

The North Strabane Township Board of Supervisors held its Non-Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 7:00 P.M., at the Township Municipal Building, Route 519 South, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317.

ATTENDING THE MEETING

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

ALSO ATTENDING THE MEETING

Frank R. Siffrinn, Manager-Secretary
 Pat Smider, Solicitor
 Joe Sites, Gateway Engineers
 Paulette Moyar, Planning Coordinator
 Doug Trbovich, Code Enforcement
 Mark Grimm, Fire Chief
 Matt Marasco, Municipal Authority
 Kim Clark, Parks and Recreation
 Chief Strimel, Chief of Police
 Harry Hayman, Public Works Director
 Deanna M. Kelly, Stenographer

ABSENT FROM THIS SESSION

Judy Hersch, Library Board Representative

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

**OPEN BIDS FOR 2010
 ROAD PAVEMENT
 MAINTENANCE
 PROGRAM**

CONTRACTOR	10% BID BOND	TOTAL
A. Folino Construction	X	\$ 989,449.45
Amity Asphalt Paving	X	\$ 1,022,976.35
Donegal Construction	X	\$ 1,035,227.35
El Grande Industries	X	\$ 997,342.50
Ellis Asphalt Paving	X	\$ 1,004,566.65
Glenn Johnston, Inc.	X	\$ 1,159,563.00
Peter J. Caruso and Sons	X	\$ 1,013,231.35
Pompei & Sons, Inc.	X	\$ 981,093.42
Shields Asphalt Paving	X	\$ 923,591.70
T.A. Robinson Asphalt Paving	X	\$1,168,411.95
Victor Paving and Construction	No Bid	

PUBLIC COMMENTS Ryan McGregor from Congressman Tim Murphy's Office briefly addressed the Board.

I would like to thank the Supervisors, Police, Public Works and Fire Departments for all their hard work and dedication over the last two weeks. Congressman Tim Murphy has taken time to visit our local municipalities to assess what kind of damage we have been seeing across the region. Under the new federal guidelines established under the current administration, a county must experience a record or a near record snow fall to be considered for emergency assistance. Federal funding for these programs will not come into effect until the President declares a federal state of emergency. We may have difficulty receiving federal funding since the two snow storms did not occur within 48 hours of each other. Congressman Murphy and Congressman Sestek are trying to have FEMA waive the 48 hour clause and to have the President declare a state of emergency for our region. Once this is achieved, we can start flowing federal dollars in to our communities to help with the cost incurred as the result of the storms.

**DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT**
Permit and Fees

Building Inspector Doug Trbovich gave the following report:

We have issued eight building permits for the month of January with an estimated cost of construction of \$386,789.00, nine certificates of occupancies, six finals and cleared 37 expired permits.
There were 32 permits collected for the amount of \$2,982.50.

Inspections

We completed 52 inspections - nine were commercial, 42 were residential and one was asbestos.

Property Maintenance
Complaints

We had a total of 11 property maintenance complaints: two abandoned vehicles, one illegal burning, two illegal dumping, five were unfounded and one miscellaneous. Of those complaints 10 were cleared and one is still under investigation with one court appearance.

Training

Forty-eight hours of training and certification testing were completed by the three inspectors.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire Chief Mark Grimm gave the following report:

Fire Calls

The Department responded to 58 calls for the month of January – one structure fire, four vehicle fire, six motor vehicle accidents, nine fire alarms, 3 still alarms, two carbon monoxide alarms, 24 mutual aid alarms, ten false alarms, four miscellaneous and five medical alarms. Total time out was 21 hours and 55 minutes. Average man per call was 10.

Snow Plow for One Ton
Pick-up Truck

Chief Grimm presented the Board with a quote from Push N Pull, 5951 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 for a Western Pro Plus snowplow for their 2009 Ford F-350 pick-up truck. Due to the recent snow storm, the plow could assist in the snow plowing of the fire stations and for emergency calls to reach residents. We did have nine calls that the emergency vehicles could not make it up the driveways.

Aerial Truck

The aerial truck was involved in a minor non-traffic accident while backing into the garage. The Fire Department's insurance will cover the repairs. The insurance adjuster recommends the truck be returned to Ohio for the repairs. It will be out of service for about a week.

Horse Rescue

We were dispatched this afternoon to rescue a 2,000 pound horse in Nottingham Township. The horse fell into a frozen pond and was immersed to its ears. Peters Township also assisted with the rescue.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Planning Coordinator Paulette Moyar gave the following report:

The Planning Commission meeting that was scheduled for February 15, 2010 was canceled due to the weather. The meeting is rescheduled for February 22, 2010.

Foxchase Plan No. 1B

Foxchase Plan No. 1B is an application for preliminary and final review of the re-subdivision of Lot 113R and Open Space Parcel "C" located on Hunting Creek Road in an R-3 district. This was due to builder error. The building was placed two feet closer to the adjoining building than proposed. They also needed to add to the rear yard.

Foxchase Plan No. 1

Foxchase Plan No. 1 is an application for preliminary and final review of the twelfth amended plan showing the as-built conditions of units A-D on Lot 113R in an R-3 district.

Merante Market

Merante Market is an application for preliminary and final review of a proposed commercial building to be located at the corner of Morganza Road and West McMurray Road in a C-1 (commercial district).

Mountain V Oil and Gas Inc. Mountain V Oil and Gas Inc. is an application for review and recommendation of a conditional use to install a natural gas well on property located on Mosier Road in an A-1 district.

Range Resources Appalachia, LLC Range Resources Appalachia, LLC is an application for review and recommendation of a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding oil and gas drilling in the Township. This item was removed from the agenda at the request of the applicant.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Authority Manager Matt Marasco gave the following report:

Majestic Hills Plan Phase ID Construction started on December 2, 2009 and stopped on December 10, 2009 with one section to be completed in the spring.

Majestic Hills Plan Phase II We received Summerbrooke's interconnection letter. We have reviewed and commented on the updated sewer line drawings and prepared a sewerage service availability letter.

Park Place Project We have reviewed and commented on the proposed sewer drawings and prepared the sewerage service availability letter.

Concord Green Phase III We have reviewed and commented on the proposed sewer drawings and prepared the sewerage service availability letter.

Tonas Plan We discussed the proposed connection with the developer and engineer.

Angelo Plan We have reviewed and commented on the proposed sewer drawings and prepared the sewerage service availability letter.

Meadowlands Industrial Park We met with Mosities on January 28, 2009 to discuss tap fees and abandoning their treatment plant. We reviewed and commented on the planning module request with an updated tap fee calculation. We plan to meet with Mosities on February 18, 2010 to discuss abandoning the plant.

2010 Tap Request We have prepared and submitted the 2010 tap request to CHJA for submission to DEP for review and approval on November 25, 2009. We have requested 465 EDU's during 2009 and the Authority has issued 286 EDU's.

Eighty Four NPDES Renewal Permit We have reviewed and commented on the draft of the NPDES renewal permit.

H2O Grant Application We received DCED reimbursement request No. 1 in the amount of \$375,356.47. We have competed and submitted the required STD form and supporting documentation on January 21, 2010 for DCED reimbursement request No. 2 in the amount of \$336,752.38. We have also prepared DCED reimbursement request No. 3 in the amount of \$ 430,353.17 for the Board's consideration.

Linden Creek Sewer Project The contractor is currently running five crews - three pipeline, one restoration and one boring crew. We have prepared estimate No. 5 for the Linden Creek sewer project in the amount of \$606,805.15 for consideration and approval by the Board. The project is currently 42 percent complete.

Chemical Feed System The chemical appears to crystallize when exposed to sub-freezing cold weather. The chemical feed system has been heart-traced and a bypass feed installed.

Future Sewerage Planning Needs The Township has requested a joint meeting with the Municipal Authority to discuss future sewer needs and direction.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Kim Clark gave the following report:

Skating Event Skate and whirl roller skating event will take place on Saturday, March 13th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The event is free for our residents; however, we are asking participants to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank. Non-

residents will pay a fee of \$3.00. Skate rental cost is set for \$1.00 for all. Concessions will be available to purchase snack foods for a reasonable cost.

Easter Egg Hunt The resident Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th. The hunt will promptly begin at 10:00 AM. Since we are hosting the event in March, we are planning on holding the event inside the Municipal Meeting Room.

Ball Field Requests We are currently accepting reservations. The deadline for applications for reserving the ball field for the spring and summer season is Friday, March 5, 2010. The normal fees are set at: \$75.00 for a non-lighted 1 ½ - 2 hour slot time
\$225.00 for a lighted 1 ½ - 2 hour time slot.
We have already three application completed for reservations.

LIBRARY No report available.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Chief Strimel gave the following report:

The North Strabane Township Police Department responded to 425 calls during the month of January. They responded to 34 criminal offenses, filed 39 criminal charges, 15 criminal arrest summaries, 22 misdemeanors and six felonies. There were 77 moving traffic violations and 21 warnings issued. There were 13 vehicle accidents – one DUI related and ten injuries. The Police Department responded to 11 fire alarms and 32 other alarms for a total of 43 alarms. Police vehicles patrolled a total 15,835 miles.

Officers' Update We have two officers out of commission - one for a gallbladder and the other fell in the parking lot and broke her ankle.
The new officer Jonathan Miles started January 10, 2010. He is the fire arms and first-aid instructor.

CERT Grant Chief Strimel requested a meeting with the Board to discuss the CERT Grant.

PUBLIC WORKS Public Works Director Harry Hayman gave the following report:

Township Buildings The final plans are being reviewed for the refurbishing of the kitchen area off the meeting room. The refurbished kitchen will be handicapped accessible and more user friendly.

Road Construction Cutting back trees on Linnwood Road between Christy Road and Route 519 is complete. We started digging back the hillside and removing tree stumps for the Linnwood Road widening project.

Road Maintenance We are cutting trees along Township roads, patching potholes, and sweeping roads and streets as needed and weather permits.

PA One Calls In January we received and responded to 99 PA One Calls.

Other Discussions We had 11 call outs for icy and snow covered roads. The material used is 2000 tons of rock salt and 500 tons of anti skid which was used in treating the roads. Supervisors commented on the phenomenal job the Public Works Department did in the treating of the roads during the storm. The Township received letters from residents also commending the department.

ENGINEER'S REPORT Engineer Joe Sites reported on the bids for the 2010 road pavement maintenance program. We will review them and make a recommendation prior to next week's Legislative meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT Manager Frank Siffrinn reported on the following:

Proposal for Auditing Services Consideration of an engagement proposal for auditing services of certain Township funds for year ended 2009 submitted by Palermo/Kissinger and

Associates, Certified Public Accountants. Our previous auditor passed away. We are required to submit to the state our financial report by April 1, 2010. The firm came highly recommended, and I have met with the partners to discuss specifics of the audit.

- Snow Emergency Resolution Consideration of a snow emergency declaration/resolution. If the President does declare this an emergency disaster area, the Township would qualify for federal funding. FEMA will reimburse us for material, overtime, equipment costs and the Fire Department's expenditures.
- 2010 Road Pavement Maintenance Program Award contract bid for the 2010 road pavement maintenance program. We have opened and publicly read the bids.
- Washington County Tax Collection Committee Consideration of a \$2,500 no interest loan for working capital as requested by the Washington County Tax Collection Committee.
- Zoning Hearing Board Alternates Zoning Hearing Board Alternate (2) 3-year term (term expires 12/31/12). We received a letter of interest from Beth Fitzanko who is a resident in Majestic Hills. Ms. Fitzanko has expressed an interest in a position on either the Zoning Hearing Board or the Planning Commission. There is currently a vacancy as a Zoning Hearing Board alternate for a 3-year term. If the Board considers appointing Ms. Fitzanko, I would request reappointment of Mr. LeMunyon from a 3-year term.
- Western Snowplow for Fire Department Consideration of the purchase and installation of a nine foot Western snowplow as requested by the North Strabane Township Volunteer Fire Department.
- SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Mr. Smider requested an executive session to discuss legal issues regarding how we are going to approach oil and gas drilling in the Township and relative amendments to the zoning ordinance.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** None.
- REMARKS FROM SUPERVISORS** Mr. Stanley thanked the Public Works, Police and Fire Department on the wonderful job done during the snow storm. He would welcome an opportunity to sit down with various departments and have a review meeting on the week's events.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** The Board convened to executive session at 8:10 P.M. to discuss oil and gas drilling along with potential amendments to the zoning ordinance.
- The Board reconvened from executive session at 8:45 P.M.
- ADJOURNMENT** All business being concluded, the non-legislative meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

J. Gregory Sulc, Chairman

Frank R. Siffrinn, Manager-Secretary