

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. Vitale and Mr. Hertzner.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action Item—Approval of the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of February 29 and Regular Meeting of March 7, 2012, which were distributed to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Motion made by Mr. Hertzner and seconded by Mr. Vitale. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.

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 the Township is experiencing some staffing changes. On April 13 Moon Township will be rejoined by former Assistant Manager/Planning Director Adam McGurk. Mr. McGurk left us about a year ago to relocate to New York City and is coming back to the area and will be rejoining Moon Township in his former role. It is her pleasure and the Board's pleasure to welcome him back in the office as the Assistant Manager/Planning Director. Ms. Creese said that she would also like to introduce our new Communications Director Alexis Sergeant. She gave Ms. Sergeant's background. Ms. Creese said in follow up to last month's discussion regarding the Allegheny County tax assessments, Allegheny County Councilman Matt Drozd has arranged for Allegheny Council Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald to hold a meeting for anyone who has filed a tax appeal. As residents are aware the deadline to file a tax appeal is Tuesday, April 2. This meeting will be a follow-up for anyone who has filed their appeal and is informational to help those people through the process. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, at 7 PM in the Moon High School Auditorium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. **Recognition** – Mr. Edwin Nelson – “Nelson Pond” Naming Ceremony

Mr. Eicher introduced Moon Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chairman Don Liskay. Mr. Liskay said that it was his pleasure to appear before the Board and recommend on behalf of the Parks & Recommendation Advisory Board that the pond in Moon Park be named Nelson Pond in honor of one of Moon Township's most dedicated public servants, Edwin Nelson. Mr. Liskay talked about Mr. Nelson's accomplishments stating that Mr. Nelson served on the Moon Township Board of Supervisors for 30 years and now serves on the Parks & Recreation Board as well as serving on various other

community organizations. This type of service should not go unrecognized. Therefore, it is his honor to recommend that the Board of Supervisors name the pond, which is a place of laughter and happiness in honor of Moon's most dedicated public servant, Ed Nelson. Mr. Eicher called for a motion to name the pond in Moon Park Nelson Pond. Motion made by Mr. Hertzner and seconded by Mr. Vitale. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0. Mr. Nelson thanked the Board for this honor.

- B. **Presentation** – Christian Winskunas, Moon High School Senior – Moon Community Blood Drive, April 18, 2012. Christian talked about his project and the need for blood and the importance of donating. The Moon Community Blood Drive will be held on April 28 in the Sky Room of the Community Service Center. Please consider making a donation.

- C. **Presentation** – MTMA Projects and Rates

Mr. Eicher said that the Moon Township Municipal Authority was created to handle the Township's water and sewer service and later given the responsibility for solid waste collection. They are governed by State and Federal laws. To remain in compliance there are a number of projects that they must undertake to create new facilities and upgrade existing facilities. Residents received a notice from the Authority in their last bill explaining a necessary project they are planning. He recognized Moon Township Municipal Authority board chairman John Wink who gave a brief history of the MTMA. He and Mr. Riley will talk about the wastewater portion of their mission. Their project consists of replacing the clay pipe that exists in the older areas of the Township with new plastic pipe. The clay pipes have been failing as a result of breakage/leaks and the pipes being clogged by roots. (Their presentation is available in its entirety on the Moon Township Municipal Authority web site.)

- D. **Proclamation** – Mr. Eicher read the proclamation proclaiming the week of April 22-28, 2012 as Administrative Professionals Week and Wednesday, April 25, 2012 as Administrative Professionals Day.

The meeting was then turned over to Ms. Creese for the remainder of the announcements.

- E. Ms. Creese said that the Moon Township Parks and Recreation Department will host the annual Easter Bunny Trail in Moon Park on Saturday, April 7, 2012, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This free event is for children between the ages of 4 and 12 and includes games, activities, gifts and a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. For more information, please call the Moon Park Office at 412-262-1703 or check the park website at www.moonparks.org.
- F. Ms. Creese said that Moon Township will celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 22, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Robin Hill Park. Environmental and interactive earth-friendly activities include presentations by Bayer, the National Aviary, and a climbing wall. Free t-shirts will be provided to the first 400 children in attendance provided by the MTMA and tote bags provided by Walgreens.
- G. Ms. Creese advised citizens that Keystone Municipal Collections will have a representative available in the Moon Township Municipal Building on Friday, April 13, and Tuesday, April 17, 2012 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and noon and from 1:00

p.m. and 4:00 p.m. This will be the last date for the representatives from Keystone Municipal Collections to be in the Municipal Building for the collection of 2011 earned income taxes.

- H. Ms. Creese said that the Moon Township Public Works Department resumes its annual tree branch curbside pick-up program during the month of April. Curbside pick-up will occur on weekdays until April 27 following residents' regular garbage pick-up schedule. Brush should not be bundled, must be less than 4 inches in diameter and less than 6 feet in length. Brush must be at the curb by 8:00 a.m. of the day of residents' garbage pick-up.
- I. Ms. Creese advised citizens that Tuesday, April 24, 2012 is Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. She encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

The meeting was then turned back over to Chairman Eicher.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Action Item**—Mr. Eicher called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-10-2012 adopting the 2011 Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion made by Mr. Vitale, seconded by Mr. Hertzler. Ms. Creese explained that the Township has in place an Emergency Operations Plan that is adopted by the Board of Supervisors. This plan talks about how the emergency responders prepare for and respond to emergencies. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is also a requirement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This is passed down to PEMA (the State agency) and then given to the counties. The Township cooperates with Allegheny County and is required to pass a resolution to adopt their plan. She described the areas where the Township might be vulnerable to hazards, both natural and manmade, and how they could be mitigated. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.
- B. **Action Item**—Mr. Eicher called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-11-2012 urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to eliminate or amend the State Prevailing Wage Act (Act 442 of 1961) as recommended by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. Motion made by Mr. Hertzler, seconded by Mr. Vitale. Mr. Eicher said that per the requirements of the State Prevailing Wage Act, work that is bid by municipalities has to be bid with the set wage rate for that type of work. This is currently set at a rather low level of \$25,000. So any work bid above this amount must comply with the prevailing wage requirement. This has not been updated for a number of years. Ms. Creese said that the Prevailing Wage Act was adopted in 1961. The proposal seeks to adjust the amount for inflation to 2011 dollars or \$183,000. The new proposal would have a Consumer Price Index adjustment in it. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.
- C. **Action Item**—Mr. Eicher called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-12-2012 expressing strong opposition and concerns relative to the closing of the 911th Air Force Base in Moon Township. Motion made by Mr. Vitale, seconded by Mr. Hertzler. Mr. Eicher read the resolution. Mr. Vitale said that the closure of the Air Force Base would be severe to this community. Yesterday he and Chairman Eicher attended the rally that was held. There was strong support on the County level as well as locally. We need the citizens to

get behind this effort and express their desire to keep this base open. There is a web site, which is www.macwpa.org to keep abreast of what is going on with the situation. The Board is asking for the support of all citizens of the Township as we have a lot to lose. Mr. Eicher said that the cost to the Federal Government of the runways is \$20,000. Where else can they receive that kind of service for \$20,000? To walk away from those facilities is a real mistake. The support we have been getting is across party lines as this is a common goal. He thanked those officials on the County, State and Federal level who are supporting us. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.

- D. **Action Item**—Mr. Eicher called for a motion to appoint Joseph Seman to the Riverview Sanitary Authority to fill the unexpired vacancy, term to expire the first Monday in January, 2017. Motion made by Mr. Hertzner, seconded by Mr. Vitale. Mr. Eicher said that Buzz Davidson served on the Moon Township Municipal Authority board and was appointed to the Riverview Sanitary Authority when it was first created. His passing was a real loss to his family, the community and the authority. It has created a vacancy on the Riverview Sanitary Authority and that authority board has made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that Mr. Seman be appointed to replace him. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.
- E. **Action Item**—Mr. Eicher called for a motion to approve the Sidewalk Improvement Escrow Agreement with Heartland Restaurant Group, LLC for the proposed Dunkin Donuts Restaurant Development. Motion made by Mr. Vitale, seconded by Mr. Hertzner. Solicitor Tim Bish said that this agreement provides the Township financial security from the developer of the Dunkin Donuts to construct a portion of sidewalk in the PennDOT right-of-way. They are filing the application with PennDOT but unfortunately, it takes time to go through the State process. This agreement will secure the cost of that sidewalk and handle other issues related to sidewalks on that property. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Eicher recognized Robert Morris University Public Affairs Director Jonathan Potts and invited him to say a few words about Robert Morris University. Mr. Potts said that Robert Morris has enjoyed strengthening its relationship with the Township. They are also trying to do the same with the school district. They hosted their faculty, staff and Superintendent recently at an open house at the RMU business building. The school district invited Robert Morris to view their beautiful new high school building which is very impressive. Mr. Potts invited everyone from the community to take a walk through the Robert Morris campus; it is a beautiful time to be there. Their spring sports are in season and all are free. The School of Communications/Information Systems building project is underway at the site of the former Wayne Center on the campus. Mr. Potts said that Robert Morris will be hosting a jazz concert on August 10. He wanted the Township to know that the RMU commencement will be taking place the weekend of May 4 and 5. He has been in contact with the Moon Township Police Department regarding traffic concerns. He thanked the Board for their time.

TO PAY THE BILLS:

Mr. Eicher called for a motion to pay the bills [**check no. 10392 through check no. 10565, EFTs, and Capital Reserve check no. 1357 through check no. 1360**]. Motion made by Mr. Hertzner, seconded by Mr. Vitale. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

(There were none.)

REMARKS FROM THE SUPERVISORS:

Mr. Hertzner said that he wanted to congratulate Ed Nelson and thanked him for all his years of service. He encouraged people to support Christian Winkunas in his blood drive; it is a good cause. He encouraged residents to vote; it is extremely important.

Mr. Vitale said that he also would like to congratulate Ed Nelson; it is well deserved and he thanked Mr. Nelson for his service to the community. He said that a big event occurred on Monday. One of Moon Township's favorite sons won a national championship. He offered congratulations to John Calipari and his family who still live in Moon Township.

Mr. Eicher said that he wanted to echo what the other Supervisors have said. We appreciate Mr. Nelson's service, both to the community and to us individually.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Sieracki
Assistant Municipal Secretary