

**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, Vice Chairman Jim Vitale presiding. Supervisors present: Mr. Vitale, Mr. Sinatra, Mr. Eicher and Mr. Gribben.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

(There were none.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Action Item**—Approval of the minutes of the Budget Review/Workshop Meeting of August 25 and Regular Meeting of September 1, 2010, which were distributed to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Motion made by Mr. Gribben, seconded by Mr. Sinatra. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 4-0.

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. 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. Vitale said that later this month, Moon Township residents will have the opportunity to attend a free legal clinic, led by a county judge, thanks to David Blaner, Executive Director of the Allegheny County Bar Association and a Moon Township resident. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, the association, along with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, will host a free legal clinic about living trusts at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Thorn Run Road. Mr. Blaner personally ensured that this educational clinic would be offered in Moon. We greatly appreciate Mr. Blaner's effort to open access, both in terms of affordability and location, to legal education for our residents. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank Mr. Blaner for offering this resource to our community, and invite him to speak about the clinic. Mr. David Blaner said that he appreciates the opportunity to attend this evening's meeting and speak on behalf of the Allegheny County Bar Association. He has been a resident of Moon for 15 years. He is glad to be able to bring this program to Moon, especially for the senior citizens both in Moon and the western part of the area. This is a very interesting program and it is free. It is hosted by

representatives of the Attorney General's office, Judge Frank Lucchino and attorneys from the Bar Association who specialize in probate trusts, wills and issues affecting living wills. There is a lot of misinformation out in the community by people who are trying to sell these living wills to our seniors. This seminar is free and we hope seniors will come to this event. We believe that having a will and the probate process will be simplified and inexpensive for our seniors. By educating our seniors it will help to prevent them from incurring unnecessary expenses for some of these trusts. We are pleased to offer this in Moon Township on October 20. The Board thanked Mr. Blaner for giving this opportunity.

- B. Mr. Vitale said that the Board of Supervisors would like to recognize Moon Township resident Tommy Young for spearheading an event that brought together residents of the Mooncrest Neighborhood and Moon Township Public Safety professionals. Mr. Young, who is a long-time Mooncrest resident, took the initiative to coordinate activities, entertainment and refreshments for the Mooncrest Neighborhood's first-ever community day on Saturday, September 18. In an effort to promote public safety awareness, Mr. Young invited Moon Township Police Chief Leo McCarthy and the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company. Children had the opportunity to tour a fire truck, and Chief McCarthy fit and distributed bike helmets to all of the children who attended. The board commends Mr. Young for promoting a sense of community in his neighborhood as well as the importance of public safety in our Township.
- C. Mr. Vitale said that last month, the board held a public meeting with residents of the Sharon Road neighborhood to evaluate the effectiveness of four speed humps that were installed last year through the Township's Residential Management Program, which begins with a petition from residents. The public meeting is part of a one-year follow-up study required by the program, and it supplements a traffic analysis conducted by the Township Traffic Engineer. Based on the traffic data and the majority of resident feedback, the board has concluded that the speed humps effectively decreased both traffic speeds and volumes along Sharon Road. The traffic analysis found that speed decreased by an average of 7 miles per hour, and as much as 11 miles per hour, at five testing locations. Traffic volumes also decreased substantially at all of the testing locations, including decreases of more than 1,000 at three of the testing points. The board did receive some negative comments about the speed humps, and we encourage residents to continue contacting the Planning Office to work through any problems or concerns. Our decision to maintain the traffic-calming devices at their current locations focused on the overall improvements to traffic and residential safety in the Sharon Road neighborhood.
- D. Mr. Vitale said that he would like to share a few comments from a resident who recently wrote the Township to compliment the Road Department's work on the Becks Run Road improvement project. The letter from a Becks Run Road resident and his wife expressed the couple's appreciation for Road Department employees George Jones, John Cercone and Steve Santucci, who completed road widening and drainage work near their home. The letter commended the crew's positive attitude as they worked to keep traffic restrictions to a minimum and to accommodate the needs of area residents while efficiently completing the project. In addition to notifying residents of upcoming work, the crew took extra measures to give homeowners street access whenever they needed it. "We are pleased with the road, but more pleased to have witnessed workers that were committed not only to a final product, but were steadfast in ensuring the daily

disruptions were kept to a minimum,” the resident wrote. The Moon Township Board of Supervisors joins this Moon Township resident in thanking George Jones, John Cercone and Steve Santucci for combining professionalism and consideration with a high-quality work ethic.

- E. Mr. Vitale advised citizens that Tuesday, November 2, 2010 is General Election Day in Pennsylvania. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- F. Mr. Vitale advised citizens that Trick-or-Treat Night in Moon Township is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- G. Mr. Vitale advised citizens that the annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Moon Stadium.
- H. Mr. Vitale advised citizens that curbside leaf pick-up will be held on the following four Saturdays:

October 23	November 20
November 6	December 4

The leaf waste drop-off site at Downes Fire Station will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from October 30 through December 5. The site will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. In addition to leaves, residents may also bring brush to the site to be chipped by the Road Department.

- I. Mr. Vitale advised citizens that the Moon Township Road Department will again be picking up brush at curbside beginning October 18 and concluding on November 12, 2010. Pick-up dates will follow residents’ garbage schedule. There will be no pick-up on November 11 because of Veterans Day.
- J. Mr. Vitale advised citizens that volunteers are needed in Moon Park for tree planting on Saturday, October 23, 2010, for two- to four-hour shifts between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call the park office at 412-262-1703.
- K. Mr. Vitale advised citizens that the Moon Township Municipal Authority will be flushing water mains and testing and inspecting fire hydrants nightly Sunday through Friday for the weeks beginning September 27 through October 22. Flushing is scheduled between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. During this time, customers may notice low water pressure and discoloration of water. It is recommended that customers visually check water before using. Any discoloration will normally clear in a short time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Action Item** – Mr. Vitale called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-18-2010 under Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code as requested and recommended by the Moon Industrial Development Authority for the Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE). Motion made by Mr. Eicher, seconded by Mr. Gribben. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 4-0.

- B. **Action Item** – Mr. Vitale called for a motion to accept the resignation of Amanda Pursglove from the Moon Township Library Board of Trustees and appoint Karen Radeschi to fill the unexpired term to expire the first Monday in January 2011. Motion made by Mr. Sinatra, seconded by Mr. Gribben. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 4-0.
- C. **Action Item** – Mr. Vitale called for a motion to approve/deny the Gilberti Plan of Lots simple subdivision, subject to the Township Planning Department's review letter dated September 9, 2010. Mr. McGurk said that the applicant is present to say a few words about the project. Mr. Lou Gilberti said that most of the recommendations by the Township Engineer have been corrected with the exception of the concrete pins on the corners, which was due to a scheduling issue. That work should be completed in the next few weeks. Mr. Gilberti showed the drawings. He explained what he is doing. He said that owns property on Thorn Run Road adjacent to another home. He is simply moving the lot line. Mr. McGurk said that the Planning Department and Township Engineer have written review letters. All the Planning Department comments have been addressed. As Mr. Gilberti said, there is one outstanding item in the Township Engineer's review letter. It would be a conditional approval based on the review letters. Motion to approve made by Mr. Eicher, seconded by Mr. Gribben. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 4-0.

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:**

Mr. McLaughlin called for a motion to pay the bills [**check no. 6856 through check no. 7039, EFTs, Capital Reserve check no. 1172 through check no. 1185 and 2005 Bond Fund check no. 164 and 165**]. Motion made by Mr. Sinatra, seconded by Mr. Gribben. All Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

There were none.

**REMARKS FROM THE SUPERVISORS:**

There were none.

There being no further regular business before the Board, the Township Solicitor requested that the Board convene an executive session to discuss litigation. Mr. Vitale called for a motion to go into executive session. Motion made by Mr. Eicher, seconded by Mr. Sinatra. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 4-0. The Board went into executive session at 7:20 p.m. Following the executive session, motion was made by Mr. Eicher, seconded by Mr. Sinatra, to adjourn the meeting. All Supervisors present voting yes, motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Sieracki  
Assistant Municipal Secretary



