

The North Strabane Township Board of Supervisors held its Non-Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, May 11, 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
Matt Marasco, Municipal Authority
Kim Clark, Parks and Recreation
Dan Levi, Police Department
Harry Hayman, Public Works Director
Deanna M. Kelly, Stenographer

ABSENT FROM THIS SESSION

Judy Hersch, Library Board Representative
Mark Grimm, Fire Chief
Chief Strimel, Chief of Police

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS Lisa Ackerman, 459 Hunting Creek Road, Canonsburg, PA 15317.

Ms. Ackerman questioned Mr. Smider if the president of the Glencannon Homeowners Association, Mr. Tony Sacco, contacted him. Mr. Smider replied he did have a conversation with Mr. Sacco and explained to him why the Township was not responsible for the pond.

Ms. Ackerman also questioned what is being done on McDowell Lane? Mr. Sulc replied we are widening the road in preparation for paving.

Andrew Maletta, 172 Brehm Road, Washington, PA 15301.

Mr. Maletta addressed the Board with complaints about Brehm Road. There is a specific neighbor whose septic field is leaking and continues to leak. We have been looking at trash cans on the street for the last year. We also have no parking on the streets in North Strabane and people continue to park on the street. Mr. Siffrinn stated the sewage malfunction has been addressed.

Erika Seibel, 1173 Thomas Eighty Four Road, Eighty Four, PA 15330.

I am representing 24 neighbors who are concerned with issues on Thomas Eighty Four Road. Two of the issues have been addressed through the Zoning Hearing Board. The third is the George Molnar property located at 1183 Thomas Eighty Four Road. When the Molnars first moved here, they had one truck. Within the past two years, the situation has escalated with the number of trucks and the equipment he keeps on the property. Our area is zoned A-2, which states you can not have construction equipment on your property. He has recently installed a new driveway, which was done without a permit. I would like to know what can be done. This equipment needs to go. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Sulc stated Mr.

Siffrinn and Mr. Smider will look into this and will have Jerry Coleman contact you.

Neil Kelly, 1441 Route 519 Eighty Four, PA 15330.

I have equipment on my property. It looks like construction equipment, but it is farm equipment.

Karen Jacobs, 30 Francis Street Eighty Four PA 15330.

I have lived here since 1984, and I also have construction equipment on my property. I don't think I am hurting anybody.

Donna Murgel, 410 Lynn Portal Road, Washington, PA 15301.

I am here to ask the Board about the storm pipes placed under the road that drains onto our lot. We have a buyer for the lot, but he is concerned about how we can alleviate the water.

Mr. Sites stated we met with the potential buyer and explained to him that the storm sewers were installed in the past. They were directed to the natural drainage swale that existed on the property. Our recommendation is that grading be done in a manner to direct the water away from the house. I suggested he hire a surveyor to prepare a grading plan.

**DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

**MUNICIPAL
AUTHORITY**

Manager Matt Marasco gave the following report:

Majestic Hills Plan
Phase ID

Construction is scheduled to restart in the Majestic Hills Plan, Phase ID, on May 17, 2010.

Meadowlands Industrial
Park

We met with Mosites on January 28, 2009 to discuss tap fees and abandoning its treatment plant. We again met with Mosites on March 11, 2010 to discuss abandoning the plant. A rate district can be legally established for this program. Chartiers-Houston Joint Authority has denied the financing option. We are currently preparing the developers agreement for consideration by both parties.

Park Place Project

We have approved the proposed sewer design in preparation of constructing the project, once taps are available from Chartiers-Houston Joint Authority.

Tonas Plan

We approved the proposed sewer design in preparation of constructing the project. The right-a-way agreement is currently being prepared.

Angelo Plan

We reviewed and commented on the proposed sewer drawings and updated the tapping fee.

Merante Market Site
Plan

We received and commented on the proposed sewer drawings, and prepared the sewerage service availability letter. The developer has requested a reduction in the tapping fee.

2010 Tap Request

Chartiers-Houston Joint Authority is constructing backflow preventers in Houston and Canonsburg Boroughs in order to free up taps in the Racetrack Road watershed.

H2O Grant Application

We received DCED reimbursement request No. 1, 2, 3 & 4 in the amount of \$1,281,803.26. We prepared DCED reimbursement request No. 5 in the amount of \$460,877.41 which should be paid on June 25, 2010. We have also prepared DCED reimbursement request No. 6 in the amount of \$ 465,489.58 for the Board's consideration.

Linden Creek Sewer

We have prepared estimate No. 8 for the Linden Creek sewer projection in the amount of \$654,677.06 for consideration and approval by the Board. This project

is currently 93 percent complete. Only 1,000 feet of sewer remains. The contract periods runs until July 2, 2010. The restoration activities have begun.

Reedville/Martin Pump Station Project The odor suppression system is being redesigned. Shop drawings have been submitted and reviewed. The equipment is currently being fabricated. Construction will start in May. The contract period runs until July 2, 2010.

Chemical Feed System The Authority still has a retainage of \$6,165.

Future Sewerage Planning Needs The Township and Authority met on May 6, 2010 to discuss future sewer needs. Several projects were suggested to capitalize on future H2O and stimulus grants for "Shovel Ready Projects".

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairperson Kim Clark gave the following report:

Go Green Earth Day Despite the weather, our residents did manage to collect about 50 bags of garbage. We are continuing to encourage all residents to support the Go Green Campaign, and take some time to clean up around the area. We still have supplies left, along with T-shirts for the residents and groups that still want to take part in cleaning up the community.

5K Challenge and Fun Run The 5K challenge will take place on Memorial Day beginning at 8:30 A.M. The 5K course will begin at the ballfield and continue up the hill onto Walker Road and back to the North Strabane building. Refreshments will be fruit along with pizza served by Jimmy Z's. Awards will be presented by age categories. The raffle of the Wii is for participants that registered before May 21st.

Fishing Derby We are in the preliminary planning stages for the annual Fishing Derby, which will take place on August 24, 2010.

Park Project Sign Creative Signs is designing the park project sign. We should receive the estimate soon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dan Levi gave the following report:

Activity Report The North Strabane Township Police Department responded to 434 calls during the month of April. They responded to 43 criminal offenses, filed 384 criminal charges, 22 criminal arrest summaries and 16 misdemeanors. There were 51 moving traffic violations and 69 warnings issued. There were 26 vehicle accidents and one DUI related. The Police Department responded to 15 fire alarms and 46 other alarms for a total of 61 alarms. Police vehicles patrolled a total 13,930 miles.

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

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

Parks and Grounds Cutting grass in Township parks and along Township roads will continue as needed.

Road Construction The widening project on Linnwood Road started near Christy Road. We installed two storm outlets, 500 feet of 12" pipe and 500 feet of 6" french drains. The widening project on McDowell Lane started.

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 April, we received and responded to 78 PA One Calls.

Other Discussions We had one call out for a tree down on Walker Road.

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT**

Building Inspector Doug Trbovich gave the following report:

- Permit and Fees We have issued 37 building permits for the month of April with an estimated cost of construction \$2,740,369.30. We issued nine certificates of occupancies, conducted three finals and cleared five expired permits. There were 131 permit fees collected for the month of April for a total of \$18,642.00.
- Inspections We completed 86 inspections – 16 were commercial, 67 were residential and three asbestos. Our office logged 336 calls for the month.
- Property Maintenance Complaints We had a total of 13 property maintenance complaints: one mud on roadway, two illegal burning, five illegal dumping, two unfounded, 31 illegal signs and three miscellaneous. Of those complaints, 10 were cleared and three are still under investigation.
- Training Twenty-eight hours of training and certification testing were completed by the three inspectors. We had one court appearance.
- Major Projects Major projects under construction include the Women’s Center in Canonsburg Hospital. It is 95 percent complete. The casino has two projects. One is the poker room which is 90 percent complete, and the second is a large remodel of the poker lounge. It is 95 percent complete. Cambria Suites is 80 percent complete.
- City of Washington We are still in negotiations with the City of Washington relative to code enforcement services.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Planning Coordinator Paulette Moyar gave the following report:

- Weavertown Woodlands Preliminary and final review of the revised master plan reflecting a change from 260 units to 275 total units in the development, located near the corner of Route 19 and Weavertown Road in an R-3 district.
- Concord Green Phase II Preliminary and final review of the sixth amended plan reflecting the as-built conditions of Parcel 14B, units 70-73, located on Woodlawn Drive in an R-3 district.
- Majestic Hills Phase II Revision 1 – Preliminary and final review of a revision to lots 78R and 79R to create three new lots 78RR, 79RR and 105, located at the corner of Majestic Drive and Forest Lane in an R-2 district.
- Proposed Ordinance for Oil and Gas Wells Review and discuss an alternate proposed ordinance that would authorize oil and gas wells as a permitted use with specific conditions in A-1, A-2, I-1 and R-2 zoned districts. This request is for a use permitted by right. The other proposed ordinance is a conditional use. The direction from the Board is to review and discuss both version of the proposed ordinance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Manager Frank Siffrinn forwarded the following report:

- Fire Calls The Department responded to 98 calls for the month of April – two structure fires, two vehicle fires, seven brush fires, six motor vehicle accidents, 27 fire alarms, three still alarms, one carbon monoxide alarm, 22 mutual aid alarms, 14 wires down alarms, seven miscellaneous, six medical alarms and one landing zone. Total time out was 47 hours and 42 minutes. Average man per call was 10.
- Grants The Fire Department has received a grant for CPR training through Bobby Rahal.
- Training Eight firefighters have completed 16 hours of training through the University of Dayton on specialized rescue.
Six firefighters have completed 24 hours of aerial operations through the state fire commissioners office
Twelve firefighters will be testing for their EMT test.

Apparatus Rescue 48 will be traveling to Harrisburg at the end of the month to be displayed at the Pennsylvania Fire Show.
We have advertised engine 482 for sale, and have an offer on the truck pending Fire Department approval. I would like to meet with the Township manager and Supervisors to discuss replacement.

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

Locust Street We have already discussed the drainage issue on Locust Street.

Park Work is progressing on the park.

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

Consideration of Plans All plans on the agenda were previously addressed by the planning coordinator.

Proposed Ordinance for Waste Collection Consideration 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.

Proposed Ordinance for Oil and Gas Wells Review and discuss an alternate proposed ordinance that would authorize oil and gas wells as a permitted use with specific conditions in A-1, A-2, I-1 and R-2 zoned districts.

Donation for July Fourth Celebration Consideration of a request by the Canonsburg July Fourth Celebration Committee for a monetary donation to this year's event.

Re-advertise the Ford Dump Truck Consideration to re-advertise the sale of one (1) 1995 Ford F800 dump truck with the addition of a minimum bid amount.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Pat Smider had nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

REMARKS FROM SUPERVISORS Mr. Motzer reminded everyone to vote on May 18, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT All business being concluded, the non-legislative meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

J. Gregory Sulc, Chairman

Frank R. Siffrinn, Manager-Secretary