

MINUTES

The Moon Township Board of Supervisors, Allegheny County, met in regular session at the Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, PA 15108.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Chairman Marvin Eicher presiding. Supervisors present: Mr. Eicher, Mr. Sinatra, Mr. Vitale, Mr. Gribben and Mr. Hertzler.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS: (There were none.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action Item—Approval of the minutes of the Budget Meeting of November 9, Budget Meeting of November 16, Workshop Meeting of November 30, 2011 and Regular/Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2012, which were distributed to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Motion made by Mr. Gribben, seconded by Mr. Hertzler. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

Departmental reports and public meeting minutes as received are available for public review at the Township Office and may be obtained from the Township web site.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Creese said that she would like to report to the Board and the residents about a new interactive web application available for the citizens of Moon. It provides a convenient way for citizens to communicate with the Township staff and also receive a timely response. This new system allows citizens to ask questions, make suggestions and request information or services by submitting an on-line form 24 hours a day. As the Township's technology improves and becomes more interactive, this system provides residents with a "Citizen Request System." She talked about the new system as it was simultaneously shown on the screen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Eicher advised citizens that the Moon Township Parks & Recreation Department will begin taking reservations for shelters in Moon Park on Monday, February 13, 2012 in the Moon Township Municipal Building. The first day of reservations will begin at 9:00 a.m. for walk-ins by Township residents only. Photo ID proving residency will be required. On the second day, February 14, reservations will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Moon Park Office for all other non-residents.

Mr. Eicher advised citizens that Moon Township offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2012 in observance of Presidents Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item—Mr. Eicher called for a motion to authorize advertisement of bid specifications for the 2012 Road Paving Program with bids to be opened on March 1, 2012 at 11:00 AM and awarded at the Board of Supervisors meeting of March 7, 2012. Motion made by Mr. Hertzler,

seconded by Mr. Vitale. Mr. Petroccia said that this year's road improvement program is going to cover 18 Township streets on the base bid for approximately five miles of streets, which is typical for Moon Township each year. There will be 30 additional alternate items in the event we receive lower bids than expected. We are striving to get this done as early as possible in order to get the first bids from the contractors this year. Mr. Eicher said that we have found in past years that we have been successful doing that. By going out early, we seem to get better bids than waiting until later in the spring. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

Action Item—Mr. Eicher called for a motion to authorize advertisement of bid specifications for the Beaver Grade Road –Thorn Run Road Intersection Improvements with bids to be opened on February 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM and awarded at the Board of Supervisors meeting of March 7, 2012. Motion made by Mr. Gribben, seconded by Mr. Vitale. Mr. Eicher explained that at the intersection of Beaver Grade Road and Thorn Run Road the Township has received complaints from motorists trying to make a left turn at that intersection, regardless of what way motorists are traveling. The Township approached PennDOT who said that the intersection did not warrant a left turn arrow. However, we were persistent in seeking approval from PennDOT, which we have received. We have gone through the design and are now ready to put this out for bid. Mr. Petroccia said that sidewalks will also be installed as part of this project. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

Action Item—Mr. Eicher called for a motion to reapprove the preliminary/final consolidation plan for the Robert Morris University Consolidation Plan related to property located at 200 and 300 Grant Drive. This plan was originally approved by the Board on June 29, 2011; however, reapproval is necessary for plan recording purposes. Motion made by Mr. Vitale, seconded by Mr. Sinatra. Mr. Petroccia said that through an oversight on RMU's part, they never completed the signatures on the recorded plan. The plan exceeded the 90 days required to have it recorded after the initial approval. As a result, it has to come back to the Township for reapproval. Mr. Lucas said that Allegheny County will not allow it to be recorded if the approval date and signature date are more than 90 days old. There are no changes from the prior plan. It is a common practice in Allegheny County. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

Action Item—Mr. Eicher called for a motion to exonerate the Moon Township Real Estate Tax Collector from the collection of delinquent real estate taxes for property tax year 2011 and vest the power for collection of these delinquent taxes to the delinquent real estate tax collector, Keystone Municipal Collections. Motion made by Mr. Gribben, seconded by Mr. Hertzler. Mr. Lucas said that this is an annual motion that absolves the tax collector from those taxes that have not been collected and turns them over to the delinquent tax collector to proceed. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

Action Item—Mr. Eicher called for a motion to appoint Cheri' Cwynar to the Moon Industrial Development Authority board for a term to expire the first Monday in January, 2017. Motion made by Mr. Vitale, seconded by Mr. Gribben. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Mr. Eicher called for a motion to pay the bills [check no. 9985 through check no. 10186, EFTs, and Capital Reserve check no. 1336 through check no. 1343]. Motion made by Mr. Gribben, seconded by Mr. Vitale. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mr. Dan Maggi of Oakbine Street said that he is proponent of having a medical doctor on the Board of Supervisors.

REMARKS FROM THE SUPERVISORS:

Mr. Hertzler said that over the last two months he has spent a good bit of time familiarizing himself with the Township staff and departments. He has come away very impressed with the dedication and enthusiasm that every one of them brings to their job.

Mr. Gribben had no comments.

Mr. Vitale said that he wanted to let the Township know that all the youth associations will soon be having their sign-ups over the next few weeks. If residents are interested in having their children participate, they can check out the organizations' web sites for registration information.

Mr. Sinatra said that in adding to what Mr. Vitale is saying, as Supervisors we know that Moon Township consists of rolling hills without much flat land. As a result the scheduling of games and practices for every youth sport is very difficult here. As Supervisors we need to think more about our youth sports. We need to think about putting money aside each year for youth sports, which is growing each year. It would be great to put away money in our budget each year to develop some flat areas in Moon Township if some can be found. In the recent past, he has questioned billing from our solicitor and the amount being billed. Last month we went from \$18,000 to \$10,000. He challenges our solicitor to get it down to \$5,000 next month. We can't continue to keep throwing money to legal expenses so he challenges our solicitor to get it down to \$5,000—somewhere we can handle it—and keep it in that range.

Mr. Eicher said he would like to comment on two subjects that were discussed at the Board's workshop meeting last Wednesday. First, he would like to comment on the intersection of Beaver Grade Road and Montour Run Road. Anyone who lives on that side of the Township recognizes that it is a difficult intersection and there needs to be a traffic light at that location. However, there are some complications with getting it in because both of those roads are State highways. A portion of the intersection is in Robinson Township and part of it is in Moon Township. Moon Township residents probably go through that intersection more than Robinson Township residents. There were some funds available jointly and about a year ago a study was done which was paid for from those funds. The study indicated that a traffic light could go in and some recommendations were made. It was discussed at the workshop meeting to have our Manager contact PennDOT to open dialog with them as well as Robinson Township to come up with a plan to get a traffic light at that intersection. When the Sonoma Ridge development was approved, the developers agreed that they would make a contribution toward a traffic light knowing that they would be adding to traffic in that area. There is a little over \$100,000 in that fund. So we do have funds for that purpose; however, \$100,000 will not take care of what needs to be done there. Our goal is to talk to PennDOT to get them on board. Over the next few months, we want to see what we can do to best address this situation. For residents on that side of the Township, we are going to make a dedicated effort to get a traffic light installed at that intersection. The other matter that was discussed, which has been an ongoing discussion, is the Cherrington Community Center. The building is in need of repairs, the most serious of which are roof and HVAC repairs. We looked at this matter over a year ago, but costs were a concern and funds were not available at that time. However, we are now at a point where we have a leaking

roof over the library. We cannot allow that to continue. We have asked the Manager to work with an HVAC consultant to determine what we need to do. We want the Township Engineer to prepare a specification for the roof so that it can be considered at the Board's February workshop meeting and the contract awarded in April. When the weather breaks we can do the repairs. It does not make any sense to him to repair the roof and then go back and do something to the HVAC equipment that is on the roof. It makes sense to get it all done at one time. We have had a number of discussions with the Library Board. The number of library patrons has grown at a tremendous rate and the Library Board would like to expand the area. We looked at working with them on some various options. He believes that under the circumstances we have a facility there that has served its purposed and will continue to serve its purpose. He does not believe that an option is to just let the building deteriorate. No matter what happens in the future, we need to get the building repaired. The Library Board would like to consider the possibility of adding an addition onto the building. However, he does not know whether or not that is practical as there are many things that would have to be considered. The Board has agreed to work with the Library Board to explore that idea. Obviously, for something like this funds become a big consideration. For those people who use the library and are aware of the problems, he wants to let them know that the Board does have a plan and we are going to move forward.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Sieracki
Assistant Municipal Secretary