

Workshop Minutes

April 20, 2010

The April 20, 2010 Workshop Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Those present were:

Kenneth E. Kroberger	President
M. Clare Edelmayer	Vice President
Eugene P. Ziemba	Commissioner
Thomas A. Duffy	Commissioner
John Katsaros	Engineer
Robert J. Kerns	Solicitor
Leonard T. Perrone	Township Manager
William D. Lawrence	Assistant Manager
David Poirier	Deputy Chief of Police
Sally Slook	Assistant Manager
Michael Sultanik	Finance Director
David Brill	Finance Director
Dan McCreary	Facilities Manager

Mr. Perrone recognized Michael Sultanik on the occasion of his last Workshop Meeting and gave him credit for his hard work on behalf of the Township. Mr. Perrone also introduced the Township's new Finance Director, David Brill, to his first Workshop Meeting, and Dave was welcomed by all.

1. **Authorization of a Debt-Incurring Ordinance for Refinance of 2003 Debt for Building Expansion with inclusion of a \$2 Million Borrowing for Sumneytown Pike and Other Projects**

Mr. Perrone informed that activities related to a bond issue to refinance the Township's 2003 debt for the building expansion, as well as Sumneytown Pike and other capital projects, had been progressing. Mr. Perrone asked that the Board approve this authorization at the Workshop because of time constraints. Upon motion by Mrs. Edelmayer, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the Board unanimously authorized the advertisement.

2. **Approval of Resolution 06-2010:** Appointing Reps to Montgomery County Tax Collector Committee

The Board was advised that Resolution 06-2010 related to the appointment of representatives to the Montgomery County Tax Collector Committee. It was noted that Jim Santi and Sally Slook would be appointed at this time, with David Brill will take over at a future time. The Board was further informed that Mr. Brill had participated on the Chester County Tax Committee.

3. **Approval of Allan A. Myers' Application for Payment No. 7:** \$33,597.75

4. **Approval of T & M Associates' Application for Payment:** \$10,940.52

Mr. Perrone advised that these two items had been reviewed by the TIP Committee and recommended for approval by the Board. The Board asked that T&M provide a running total against its original "not to exceed" amount in the future. Mr. Sultanik indicated that he keeps a running total for reimbursement by the County.

5. **Approval of BSI Electrical Contractors' Change Order No. 1:** \$38,635.00 (DO System)

6. **Approval of BSI Electrical Contractors' Change Order No. 2:** \$32,252.00 (DO System)

Mr. Perrone reported that BSI Electrical Contractors had submitted Change Orders No. 1 and 2 for work done on the Dissolved Oxygen System at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, noting that these amounts represented additions that were being paid for by Merck & Co., Inc.

7. **Approval of Eastern Environmental's Application for Payment No. 5:** \$29,160 (DO System)

The Board was informed that Eastern Environmental had submitted an application for payment in the amount of \$29,160 for Dissolved Oxygen System work, noting that this cost was also being funded by Merck & Co., Inc.

8. **Approval of Eastern Environmental's Change Order No. 2:** \$185,050.00 (DO System)

Mr. Perrone explained that Eastern Environmental's Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$185,050 was for additional work added to the original contract price.

9. **Campisi Construction:** Approval of Extension of Development Agreements (Expire 5/7/2010)

The Board was advised that Campisi Construction had requested a one-year extension of the Development Agreements associated with its Jones Avenue subdivision. The length of time of the extension was questioned and Mr. Perrone stated he would ask Bill Lawrence what improvements needed to be completed and whether a full year would be necessary.

10. **Approval of Resolution 07-2010:** DCNR Grant for Nor-Gwyn Baseball

Mr. Perrone asked that the Board approve Resolution 07-2010 at the Workshop Meeting because of a pending deadline for submittal of the DCNR grant for funding bathroom facilities to the lower end at the Nor-Gwyn Baseball facility. Mr. Perrone informed that these infrastructure improvements would include composting toilets which would eliminate a force main sewer line necessary to pump waste to Hancock Street. He also explained that the way this application is structured, the Township's commitment for next year will not be larger than planned. Upon motion by Mrs. Edelmayer, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the Board approved Resolution 07-2010.

11. **Approval of Resolution 08-2010:** Amendment of Montg. County Consortium Articles of Agreement

Mr. Perrone reminded that the Township had been a member of the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities for a long time and that the Consortium was in the process of amending its Articles of Agreement to reflect current procedures. Mr. Kerns was asked to review the revised articles prior to the Board taking action on this resolution.

12. **Approval of Resolution 09-2010:** Swedesford Road Detour

Mr. Perrone advised that he had been contacted by PennDOT with respect to the pending construction of 202 between Welsh Road and Sumneytown Pike, noting that only the area from Welsh Road to Swedesford is in the Township. Mr. Perrone advised that when the contractor did the baseline work to start the project, a problem of vehicles barreling off DeKalb Pike onto Swedesford Road at a high rate of speed was noticed. Therefore, PennDOT has asked for a temporary detour to divert all traffic to DeKalb Pike to the William Penn Inn from 9AM to 3PM in order to alleviate an unsafe condition for contractors. Mr. Perrone further reported that local residents of Swedesford Road and Britt Road will be permitted access.

Mr. Perrone indicated he had spoken with Lower Gwynedd Township and they also have approved the temporary detour.

The Board was informed that the existing intersection of DeKalb and Swedesford will be eliminated; Swedesford will be diverted to the right and there will be a new intersection of Swedesford and 202.

Upon motion by Mr. Ziemba, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the Board approved Resolution 09-2010.

13. **Approval of 2010 Materials, Equipment and Milling Bids**

Mr. Perrone informed that bids had been taken for the Township's annual materials, equipment and milling bids. He noted that he, Mrs. Edelmayer and Willard Troxel had met to solidify the amount of work to be done this year, reminding that this year's road improvement budget was less than in previous year and that no recycling was being done.

Mr. Perrone reported that there was only one bidder for materials and there was brief discussion with respect to the cost of bituminous materials is less this year than last year. The vendors who did not bid were those who had included an escalation clause last year. Mr. Kerns suggested that the Township's engineer review the results of the materials bid prior to Monday's meeting.

14. **Approval of Widman's Heating & Air Conditioning Proposal**

Mr. Perrone advised that a proposal for servicing the Township Administration Buildings' HVAC system. Mr. Perrone indicated he had asked Mr. Widman for a proposal for a proposal covering the Wastewater Administrative office's building as well.

15. **NWWA's Becker and Kneeder Road Water Main Replacement Project**

The Board was informed that the NWWA will be replacing a water main on Becker Road and Kneeder Road beginning April 19th. Information provided for informational purposes only.

16. **Church and Eleventh Street Drainage Problem**

Mr. Perrone advised that a resident had brought a drainage problem at Church and Eleventh Street to his attention. He explained that there is an inlet on Eleventh Street that does not capture water because it ponds in the intersection because of how the street is paved. The water drains across private properties. The area in question is a paper street and not the Township's responsibility.

17. **Garfield Avenue and Park Road Stormwater Project**

Mr. Perrone reminded that several years ago the Township did some storm drainage work in the vicinity of Garfield Avenue and Third Street and Garfield and Chestnut in West Point. Mr. Perrone noted that recent significant rainfalls had highlighted some problems. Mr. Perrone stated he was unsure of how far the engineering study went at that time and he advised he has received reports from property owners that the drainage problem extends to the area of Park Road. Mr. Perrone indicated he did not know if the Township's road system was contributing to this problem.

Following brief discussion, it was concluded that staff should do a ride by following the next significant rain event to check on these conditions.

18. **Recycling Grant Compliance**

Mr. Perrone indicated he had received a letter from Hough Associates concerning the Township needing to be in full compliance with Act 101 and Act 140 in order to be eligible for grant funds.

19. **210 White's Road Property**

This matter moved to Executive Session.

20. **Approval of AT&T Reimbursement Agreement:** \$68,720.18

Mr. Perrone reported that early in the design of Sumneytown Pike apparently there was no indication that AT&T had facilities in Sumneytown Pike. AT&T does, in fact, have facilities that need to be relocated,

therefore, a reimbursement agreement needs to be executed. Mr. Perrone complimented the Township's engineers on being able to have the cost reduced to \$68,720 from an original number that was about thirty percent higher. Mr. Perrone further reported that the work must be done and that cost is limited to the limited to the area within the PUC order. He further advised that the TIP Committee had reviewed this cost and had recommended approval to the Board of Commissioners. Board to consider action at the April Public Meeting.

21. **Beaver Street at Wawa:** Additional Roadway Stabilization

Mr. Perrone reported that Merck is moving ahead with the traffic signal project on Beaver Street near Wawa. He reminded that Merck had agreed to pay for the entire traffic signal project, however, the Township will need to make a contribution to the project. Mr. Perrone reminded that the project had been stalled for several years. Apparently during the time delay, no one noticed that the west side of Beaver Street, across from the Wawa is falling apart. Mr. Perrone informed that the Township would be performing a stress test on this portion of the road to gauge the severity of the damage. He noted that while Merck agreed to pay for the project, it did not agree to rebuild the road.

Mr. Katsaros reported that the worst-case scenario, subject to the pending testing, was estimated to be about \$26,000, based on the current roadway bid results. Mr. Katsaros indicated this cost would include the completed removal and replacement of the road structure on both sides of the center line (125' x 22'). Mr. Perrone reminded that a portion of this cost would be North Wales Borough's.

Following further discussion and description of the issues, concerning curbing, it was concluded that further discussion would take place following the testing.

There being no further business for public discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cassel
Recording Secretary

Approved May 24, 2010