

The North Strabane Township Board of Supervisors held its Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 7:00 P.M., at the Township Municipal Building, Route 519 South, Canonsburg, PA 15317.

ATTENDING THE MEETING

J. Gregory Sulc, Chairman
Stephen Motzer, Vice-Chairman
William Brooks, Supervisor
Robert Balogh, Supervisor

ALSO ATTENDING THE MEETING

Frank R. Siffrinn, Manger
Jim Jefferies, Solicitor
Joe Sites, Engineer
Deanna M. Kelly, Stenographer

ABSENT FROM MEETING

Jeff Stanley, Supervisor

Mr. Sulc called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Tony Sacco, 351 Hunting Creek Road Canonsburg, PA 15317.

Mr. Sacco is the President of Glencannon Homeowners Association. He came before the Board to present the issues concerning the Glencannon pond. Mr. Ackerman, who resides at 459 Hunting Creek Road in Glencannon, did an extensive investigation on the conditions of the pond. The homeowners association does not feel the pond should only be maintained by Glencannon. There are other tributaries coming into the pond from the Foxchase development, McDowell fields and McDowell Lane. It is apparent that large amounts of sediment, due to erosion, are collecting in the basin of the pond. Mr. Scarpaci, Vice-President, stated DEP has placed mandates on us. We were informed we need to raise the pond by two feet.

We are asking at this time that North Strabane Township take the responsibility and initiative for the work that has to be done due the facts that have been presented. Glencannon homeowners have invested over \$185,000 in repairs and engineering costs since 1999. We would like North Strabane Township to take part in this project and collectively meet with the Glencannon directors to help with solutions.

Mr. Sulc responded this is a civil matter, not the Township's responsibility. This is in your community. It does not benefit any other residents within the Township. After a lengthy discussion between the Board and the homeowners association, the Board directed the association to contact the Township's solicitor. The Township solicitor will report back to the Board and we will go from there.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 16, 2010 Special Meeting A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2010 Special Meeting – Conditional Use Hearing (Mountain V Oil and Gas Inc.).

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

March 16, 2010 Non-Legislative Meeting A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Motzer, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2010 Non-Legislative Meeting.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

March 23, 2010 Legislative Meeting A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2010 Legislative Meeting.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

March 13, 2010 Non-
Legislative Meeting Tabled – Not Available

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Jim Jefferies reserved his comments for items F and G under new business.

ENGINEER'S REPORT Engineer Joe Sites gave the following report:

The first item is a request for reduction of the bond for the Majestic Hills Plan, Phase II improvements in the amount \$10,810. I ask for a motion to reduce the bond.

A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the reduction of the bond for Majestic Hills Plan, Phase II improvements in the amount of \$10,810.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

The second item is a request for reduction of the bond for the Majestic Hills Plan, Phase II grading in the amount \$80,145.58. I ask for a motion to reduce the bond.

A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the reduction of the bond for Majestic Hills Plan, Phase II grading in the amount of \$80,145.58.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

The Board received a proposal pertaining to additional costs for the public safety building due to acquiring the adjacent storm water pond. The additional fee for the survey work is \$5,320. The subdivision consolidation plan recorded with the County will cost \$2,370. We also have to make application to PennDot for a highway occupancy permit for the new driveway. The fee is \$3,250.

A motion was made by Mr. Sulc, seconded by Mr. Motzer, to add to the agenda the proposal from Gateway Engineers.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

MANAGER'S REPORT Manager Frank Siffrinn gave the following report:

On April 6th, the Washington County Tax Collection Committee met at North Strabane Township for the purpose of filling the remaining vacancies on the Executive Board. The Board is now comprised of nine members. We also adopted the by-laws. The major focus over the next month will be to prepare request for proposals for a third party collection agency. It is anticipated the Committee will make an appointment no later than September 15th, which is required by law.

Mr. Balogh had inquired on the status of a work place safety committee. I want to report that we have been working with our insurance carrier to put the committee in place. Once the committee is certified, the Township will qualify for a reduction in workers compensation premiums.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

Lindenwood Golf Course A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the Lindenwood Golf Course Preliminary and Final Site Plan for a proposed

5,000 square foot storage building located on Linden Creek Road in an A-2 district.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

Kurt and Mark Angle A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the Kurt and Mark Angle Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plan for a lot line revision conveying 3.93 acres from 53.63 acres to be consolidated with 6.07 acres located off Munce Road in an A-1 district.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

Concord Green Phase 3A A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Motzer, to approve the Concord Green, Phase 3A, Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plan for an 8-lot subdivision with remnant parcels located along Woodlawn Drive in an R-3 district.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

Woodruff Partners Plan A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to re-approve the Woodruff Partners Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plan of a 2-lot subdivision located on Route 19 in an A-1 district that was previously approved in October 2009 but was never recorded.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

Ordinance - Amusement Admission Tax A motion was made by Mr. Balogh, seconded by Mr. Motzer, to reject the advertisement of a proposed ordinance that would levy an amusement/admission tax for admissions to concerts and musical productions in the amount of five percent (5%) of the admissions as authorized per the Local Tax Enabling Act.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 3 YES 1 NO (Mr. Sulc)

Ordinance – Solid Waste Collection A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Motzer, to approve the advertisement of a proposed ordinance that would prohibit the placement of weekly solid waste for collection earlier than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the normally scheduled pick-up time.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

Resolution 2010-2 tax Assessment Office A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve Resolution 2010-2. This resolution provides for interim assessments by the Washington County Tax Assessment Office on all property and improvements made after the first day of January of any year.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

Transfer of Funds A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the establishment of a new non-interest bearing special escrow fund and transfer of \$83,268 to said fund, and further authorize the transfer of \$91,483 in interest earnings from the current special escrow fund to the capital reserve fund as recommended by the Township's auditor.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

Temporary Closing of Linden Road for the 5K A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Motzer, to approve an application for special events and submission to PennDot for the 5K Race/Walk to be held on May 31, 2010 requesting the temporary closing of a portion of Linden Road.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

Proposal for Cell Phone Services A motion was made by Mr. Sulc, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the proposal for cell phone and mobile communication services.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 2 YES 2 NO

The motion is tabled.

Award bid for Ford
Dump Truck

A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to reject the bid award for the sale of one (1) 1995 Ford F800 dump truck.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

Monetary Donation for
the 2010 Parade and
Program

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Motzer, to approve a request by the Canonsburg-Houston-Strabane Veterans Council for a monetary donation of \$250 for the 2010 parade and program Oak Spring Cemetery.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

Public Safety Building

A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve an engineering proposal for the following services relative to the public safety building site: survey work for \$5,320, preparation of a consolidation plan for \$2,370 and preparation and processing of the highway occupancy permit for \$3,250.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

CORRESPONDENCE None.

**APRIL 2010 BILL
LIST**

A motion was made by Mr. Motzer, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the April 2010 Bill List.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

**REMARKS FROM
SUPERVISORS**

Mr. Sulc commented the Board, Township Manager, Engineer and Municipal Authority Engineer attended the PSATS conference last week at Hershey. We were the only Township who had its entire Board present. I appreciate the attendance. Mr. Motzer clarified for the audience that PSATS stands for Pennsylvania State Association Township Supervisors. We are aware at the local level how much power is trying to be taken away from us. The state and federal feel local government is no longer effective.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Balogh, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF VOTES: 4 YES 0 NO

J. Gregory Sulc, Chairman

Frank R. Siffrinn, Manger-Secretary