CD	150,000.00
New Truck CD	46,833.11
TVFD	29,805.50
Elverson Ambulance	29,805.50
Glenmoore Fire Truck	42,012.95

Audience:

Wesley Sessa – 18th Century Restorations and William Stauffer –West Nantmeal Historic Commission were here to discuss the reconstruction of the Lammey log home presently on the property owned by the Lammey family. Our historic commission has been in touch with the family and owners of the property who are not interesting in keeping the home on their property. The historic commission would like to see this home disassembled and reconstructed on township property. Mr. Sessa explained what this would entail and approximate costs. Our historic commission is in the process of trying to get grants to help us with the project but basically we need assurance from the Board of Supervisors that this can be placed on township property. Since Mr. Beam is not here this evening the board would like his input on this subject so they will table this until September.

John. P. Mikowychok, CPRP, Chester County Parks and Recreation asked to speak to the board regarding the land that Chester County purchased (former Litchenfield tract) to

build a microwave tower. This property is located off of Goodfellow Road. Since federal money was used to purchase the property they would like to post a sign and open the spur trails to the public. As of now the county doesn't have any plans to expand the use of these trails for a public park but more as an area for people who live in this section of the county to enjoy the vistas this area provides. Parking at this point would be a minimum area.

Chairman Elston said one of the landowners has documentation that the area was never to be used for public access. Plus, there was to be a 12 ft fence erected to keep the public out. Mr. Elston owns land in this area and if this area was open to the public then it would involve constant trespassing on other peoples property making it difficult for the farmer and homeowners who live and work in the area to come and go. The intersection at Goodfellow and Route 82 is difficult at best and it is impossible to make a left to go north on Route 82.

Mr. Mast expressed his concern for the intersection also and inquired why it must be made available to the public. Mr. Mikowychok explained because of the funding it has to open to the public as it is a policy issue.

Chairman Elston asked to table this until we can discuss this with the area landowners and have our solicitor research the easement agreement between the county and the landowner who provided the easement. This was going to be tabled until September but Mr. Mikowychok had a conflict so it was tabled until October.

Sgt. Brandon Daniels, Acting Commander of the Embreeville State Police Barracks: Reviewed the incident reports for our township. Usually they send monthly reports but they didn't have our e-mail address which was given to them so they will start sending them monthly. Chairman Elston asked if they have a full compliment of officers at their barracks. Full compliment would be 33 and they have 29. But sometimes these officers are not patrolling as they are placed where needed (i.e. dispatching). Chairman Elston then brought up the speed issue on Chestnut Tree and Route 82. Sgt. Daniels will take this information back and make the officers that patrol this area aware of this area.

Reports:

Zoning:

Frank Newhams gave the Zoning Report.

- A citation was issued regarding the pick up truck that is in the front yard of the Church Road property
- Will advise Mr. Ronald McGinness, New Road that the removal of trees is a civil matter and he needs to have his property surveyed.

- Pratt house on Pumpkin Hill Road has two outstanding issues the elevator and the swimming pool. Ms. Barkasi has some issues with the stormwater. Plus the retaining wall is needed.
- Mr. Newhams was at the township building on August 3, 2010 to advise people that there had been a continuance for the Special Exception for a sanitarium on New Road for Frank and Carolyn Gillen applicants. We have made arrangements to use the Twin Valley Elementary Center on Route 401 (Conestoga Road) for the hearing date of September 28, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.
- Mr. Guthan will get his building permit for his property on Isabella and Woods Roads. A close eye will be kept on the stormwater for this property.

Planning Commission:

April Barkasi reviewed what took place at the last planning commission meeting. She reviewed the Gillen application by going over the concerns our planning commission has with this use and the concerns they have for this property. They has recommended denying the plan as what has been submitted does not address any of the commissions concerns.

William Witman discussed a 3 lot subdivision for the Lammey Property.

Roads:

Beam Road: Due to heavy truck use a severe water problem exists on Beam Road. A 30 X 8 ft puddle is on the northeast side of Beam Road which in the right weather conditions is unsafe. Three estimates to mill and pave the existing apron of Beam Road have been received. Mr. Beam has agreed to pay for any improvement outside of the ROW on his property and anything in the ROW will be paid for by the township.

Three estimates have been received.

- Beiler Paving: \$ 7,975.00
- Martin Paving: \$ 9,987.60
- Lyons & Hohl \$18,432.00

Motion: Mr. Mast made the motion to award the bid to Beiler Paving for \$7,975.00. This was seconded by Mr. Elston and motion carried unanimously.

Recreation:

Mr. Mast gave the Recreation Report. The Gazebo is in place. There should have been a reduction in the balance of what was owed because of the shingle change. The bill that was presented and paid at the time of delivery didn't reflect that reduction. The secretary

will contact Absolutely Amish to inquire about a credit. The volley ball court is going to go forward.

Historical Commission:

Susan Ward gave the Historical Commission report. She reviewed what is needed from the Board of Supervisors in order to save the Lammey log home.

Several school bus drivers have alerted the township of a dangerous route for the new school year. The district wants them to come south on Route 82 (North Manor Rd) and make a left onto Lammey Road. The board agreed that this would not be a safe route for the buses to take. The township will contact the school district and explain how dangerous this intersection is and how difficult it would be to have a bus make this turn.

Extensions:

Two subdivisions have requested additional time for the township to review their subdivisions:

1. Motion to extend the review period until November 8, 2010 for the Lammey Subdivision was made by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Mast. Motion carried
2. Motion to extend the review period until November 8, 2010 for the Salemwolf Associates, LLP Subdivision was made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Elston. Motion carried.

Senate Bill 1357 was discussed.

Mr. Mast made the motion to pay the bills as listed, Mr. Elston made the second. Motion carried.

General Fund: \$17,789.91

With no further business to discuss, adjournment took place at 8:45 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Elston. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Ward, Secretary
West Nantmeal Township

