

West Nantmeal Township
Board of Supervisors Minutes
May 13, 2013

Chairman Elston called to order the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 13, 2013.

Roll call was taken and all three supervisors were present. Gary C. Elston, David L. Mast, Nelson R. Beam. Others present were Frank M. Newhams, Zoning Officer, April M. Barkasi, Engineer and Kristin S. Camp, Solicitor.

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

Minutes: The April 8, 2013 Minutes were approved as written by a Motion made by Mr. Beam, seconded by Mr. Mast. (Vote 3-0)

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

General Fund - Money Market:	1,277,580.66
General Fund – Checking	3,282.23
General Fund – EMS	6,818.40
State Fund – Money Market:	170,412.21
State Fund – Checking:	4,268.95
PLGIT Regular:	536.55
PLGIT Recreation	284.95
Open Space	12,608.54
Act 209	1,891.85
CD'S	
National Penn	126,376.04
Capital Reserve	128,576.32
New Truck	48,471.58
Elverson Ambulance	30,848.25
TVFD	30,848.25

Engineering Report: Ms. Barkasi is seeking authorization to advertise for the playground equipment through a grant to be received from DCNR. She would like to use Penn Bid (Pennsylvania's Electronic Document and Bid Management Program) which will reduce the cost of bids. It is a secure internet system. Bid packets will also be available through the township office and/or Ms. Barkasi's office.

Motion: Mr. Mast made the motion to advertise the bid for play equipment, safety and accessibility improvements to be opened July 8, 2013. This was seconded by Mr. Beam. (Vote 3-0)

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be included in the bid package. Ms. Camp will review the advertisement and have it advertised accordingly.

Storm Water Reviews: It was decided that staged improvements will be allowed if stabilization happens before each stage.

Ms. Barkasi had another engagement and left at 7:20 P.M.

Audience:

David Vassello, 1801 Little Conestoga Road, Glenmoore, PA: Mr. Vassello has an issue with his adjoining property bringing construction matter and burning it at his property then burying the ash possibly on Mr. Vassello's property. This issue was brought to the attention of the township in January and feels it has taken the township a long time to address this problem. Mr. Newhams was at the property and a Cease and Desist letter was sent in March of 2013 and thought the problem was resolved. We are aware of the problem and will take address it in a timely manner.

Joseph J. Degaray, 79 New Road, Elverson, PA. Mr. Degaray was shooting at a varmint on his property last week when a neighbor called the state police and Mr. Degaray wanted to know if he was violating some ordinance or law. There were many people in the audience who came to support Mr. Degaray in his right to shoot on his property. Mr. Fantanarosa , 127 Bollinger Road, Elverson, PA has been having a similar issue with a neighbor complaining about shooting and excessive noise. Our Noise Ordinance is a difficult noise, when associated with guns, is to regulate and then it becomes a private property issue. However, having an ordinance that you can't defend or enforce should be amended or rescinded.

Ms. Camp said there are several ways to treat this issue regarding the Noise Ordinance. You can enforce it as written, or change the ordinance. It was decided to have Ms. Camp work on amending the ordinance to put noise emanating from gun fire under the Exceptions (5) of the Noise Ordinance.

Ms. Aggie Moser, a resident in our township, took a forestry course and wanted to alert the Board of Supervisors on a invasive species plant called Burning Bush that is really hard to get rid of once it is planted. She gave us information on forestry from the Penn State from a conference she has attended.

Reports:

Zoning: Frank Newhams, Zoning Officer gave the Zoning Report. His report is on file at the township. An enforcement notice will be sent to the property located at 1847 Little Conestoga Road, regarding the burning issue discussed earlier.

No Planning Commission meeting held in April.

Roads: Mr. Sautner, Road Manager, discussed the road work being done and inquired as to whether or not any roads were scheduled for paving this year. Discussion ensued regarding Oil and Chip surfacing. Chairman Elston thought there was no pressing road surfacing. that needed to be done for this year.

Historic Commission: Susan Ward gave the report. Two workshops are being held this fall (9/21/13 and 10/16/13) for repairing the stonewalls. Signs were discussed and the different forms we will be required to have signed for these events.

Recreation: Report given by David Mast.

Ms. Camp explained the Permit Extension Act.

Barclay Hargreaves -EMC Report is on file at the township building.

New Business:

Nicolas Fantanarosa, 126 Bollinger Road, Elverson has applied to put his 41.9 acres into the township's Act 43 -Security Agricultural Act.

Motion: Mr. Elston made the motion, Mr. Beam made the second, to accept Mr. Fantanarosa's application for our Act 43. (Vote 3-0)

Discussion ensued on what to give to Elverson Ambulance towards their ambulance purchase.

Motion: Mr. Beam made the motion to contribute \$10,000.00 towards Elverson Ambulance's purchase of a left over 2012 ambulance. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mast. (Vote 3-0)

The application for R.D. Excavating junkyard permit was discussed.

Motion: Mr. Mast made the motion, seconded by Mr. Beam to approve the permit for R.D. Excavating for 2013. (Vote 3-0)

Bills were paid as listed on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Beam. (Vote 3-0)

General Fund	\$21,959.85
Payroll	\$ 6,275.72

With no further business to discuss, adjournment took place at 9:20 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Beam. (Vote 3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Ward, Secretary/Treasurer