

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 Jim Vitale presiding. Supervisors present: Mr. Vitale, Mr. Sinatra, and Mr. Eicher.

Mr. Vitale said that the Board met in executive session to discuss some personnel issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

(There were none.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Vitale called for a motion for approval of the minutes of the Workshop Meetings of June 29 and July 27 and Regular Meeting of August 3, 2011, which were distributed to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Motion made by Mr. Sinatra and seconded by Mr. Eicher. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.

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. Environmental Advisory Council | n. Parks & Recreation Dept. |
| f. Fire Department | o. Planning Commission |
| g. H.A.R.B. Board | p. Police Department |
| h. Local Services Tax | q. Road Department |
| i. Moon Industrial Development Authority | r. Valley Ambulance Authority |
| | s. List of bills to be paid |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Vitale recognized Jonathan Potts, senior director for public relations for Robert Morris University. Mr. Potts said that he wanted to let residents know that they are welcome at many of the Robert Morris events and invited them to stroll around the campus to see what is going on. RMU has just opened their School of Business on the campus. Plans are also underway for a new building for their School of Communications/Information Systems that will open next fall. Once this building is open, RMU will no longer be offering any classes in downtown Pittsburgh. Their one and only home will be in Moon Township and they are very proud of that. They have had a big surge in their undergraduate enrollment and resident enrollment from students outside the Pittsburgh area. One of the reasons for that is that Moon Township is a safe and friendly community and they are happy to be a part of it. They have been working cooperatively with local businesses to offer their students and faculty discounts so they will patronize Moon Township businesses. Another building that was recently renovated was their campus dining hall. He invited anyone to stop in for coffee or refreshments. Many of their sporting events are free. This year's homecoming on October 8 at Joe Walton Stadium will be the first football game under the lights as they have recently

had lights installed at the stadium. There will also be fireworks that evening. He also said that for anyone wishing to take any classes at Robert Morris, they also offer non-traditional classes for those wishing to complete their degree or further their education as well as on-line degree programs. If anyone had any questions they can feel free to contact him.

Mr. Vitale introduced MCA-TV Director Jim Koepfinger who will talk about a new item we have here in the Township. Mr. Koepfinger said that this evening at 5:30 p.m. we had the unveiling of the brand new MCA-TV production trailer sponsored in part by Robert Morris University. The trailer first went into service Friday evening at the Moon football game in Mars. They also did the Robert Morris football game on Saturday. Both of those games can be viewed on MCA-TV. It is a very nice production trailer and a big step up from what they were using. The trailer has a beautiful graphic wrap that promotes both Robert Morris and MCA-TV. Internally, it is state of the art. They are doing high-definition productions, even though high-definition cannot yet be seen in viewers' homes but viewers will see improved picture quality. MCA-TV would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their support in making this happen.

This weekend, MCA-TV kicks off its fifth season of RMU football coverage and 26th Moon Area High School football season. Beginning with the season openers, MCA-TV will cover home RMU football games and both home and away Tiger football games. High school football airs on Saturdays at 12 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m. and on Mondays at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. RMU football games air on Thursdays following home games. Follow football season on MCA-TV, Comcast channel 14 and Verizon FiOS channel 35. Fans also can view games online at mca-tv.com the week following the game.

Advise citizens that the "Wings Over Pittsburgh" Air Show will be held on September 10 and 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the 911th Airlift Wing. For more information, call the Air Show Hotline at 412-474-8501 or check the web site at www.wingsoverpittsburgh.com.

In honor of the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, Moon Township will dedicate a steel segment from the World Trade Center to stand as a public memorial for the lives lost in the attacks. The Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company invites the community to attend the public dedication ceremony for the September 11 Memorial at 10 a.m. Sunday, September 11. The ceremony will take place in the Township Memorial Garden, 1000 Beaver Grade Road.

Moon Township is announcing the launch of a brick sponsorship program for the Memorial Garden walkway, which is part of a campaign to expand and enhance the Township's memorial space. Community members are invited to add their own lasting message to the Memorial Garden by purchasing an engraved brick to recognize an individual, organization or business. Bricks will be placed in the walkway circling the central memorial area where the September 11, and other township memorials, will be located. Bricks can be purchased for \$65, which includes an engraved message on a 4x8" brick. After the first brick purchase, additional bricks will be available for \$50. Order forms are available at the Moon Township Municipal Building and online at www.moontwp.com.

Mr. Vitale read a proclamation designating September 2011 as National Preparedness Month.

On Wednesday October 26, 2011 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Moon Parks and Recreation will be holding a new Halloween Event at Moon Park. Families and children up to age 12 are invited to dress up and come out to participate in a variety of activities such as hayrides, pumpkin decorating, a trick-or-treat trail, Moon High School Band performance and more!

Advise citizens that Trick-or-Treat Night in Moon Township is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Advise citizens that the Moon Township Library Friends will hold their annual book sale September 16 through 25 in the Moon Township Municipal Building. The hours are as follows:

Thurs., Sept. 15 (Preview Night--\$10 admission)	4 – 8 PM
Friday, Sept. 16	10 AM – 6 PM
Saturday, Sept. 17	8 AM – 2 PM
Monday through Friday, Sept. 19 – 23	10 AM – 6 PM
Saturday, Sept. 24	8 AM – 2 PM

Mr. Vitale said that September 17 through 23 is the annual observance of Annual Constitution Week with September 17, 2011 marking this year's Annual Constitution Day. The Daughters of the American Revolution, local churches and government buildings will officially commemorate the signing of the Constitution with a 4:00 p.m. bell ringing as part of Bells Across America celebration.

Mr. Vitale read a proclamation recognizing Milana Bizic for fostering goodwill and friendship between Moon Township and the people of Serbia. Mrs. Bizic thanked the Board on behalf of all those people of Serbian heritage. She urged everyone who is interested in learning more about the Serbian people to check out her web site.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Action Item** – Mr. Vitale called for a motion to approve the Winter Traffic Services Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and adopt Resolution R-14-2011 accordingly. Motion made by Mr. Sinatra and seconded by Mr. Eicher. Ms. Creese said that this is an amendment to the annual agreement we signed with PennDOT to add Moon Clinton Road from Becks Run Road to University Boulevard for winter maintenance. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.

- B. **Action Item** – Mr. Vitale called for a motion to approve Resolution R-15-2011 authorizing the cooperative Drug Enforcement Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General and authorize the Township Police Chief and Township Solicitor to execute this agreement on behalf of the Township. Motion made by Mr. Eicher and seconded by Mr. Sinatra. Mr. Vitale asked Chief McCarthy to comment on this motion. Chief McCarthy said that for the last few years at least one of our detectives has been cross-sworn as a special agent in the Attorney General's office of Bureau of Narcotics Investigation. As a result of that, we conduct investigations with the Attorney General's office as well as the Federal Government's DEA and District Attorney's office. When we sign this agreement when that officer engages in investigations with that agency, he is paid by that agency. We would like

to continue that process in order to better protect our residents. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.

- C. **Action Item** – Call for a motion authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute the grant document for the West Hill Sobriety Checkpoint program as recommended by the Police Chief. Motion made by Mr. Eicher and seconded by Mr. Sinatra. Chief McCarthy said that Sgt. Doug Ogden is in charge of our DUI Task Force which is comprised of about 15 local communities. They go out monthly and attempt to arrest drunk drivers. We have had this program for approximately eight years and it has been very successful. We would like to continue in that endeavor to receive this grant money. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Action Item** – Mr. Vital called for a motion to approve Pay Application No. 4 to USA Concrete Specialists, Inc. in the amount of \$28,057.75 as recommended by the Township Engineer in his letter dated September 1, 2011. Motion made by Mr. Sinatra and seconded by Mr. Eicher. Mr. Sinatra asked if this was the last payment. Mr. Petroccia said that this is the payment of the retainage. The work is complete and the vendor has been paid. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Mr. Vitale called for a motion to pay the bills [**check no. 9010 through check no. 9252, EFTs, and Capital Reserve check no. 1284 through check no. 1299**]. Motion made by Mr. Sinatra, seconded by Mr. Eicher. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 3-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

(There were none.)

REMARKS FROM THE SUPERVISORS:

(There were none.)

Mr. Vitale said that the Board is going to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors and immediately thereafter convene the meeting of the Vacancy Board.

VACANCY BOARD MEETING

Vacancy Board Chairman Dr. Richard Mills, Jr. convened the meeting of the Vacancy Board. Board members present: Dr. Mills, Mr. Vitale, Mr. Eicher and Mr. Sinatra. Dr. Mills said that he has been unanimously elected to chair this board.

Dr. Mills said that the purpose of this meeting is to appoint the fifth member of the Board of Supervisors. This appointment is made necessary by the resignation of Timothy McLaughlin, who was compelled to resign for personal reasons.

Dr. Mills thanked Mr. McLaughlin for his service to the community and wished him good luck in his future endeavors. Before proceeding with the appointment of Mr. McLaughlin's successor, Dr. Mills said that the Vacancy Board will hear comments from the residents, if any. He cautioned that comments be limited to the single subject of the election of the Board member to a term that will expire at the end of calendar year 2011. As a matter of courtesy to all present, he asked that any person choosing to speak limit their comments to not more than five minutes. He asked that speakers give their name and address before speaking. The purpose of this portion of the meeting is for the Board to receive comments. He asked that speakers not pose questions or engage in dialog with any single Board member. (There were no public comments.)

Dr. Mills said that hearing no comments, we will proceed with the appointment.

Solicitor Mr. Bish said that prior to tonight's Board of Supervisors meeting, the Vacancy Board members held an executive session to receive advice of legal counsel through the Township Solicitor.

Dr. Mills then asked for nominations to the position of Supervisor of the Township of Moon for the term expiring at the end of calendar year 2011. Mr. Sinatra nominated Nancy Mills; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Vitale. Mr. Eicher nominated Allan Bross; there was no second. Dr. Mills said that he has to abstain his vote due to a conflict of interest since the one nomination is his mother (see Exhibit I). Dr. Mills closed the nominations. Before voting, Dr. Mills asked if the Board wanted to discuss the nomination. (There was no discussion.) Dr. Mills called for a roll call vote for the nomination of Nancy Mills. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Sinatra and Mr. Vitale. Dr. Mills abstained. Mr. Bish said that based on two votes in favor, one against and one abstention the motion would carry. Mrs. Nancy Mills is appointed by the Vacancy Mills as Township Supervisor to fill the term ending at the end of calendar year 2011.

The Board has been duly constituted for the purpose of electing a Supervisor for the term ending at the end of calendar year 2011. We have requested public comment and members of the Supervisors have had an opportunity to discuss the nomination. After the vote of the Board, Nancy Mills has been appointed to fill the unexpired term.

With no further business before the Vacancy Board, Dr. Mills adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Sieracki
Assistant Municipal Secretary