

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 Tim McLaughlin presiding. Supervisors present: Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Gribben, Mr. Eicher, Mr. Vitale and Mr. Sinatra. Mr. McLaughlin asked for a moment of silence for the coal mining rescue effort that is occurring in West Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

(There were none.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action Item—Approval of the minutes of the Workshop Meetings of January 27 and February 24, Regular Meeting of March 3, and Special Meeting of March 15, 2010, which were distributed to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Motion made by Mr. Eicher, seconded by Mr. Gribben. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

Reports as they were received will be available for public review for 24 hours at the Township Office. They include:

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| a. Animal Control | j. Moon Transportation Authority |
| b. Building Permits | k. Moon Twp. Municipal Authority |
| c. CATV Advisory Board | l. Moon Twp. Public Library |
| d. Deed Transfer | m. Moon Twp. Recreation Authority |
| e. EMS Tax | n. Parks & Recreation Dept. |
| f. Environmental Advisory Council | o. Planning Commission |
| g. Fire Department | p. Police Department |
| h. H.A.R.B. Board | q. Road Department |
| i. Moon Industrial Development Authority | r. Valley Ambulance Authority |
| | s. List of bills to be paid |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Mr. McLaughlin read a proclamation recognizing Robert Morris University Men's Basketball Team. The Board acknowledged and congratulated members of the team and coaching staff.
- B. Mr. McLaughlin called on Chief McCarthy to recognize Moon Township Police Sergeant Alan Morrow, Officer Joseph Brace and Dispatcher Thomas Sivewright who were instrumental in apprehending a suspect involved in a home invasion in Crescent Township without incident.
- C. Chief McCarthy announced the acquisition of an AED device by Moon Township through the U.S. Federal Government using drug forfeiture funds following an incident in the fitness room of the Public Safety Building where such a device was used by several off-duty police officers who were on site to save the life of a retired

Moon Township police officer. It is a testament to not only the training of Moon Township's police officers but also how these devices save lives.

- D. Mr. McLaughlin announced that Moon Township will celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 25, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Robin Hill Park. Environmental and interactive earth-friendly activities include presentations by the Carnegie Science Center, National Aviary, and a climbing wall. Free t-shirts will be provided to the first 400 children in attendance provided by the MTMA.
- E. Mr. McLaughlin advised citizens that Keystone Municipal Collections will have a representative available in the Moon Township Municipal Building from April 12 through 15, 2010 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- F. Mr. McLaughlin 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 30 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Action Item**—Mr. McLaughlin called for a motion to authorize staff to move forward with a grant application for DCNR Grant C2P2 for a planning grant for the property known as RB&W currently owned by the Moon Township Municipal Authority and adopt Resolution R-11-2010 accordingly. Motion made by Mr. Gribben, seconded by Mr. Sinatra. Mr. McLaughlin said that we have talked about this for the last several years. There is now a movement for a bike trail along the river from Beaver County to connect to our trail. Ms. Creese said that this is for a Moon Township grant for property adjacent to the grant being filed by Beaver County for the Ohio River Trail development. This will be for development of the Moon Township site for a small park to include a park at the trail head connection, waterfront development for natural watercraft, such as canoes, at that site. This is the second year for this application; it was not funded last year during the first round. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.
- B. **Action Item**—Mr. McLaughlin called for a motion to appoint Weston Wagner as a Moon Township Police Patrol Officer effective April 12, 2010. Motion made by Mr. Vitale, seconded by Mr. Sinatra. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.
- C. **Action Item**—Mr. McLaughlin called for a motion to appoint Janice Cavanaugh and Beverly Gorman to the position of part-time dispatcher in the Moon Township Police Department upon satisfactory completion of training requirements effective April 19, 2010. Motion made by Mr. Sinatra, seconded by Mr. Vitale. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.
- D. **Action Item**—Mr. McLaughlin called for a motion to approve/deny the Final Major Land Development Plan application for the Robert Morris University Business School subject to the Township Planning Department's review letter dated March 9, 2010, and the Township Engineer's review letter dated March 30, 2010, as recommended by the Moon Township Planning Commission at their March 30, 2010 meeting. Architect

Brian Roth described the new building. He said that it is a two-story building constructed in the Massey Gardens area of the campus. It will contain some additional classrooms and specialty classrooms as well as new administrative offices for the campus. They are excited about this building and hope to apply for a building permit shortly. They hope to break ground early in May. Bill Joyce of Robert Morris University said that the building is a key component of their master plan. The master plan includes the construction of a loop road around the entire campus. It will push more of the parking to the perimeter and allow the campus to be more pedestrian friendly. They planned to place their new buildings to create a more “quad-like” environment. This building will create a quad around the Massey Gardens and pushes our master plan forward. Mr. McLaughlin said that the Board is very excited that Robert Morris is moving forward with this building. Motion to approve made by Mr. Vitale, seconded by Mr. Sinatra. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

- E. **Action Item**—Mr. McLaughlin called for a motion to waive the requirement to construct sidewalks along 974 Beaver Grade Road, and accept a fee in lieu of sidewalk construction, as recommended by the Moon Township Planning Department. Motion made by Mr. Vitale, seconded by Mr. Sinatra. Mr. McLaughlin asked Mr. McGurk if this is in reference to the former King’s Restaurant. Mr. McGurk said that as the Board may have noticed, there has been some activity occurring at the former King’s Restaurant. It was an old restaurant that is now being redeveloped into office space. One tenant will be a pediatrician and the other is just general office space. With the change in use, they are required to implement the Carnot Village overlay district improvements that includes updating their signage, installing street trees and installing sidewalks. Staff’s recommendation is to accept the fee-in-lieu of sidewalks so sidewalks can be installed on the other side of the street where an existing path is already established with sidewalks in front of West Air Comm Credit Union all the way to the signal at the corner of Beaver Grade Road and Thorn Run Road. They will still be required to install the street trees as shown on the plan on the property itself. Mr. McGurk showed an aerial illustration of where the sidewalks would be placed in order to create the single path. Mr. McLaughlin asked if the sidewalks would be a part of our overall plan for sidewalks in that area. Mr. McGurk said that at this point the engineer has designed the sidewalks from the Municipal Building all the way through the signal at the office building at the corner. He is not sure if it makes sense to amend our existing plan or submit a new plan to PennDOT. Since these are along State highways, we do need a Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT as the sidewalks will be within the right-of-way. We will have to sit down with the engineer to see what makes the most sense from a cost standpoint. Mr. Eicher said that we discussed at the workshop meeting about applying to PennDOT for a blanket HOP for sidewalks along all State roads in the Township. We have a number of State roads within the Township that we know we want to put sidewalks along. Every time we want to complete a section we will not have to go back and apply for an HOP. He asked if that is still the plan. Mr. Petroccia said that is his plan to take it to PennDOT in that manner. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Action Item**—Mr. McLaughlin called for a motion to approve Contractor Payment Application No. 8 to A. Liberoni, Inc. for the Moon Park Phase I Construction Improvement Project in the amount of \$16,159.50 as recommended by the Township Engineer in his letter dated March 26, 2010. Motion made by Mr. Sinatra, seconded by Mr. Vitale. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Mr. McLaughlin called for a motion to pay the bills [check no. 5556 through check no. 5812, EFTs, Capital Reserve check no. 1092 through check no. 1099, Liquid Fuels check no. 1001, and 2005 bond fund check no. 154 through check no. 158]. Motion made by Mr. Eicher, seconded by Mr. Gribben. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: (There were none.)

REMARKS FROM THE SUPERVISORS:

Mr. Gribben had no comments.

Mr. Vitale said that he wanted to thank the leaders from the Township's youth athletic associations who came to the Board's workshop meeting. They see the need for us to work together so that we can fully utilize the fields to their fullest potential. He appreciates all of their efforts.

Mr. Eicher had no comments.

Mr. Sinatra said that he wanted to congratulate Robert Morris University on the great job they did in making Moon Township look good. It is great that Robert Morris is a part of Moon Township. He hopes that everyone had a happy Easter.

Mr. McLaughlin said that he wanted to thank Chief McCarthy for highlighting several recent situations that have come to light and the good that came out of them. We do appreciate the police force and the time and effort they put in, not only with the things we see but also things that go on behind the scenes such as the effort up in Mooncrest with the lunch program. He appreciates the effort that may make a difference in someone's life. Now that the weather is nice, he asked motorists to please watch their speed through the neighborhoods. He did receive a phone call from a resident in Amherst Acres about parking along the road. Please be mindful to park with the flow of traffic. He knows with graduations and other events people park along both sides of the road making it difficult to pass. Please also be patient with students. We were all students at one time and young drivers at one time. Please be mindful of that and be patient. Just please be careful.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Sieracki
Assistant Municipal Secretary