

The North Strabane Township Board of Supervisors held its Non-Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, January 19, 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
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

Paulette Moyar, Planning Coordinator
Judy Hersch, Library Board Representative

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

**DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Harry Hayman gave the following report:

Road Construction

The Public Works Department is cutting back trees on Linnwood Road between Christy Road and Route 519 in preparation for our road widening and paving projects.

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 December, we received and responded to 77 PA One Calls.

Other Discussions

We had 19 call outs for icy and snow covered roads. This year 1,000 tons of rock salt and 450 tons anti skid were used in treating the roads.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire Chief Mark Grimm gave the following report:

The Department responded to 85 calls for the month of December – four structure fires, one vehicle fire, 22 motor vehicle accidents, ten fire alarms, two carbon monoxide alarms, 15 mutual aid alarms, 17 miscellaneous and 14 medical alarms. Total time out 62 hours and 42 minutes. Average man per call was 11. Totals for the year of 2009 – the Department responded to 878 calls, 24 structure fires, 15 vehicle fires, 15 brush fires, 166 motor vehicle accidents, 137 fire alarms, 39 still alarms, 15 carbon monoxide alarms, 249 mutual aid, 160 miscellaneous and 58 medicals. The total man power for the year was 7708 hours.

Station 1 Renovations

Station 1 renovations are currently being done to add a training room, conference room and more storage space for equipment. All the materials for this project are

being donated by 84 Lumber Company. The construction will be completed within two weeks. Chief Grimm explained the reason behind the renovations is the Fire Department was certified to be a teaching facility. We will be hosting and teaching an EMT class on January 19, 2010.

Training North Strabane and Peters Township Fire Departments will be training in swift water and ice rescue. Once the training is complete, both departments will test for state and national certifications. We have three fire fighters who have completed basic training consisting of 180 hours over four months.

Call Volume North Strabane Township Fire Department had the second highest call volume in the County for 2009. City of Washington was first and Peters Township was third. The call volume from 2008 to 2009 increased by 275 calls.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Engineer Joe Sites gave the following report:

Waterdam Farms 11th Amended Plan Waterdam Farms, Phase III, is an application for preliminary and final review of the 11th amended plan reflecting the as-built conditions of Lot 323, units A & B, located on Stonegate Drive in an R-3 district.

Waterdam Farms 12th Amended Plan Waterdam Farms, Phase III, is an application for preliminary and final review of the 12th amended plan reflecting the as-built conditions of Lot 312, units A & B, located at the corner of Stonegate Drive and Huntclub Drive in an R-3 district.

Growmark Growmark is an application for preliminary and final site plan review of a proposed accessory storage building to be located on Route 519 in an I-1 district.

Angelo's Landscape Supply Angelo's Landscape Supply is an application for preliminary and final site plan review of a proposed 20,800 square foot building to be located on Johnson Road in an A-1 district.

Park Place Subdivision Park Place at the Meadows subdivision is an application for preliminary and final review of a revised subdivision plan located along Route 19 in a C-2 district.

Park Place Site Plan Park Place at the Meadows site plan is an application for final site plan review of a planned shopping center located off Route 19 and Burkett Lane in a C-2 district.

**MUNICIPAL
AUTHORITY**

Matt Marasco gave the following report:

Majestic Hills Plan Phase ID Construction of the sewer line started December 2, 2009 and stopped on December 12, 2009 with one section to be completed in the spring.

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

Southpointe Intersection The guide rail for the new Murry pump station access road has been installed.

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

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

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

Racetrack Road Plan The Act 537 Plan was adopted on February 24, 2009 and submitted to DEP on

February 26, 2009. We are currently responding to Mosities comment letter. We are reviewing and responding to DEP's comments.

H2O Grant We have submitted the contract documents, insurance, historical costs expended after January 1, 2007, STD forms and DCED reimbursement request No. 1 in the amount of \$375,356.74. We have also prepared DCED reimbursement request No. 2 in the amount of \$336,752.38 for the Board's consideration.

Linden Creek Project We are currently designing the odor suppression system for the Reedville pump station in compliance with the WQM Part II permit. We have prepared the required exhibits for the Surrey Woods sewer line. Construction started October 6, 2009. Construction will take 270 days. The contractor is currently running two crews which will increase to three crews. We have prepared Estimate No. 4 for the Linden Creek Sewer project in the amount of \$473,850.22 for consideration and approval by the Board.

Chemical Feed System We contacted the contractor regarding closing-out the project. The Authority still has a retainage of \$6,165. We are currently sorting out chemical feed problems that appear to have developed as a result of the cold weather.

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

Industrial Park We have always had concerns about the capacity of the Chartiers interceptor. In November, CHJA took over Chartiers interceptor. The sewage agreement between North Strabane Township and Chartiers Township became null and void at the end of December. As a result, it eliminated our potential for a \$3M fix to the interceptor, which was a relief. We are looking to take the Mosites treatment plant off line and direct that flow into CHJA's interceptor.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Kim Clark gave the following report:

Santa Event The Santa Event was very successful and manageable. We had 196 children attend along with their family members. We had three seatings and will continue to do so for next year. However, since the social hall will be set up as a gym center, we will have to seek another place to hold the event. Our tentative plan is at Thomas Presbyterian Church located in neighboring Nottingham Township.

Sam Grant Funds If there are no objections from the Board, we plan on utilizing \$235.00 from the Sam's grant funds to hold a Roller Skating event for our residents. The tentative date is for Saturday, February 20, 2010. No objections were noted.

Calendar of Events

Skate & Whirls	February 2	TBA
Easter Egg Hunt	March 27	10:00 AM
Earth Day-Community Clean Up	April 24	10:00AM – 2:00 PM
5K North Strabane Challenge Run	May 31	8:30 AM
Women's Shelter Softball Game	TBA	TBA
Canonsburg July 4 th Parade	July 4	9:00 AM
Concert in the Park	TBA	TBA
Fishing Derby	August 21	8:30 AM
Harvest Car Cruise	October 3	11:00AM – 4:00 PM
Canonsburg Hospital Halloween Trail	TBA	TBA
Lunch with Santa	December 11	

Reorganization Meeting Kim Clark - Chairperson and Amy Wiszczor – Vice Chairperson
 Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of the month.

LIBRARY No report available.

**POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Chief Strimel gave the following report:

The North Strabane Township Police Department responded to 429 calls during the month of December. They responded to 34 criminal offenses, filed 16 criminal charges, five criminal arrest summaries, ten misdemeanors and two felonies. There were two moving traffic violations and 75 warnings issued. There were 25 vehicle accidents – two DUI related and 14 injuries. The Police Department responded to nine fire alarms and 48 other alarms for a total of 57 alarms. Police vehicles patrolled a total 13,064 miles.

The Police Department responded to a total of 5,223 calls for services for the year. They responded to 456 criminal offenses, filed 316 criminal charges, 131 criminal arrest summaries, 173 misdemeanors and 30 felonies. There were 1,682 moving traffic violations and 1,241 warnings issued. There were 283 vehicle accidents – 16 DUI related two fatal and 97 injuries. The Police Department responded to 113 fire alarms and 460 other alarms for a total of 573 alarms. Police vehicles patrolled a total 193,395 miles.

January 10, 2010 the Police Department started their twelve hour shifts.

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT**

Building Inspector Doug Trbovich gave the following report:

Permits and fees We have issued nine building permits with an estimated cost of construction of \$1,298,800.00, 13 certificate of occupancies, 14 finals and cleared 35 expired permits. Total permits for the year were 241 with an estimated cost of \$27,397,096.44.

Inspections We completed 65 inspections, 11 were commercial and 54 were residential.

Property Maintenance Complaints We had a total of 17 property maintenance complaints: one high grass, two abandon vehicles, one mud on roadway, one illegal burning, two illegal dumping, five unfounded, four illegal signs removed and one miscellaneous. Of those complaints, 16 are cleared and one is still under investigation with one court appearance.

Training Fifteen hours of training were completed by the three inspectors.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT**

Engineer Joe Sites gave the following report:

Garage Addition The Public Works garage addition has been completed and the punch list has been addressed. Payment totaling \$42,872.20 is recommended.

Johnson Road Demolition Next week on the bill list will be an invoice in the amount of \$ 17,485.00. This invoice is for the demolition of the structures on Johnson Road for the proposed public safety building. All work has been completed on the site.

2010 Road Program The Board has received correspondence outlining the proposed 2010 Road program. Authorization is requested to advertise for bids next week, with an anticipated bid opening at the February non-legislative meeting.

Reedville Area Mr. Sites addressed the matter of the proposed storm sewer, road widening and paving of roads in the Reedville area. The areas that qualify are Dooley Street and Barber Avenue. We have prepared a cost estimate of \$377,000. We have submitted the cost estimate to the Washington County Redevelopment Authority who is providing funding for the project. Gateway will prepare the plans and specifications so the project can be completed this year. We are trying to work hand in hand with the sewer project that is currently taking place. Mr. Siffrrinn stated we could not qualify the whole Reedville area. The project will be set up so we can do the initial phase this year. It will be engineered in such a way that over the next two years the Township will finish the remaining streets.

Park Project The last item is an invoice for the work completed on the park project in the amount of \$ 149,777.10. The work on the park is at a standstill due to the weather.

**MANAGER'S
REPORT**

Manager Frank Siffrinn gave the following report:

- Consideration of Plans We have already addressed the planning items for consideration next week. The public hearing on a conditional use application of Mountain V Oil and Gas Inc. is incomplete at this time.
- Collective Bargaining Agreement Consideration of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between North Strabane Township and North Strabane Township Police Wage and Policy Unit. The Board may want to go into an executive session to discuss the final agreement.
- 2010 Road Program Mr. Sites has already addressed item C.
- Appointment for Park and Receptions The Board has been provided a letter of interest for the Parks and Recreation Board vacancy.

**SOLICITOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Smider recommended the Board convene to an executive session to discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement and a personnel item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

**REMARKS FROM
SUPERVISORS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The Board convened to executive session at 7:55 P.M. to discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement and a personnel item.

The Board reconvened from executive session at 8:25 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

All business being concluded, the non-legislative meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

J. Gregory Sulc, Chairman

Frank R. Siffrinn, Manager-Secretary

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