

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Sam Abatta called the meeting of December 2, 2014 to order at the Municipal Complex, 1000 Church Hill Road at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Present, Barefoot-Present, Kisow-Present, Shiwarski-Present, Abatta-Present. Also in attendance were Solicitor Jack Cambest, Mgr. Silka, Treasurer Kezmarsky, Planning Director Urbano and Mrs. Merks for the purpose of recording minutes.

Montour Girls Soccer Team Recognition

Chairman Abatta, we are extremely proud of what our young student athletes from our school district and our Township do. This is not the first time that we have recognized the student athletes. With that said, before I read the proclamation, I would like to highlight some of the things that have been accomplished by the team. The record this year was 22-3. You had 19 straight wins and 15 of those wins were shut-outs. You were the WPIAL champions and you were the semi-finalists in the state. The leading goal scorer is senior, Jane Schleicher with 34 goals and senior, Victoria Koscuta with 26. There are five seniors departing and seven returning starters, with two coming back from injuries for next year. Thank you to the coaches as well.

Chairman Abatta read and presented a Proclamation to the 2014 Montour Girls Soccer team.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER'S REPORT (Report dated December 2, 2014)

Engineer Meyers reported as follows:

CAPITAL PROJECTS

CDBG Year 40 –waiting for COG to prepare the contract. This is located on the second floor and will be the women's restroom for the library. Bid was awarded to Swede Construction.

CDBG Year 41 – currently preparing final applications for the grant. The grant will help in providing ADA compliant signage throughout the municipal building.

2014 Road Program – the contractor has completed the roadwork. There is a recommendation on the agenda this evening for payment in the amount of \$408,633.41.

Fawnvue Dr. Storm Sewer – preliminary plan drawings have been completed for storm sewer reconstruction. They have also scheduled a survey for the eroded slope and have solicited cost estimates for geotechnical evaluation and stabilization of the hillside.

DEVELOPMENTAL INSPECTION

ISC – Developer is continuing to work on site. They have requested, and will be submitting something to the Zoning Department concerning some landscaping that they are looking at changing. That will be submitted shortly.

PENN CENTER WEST BLDG. #1 PARKING LOTS – work is completed.

MONTOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – The contractor has completed clearing and grubbing work at the site. Compaction of existing loose fill material at the site is continuing along with the storm work.

HILTON GARDEN INN – Stormwater management work has been completed.

GETGO #3047 ROBINSON CROSSROADS – Contractor has completed storm work on the site.

HAMPTON INN SETTLERS RIDGE – The contractor is continuing storm sewer work on the site.

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – The contractor is continuing work at the site.

PLEASANT VIEW CONDOMINIUMS – A road bond estimate has been provided for the repaving of Wingate Drive.

DEVELOPMENTAL REVIEWS

TWO MARQUIS PLAZA –Waiting for the contractor to start work.

ARBOR TRAIL SUBDIVISION –Awaiting the performance bond estimate from applicant.

BRANDYMILL WOODS SITE PLAN – Review of plans has been completed. The applicant has requested a portion of the property to be rezoned. Public hearing for rezoning for this proposed development was held on November 3, 2014.

THE RIDGE AT ROBINSON SITE PLAN – Review has been completed. The proposed development was recommended for a tentative PRD approval by the Planning Commission on October 2, 2014. Public hearing for consideration of this development as a PRD was held on November 3, 2014. Performance bond estimate is currently under review.

DUCKSTEIN REZONING – Application has been reviewed and comments provided. Public hearing for rezoning was held on November 3rd.

Chartiers Country Club Subdivision - Review has been completed of the subdivision plan. The plan was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on November 19, 2014.

Grey Fox Plan Lot #2 Subdivision – review has been completed of the subdivision plan. The plan was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on November 19, 2014.

Chartiers Landing – a bond release in the amount of \$18,516.30 has been recommended.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, since you are recommending payment for the road program for this year, could you just say a little about how we did this year?

Engineer Meyer, the program goes very well. I guess that is the best way of saying it. Public Works does some of the different things such as base repair so that El Grande can come in and just do the top, which they would much prefer to do. We can come in with a lower price so we are able to do a lot more streets than normal. We are also using different types of paving, whether it is chip seal or different pavement management techniques that we are able to stretch the dollar a lot farther. Again, you are committing to doing this work and you are doing a lot of work for the money that you are putting out there.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, I know that a few of the processes and procedures were new from the last couple of years, are there any that are not working or are working well? Is there anything for next year that we should not consider?

Engineer Meyer, I would never say to rule out anyone. Each road you have to treat differently. You have to look at each one and try to come back with the best process to use. Sometimes there are times when you can use a seal coat, but there are some instances where it will not work.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, by using those processes, it allows us to expand the amount of roads that we do each year. That makes our residents happier when they see their road get done.

Engineer Meyer, it also extends the maintenance lift of the road and that is what we are looking to do.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Vietmeier submitted a copy of the November Report, which is attached to the minutes.

Chief Vietmeier, one other thing that I would like to give a quick update on, the Board is well aware of the serious medical condition that happened to Officer Walsh suddenly. He had a very successful twelve hour surgery on November 26th and is recovering as we speak. He obviously has a long road , but I wanted everyone to keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Manager Silka, I have a few items to update you on tonight. In regards to the comprehensive plan/zoning ordinance update, as you announced at the meeting in November, we did receive our Municipal Assistance Program grant for \$60,000. This will be a roughly \$120,000 project moving forward. I do plan to interview the consultants who put in their RFP's this month. We should have a motion on the January agenda to appoint a consultant to lead us through this process.

In regards to the Trash and Recycling Bids, we did put out for a bid for our trash and recycling pickup for our residential units as this is the final year with the current contract. We had two contractors pick up bid specs, but only one provider submitted a bid and that was Waste Management. Their bid documents were all in order and they are certified. The contract was reviewed by the Solicitor. It is on the agenda today for adoption. I will say that we received a very "friendly" bid coming in from Waste Management. Residents will probably see their bills go up only .30 cents per month for the residential. The one main factor is that we switched from the small curbside containers for recycling and we will be going to 64 gallon roll-off containers. That will be provided to each resident as part of this contract. They will be able to recycle a lot more and it will be a lot easier to get to the curb and a lot cleaner on windy days. We will do a media blitz with the new contract in the next month. The new recycling program will not start until April 1st. We do not want to be delivering bins through the winter, but we will get a lot of public information out there.

The 2015 Budget process is coming to an end. We have on the agenda tonight to advertise for a public hearing and an adoption meeting, which I believe is going to be at 9:00 a.m. on December 15th. That publication will be in the paper this week. The budget is \$13,624,833. Because of the vigilance of the Board of Commissioners and their unequivocal message to staff to spend wisely, we won't need a TAN note to fund the operation of the first three months which are our lean months until the tax revenue comes in.

There were some comments at the last meeting regarding the senior center. We did include a budget line item to get some maintenance items into the senior center so that is a budgeted line item. When there are issues, they can call and we have a spending line to take care of it.

A first this year in the budget is a transfer to the park capital fund, which will start building the nest egg for future major park funds. The budget has been on display and we will meet all of our publication guidelines for the budget.

The Pennsylvania Municipal League membership is on the agenda. I am urging the Commissioners to join this municipal advocacy association. They are very professional. They are one of the larger advocacy groups in the state. They don't limit themselves to First Class Township, Second Class Township, etc. They accept everybody, especially ones like Robinson Twp. who are more progressive or city-like than township as we have a lot more commercial development. They lead for municipal advocacy and especially on labor advocacy for the townships. They have a very aggressive five year plan, which gives us the first year (\$5,000) value for free. I am urging that we join for 2015.

The National League of Cities has a service line warranty program, which I have on the agenda to recommend that the Board offer to our residents. This is for water and sewer line laterals from the house to the curb, which is the responsibility of the resident. This program is basically an insurance policy to get contracted work with a monthly fee to the homeowner. I am urging that the Commissioners endorse this program and allow the National League of Cities through their contractors, to work thru the Township to offer this to our residents. It is a completely voluntary project and the Township would receive fifty cents a month for anybody who does sign that contract. We are doing this to give the residents a service if they choose it.

Our electric pricing, which is a major cost in our budget, we just went out to market for an electric contract and we received a very good rate for two years at 6.79 center per kilowatt hour. This is about 3 cents less than the current rack rate for Duquesne Light. I think we are doing very well here.

The fireworks for 2015, I was able to secure the 2014 prices even though they said they were definitely going to be raised. We are not going to have to diminish any of our fireworks shows for 2015.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Cambest had no report.

FINANCE REPORT

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, I think we did very well this year. Our Treasurer can enlighten us on some of the numbers that we have up to this point in time.

Treasurer Kezmarsky, Mgr. Silka already alluded to the fact that we will not be needing a TAN loan for the beginning of 2015. We currently have a good balance of 2.8 million. I did these figures a little early because of the Thanksgiving holiday. This balance should carry us through the required shortfall and incoming tax revenue for January, February, March and April. That is a good position to be in. The EIT taxes were in excess of the 2014 budget. The real estate transfer taxes were far in excess of the 2014 budget. We have two more payrolls to book for the end of the year. Everything is winding down and I feel we are in a very comfortable position for the end of 2014 and going into 2015. I am looking forward to the spring audit.

The Board of Commissioners conducted an executive session on December 2, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Board will take official action, if any, from this Executive Session during this meeting.

Discussion to approve the November, 2014 Treasurer's Report.

Discussion to approve the November, 2014 List of Bills

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion to approve a rezoning request submitted by Cedars Development Co., Parkside Land Development Plan, Lot and Block No. 264-B-290 from C-4 Planned Office/Limited Industrial District to C-3 Planned Commercial/Office/Multiple Family District.

Discussion to approve a rezoning request submitted by Duckstein Properties, Lot and Block #152-A-79 and #152-A-180 from a C-2 Community Commercial District to R-3 Medium Density Residential District.

Discussion to approve preliminary and final approval of the Homitz/Insawang Simple Subdivision. The property is located in a R-2 Single Family Residential District. The applicants are proposing to convey a 48,614.7 square foot area from Lot 204-K-352 (Ronald and Gwen K. Homitz) to Lot 204-J-10 (Ratthasak Insawang)

Discussion to approve a sixty (60) day extension of time for consideration of the Brandy Mill/Woods Subdivision as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Discussion to approve a waiver from the grading ordinance requirement (Section 156.25 (e) for HDPE Pipe for the Brandy Mill/Woods Subdivision as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Discussion to approve a waiver from the pipe velocity ordinance (Section 245-28(J)(4) Brandy Mill/Woods Subdivision as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Discussion to approve preliminary and final subdivision/land development approval for the Brandy Mill/Woods Subdivision contingent upon approval of outside agencies and execution of final developers agreement.

Discussion to approve Amended Lot 9 Subdivision for the Grace Manor Plan #2 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Discussion to approve the Chartiers Country Club Subdivision Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Discussion to approve the Grey Fox Plan of Lots – Amended Lot 2 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Discussion to recommend Bond Reduction Request #9 submitted by Five C, LLC (Chartiers Landing) in the amount of \$18,516.30. This reduces the remaining bond amount to \$64,847.20 as recommended by the Township Engineer.

Discussion to set a public hearing for the proposed 2015 Budget on December 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. and a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of adopting the 2015 Budget and the 2015 Millage Rate immediately following the close of the hearing.

Discussion to advertise an Ordinance of the Township of Robinson, a First Class Township of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the 2015 real estate tax rate for real property in the Township of Robinson at 2.60 mills.

Discussion to authorize the Township Manager to enroll Robinson Township as a member of the Pennsylvania Municipal League beginning January 1, 2015.

Discussion to accept the bid of Waste Management and authorizing the signing of a five year contract for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019 for removal of residential solid waste and recycling at the rates provided in the bid submittal.

Discussion to enter into a Sewer and Water Line Marketing License Agreement between the Township of Robinson, Pennsylvania and Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc. d/b/a Service Lines Warranties of America.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, I am going to have to abstain in any discussion or excuse myself from voting since I do have a family member that works for Utility Service Partners.

Discussion to approve a payment to El Grande Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$408,633.41 as recommended by the Township Engineer.

Discussion to approve a one (1) year contract extension to Jeffrey Silka, Township Manager subject to the execution of a written agreement.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No citizens signed in to speak.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

A copy of the November, 2014 by Mr. Urbano is attached.

AGENDA

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the November, 2014 Treasurer's Report.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the November, 2014 List of Bills.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Kisow, SECOND Shiwarski to approve a rezoning request submitted by Cedars Development Company, Parkside Land Development Plan, Lot and Block No. 264-B-290 from C-4 Planned Office/Limited Industrial District to C-3 Planned Commercial/Office/Multiple Family District.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Shiwarski to approve the final subdivision plan for the Ridge at Robinson.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Mapel to approve a rezoning request submitted by Duckstein Properties, Lot and Block #152-A-79 and #152-A-180 from a C-2 Community Commercial District to R-3 Medium Density Residential District.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to grant final PRD approval for the Ridge at Robinson PRD contingent upon the following; A). All governmental approvals B). Executed final developers agreement C). Preparation of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as required by the MPC for approval of a final PRD D). Final PRD approval from the Board of Commissioners as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Mapel, SECOND Shiwarski to table the Billboard Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission until the December 15, 2014 public meeting.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve advertising for a Public Hearing to be held on January 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for a Liquor License Transfer for Cigar Bar Pittsburgh, LLC to be located at 6302 Robinson Center Drive, Robinson Township, PA

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y

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Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y

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MOTION Kisow SECOND Shiwarski to approve a waiver from the pipe velocity ordinance (Section 245-28(J)(4) Brandy Mill/Woods Subdivision as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND MAPEL to approve a waiver from channel velocity requirements Ordinance (Section 245-28(K) Brandy Mill/Woods Subdivision as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y
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Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Shiwarski to approve the Chartiers Country Club Subdivision Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the Grey Fox Plan of Lots – Amended Lot 2 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y
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Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y
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MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Mapel to approve a one (1) year contract extension to Jeffrey Silka subject to the execution of a written agreement.

Mapel-Y, Barefoot_Y, Kisow_Y_Shiwarski_Y, Abatta_Y
M/C 5-0.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mapel, as has been eluded to here during the course of this meeting, and if you were paying attention, we are pretty healthy financially. We seem to be the envy of most municipalities in Allegheny County with our growth and development according to the report that Mr. Urbano gave us earlier. I think that with having Thanksgiving recently behind us, I believe we have a whole lot to be thankful for. I am not going to belabor my comments tonight, but as we move into the holiday season, I trust that everyone is looking forward to and ready to enjoy a holiday season. I will say Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and whatever else is politically correct. I hope that you will all be approaching your holiday season safely .

Commissioner Barefoot, I have no comments this evening.

Commissioner Kisow, I would like to just wish everyone a Merry Christmas and have a safe holiday.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, this will be very brief. Again, congratulations to the Montour Girls Soccer Team first time WPIAL champs. We are all very proud of them. Speaking of pride, I am exceptionally proud of the work done by everyone who was involved in this year's road program, accomplishing the recycling bid that we voted on tonight, the 2015 Budget process and our adherence to the budget in 2014. There is a lot of pride up here. It is also nice to see a familiar face back in the crowd tonight. Merry Christmas, happy holidays to all of our residents, their friends and relatives.

Chairman Abatta, I will be brief as well. The first item I would like to mention, on November 17th, Mr. Silka and myself had the pleasure of going to the Golden Corral for a veterans celebration. Every Monday after Veteran's Day, the Golden Corral provides food to all of the veterans. It happens throughout the entire country. I understand there are also some other food venders that do the same thing. I am extremely proud of the veterans and everything that they have done for us throughout the years. Jeff and I were pleasantly surprised at the turnout. We met some interesting people from World War II to Vietnam. We had some great conversations. I am really thankful for what they are doing for our veterans. If you get a chance, please go there and support those people because it is a very worthwhile cause.

As Jeff had eluded to, the budget workshop is going on and is basically completed. We are at the point where we will be adopting the budget. Everyone did what they had to do, department heads and all the way down. We did get some things in there that we needed. I am extremely proud that we do not have to engage in a TAN loan. It shows that we are making progress here with our finances.

I receive calls and emails all the time. I received one from Chief Vietmeier and I wanted to make this public because I think it is a great thing. Tonight we honored our student

athletes, our younger people in the Township. This is a great place to live, work and worship. Not only are we extremely proud of our younger people, but we are also proud of our elderly people. The Chief received a letter that was dated November 17th and I am going to read it into the record. It states: Dear Chief Vietmeier, enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$100.00 representing a donation to the Police Department's K-9 Unit. I would like the money to go to Jarak's food. He is a beautiful dog and Robinson Township is lucky to have him on the police force. Thank you, Mary E. Lamb, 5021 Julia Lane, McKees Rocks, PA.

Another thing that I would like to bring up, and I think it would be appropriate at this time to have Chief Vietmeier speak. This is a commendation for an incident that we had in our Township that occurred on November 19th.

Chief Vietmeier, this is a memo that I sent to the Board of Commissioners for commendations for three police officers, who really answered a call of duty. On November 4, 2014 at 6:21 p.m., our officers received a call about an open line being reported on Glass Rd. It was also reported that a faint voice was on the phone talking to 911. Within a couple of minutes, Officers Noel Pilewski and Eric Maga arrived on scene and they arrived simultaneously. As the officers approached the home, they could smell smoke. They looked in the window and saw that the house was full of smoke. They immediately called for fire and medical. The officers knew that someone was inside the house. They opened the unlocked front door and were pushed back by the smoke. The two officers crawled on their knees into the home with only their flashlights in hand. Officer Pilewski felt the feet of a person, but at this time they were being overcome with smoke and crawled out of the house to get air. The two officers then crawled back into the house and literally picked the victim up and carried her out of the burning home. At this point Officer Short arrived, along with Fire Chief Jazudek and immediately began CPR on the victim, who was not breathing. Within minutes the medics arrived and took over the CPR process. At this point before all of the fire departments arrived, officers Short and Pilewski and Fire Chief Jazudek all entered the home in a search for other victims. Officer Short used a fire extinguisher to knock down the flames and prevent the fire from spreading. No other victims could be located on the first floor of the home and the officers and fire chief were forced to leave due to the smoke. Fortunately, there were no other persons in the burning home. The victim, 89 year old Vivian Holmes, was successfully resuscitated but passed away on November 5th at 11:09 p.m. It is my request that Officers Noel Pilewski, Christian Short and Eric Maga receive commendations for their bravery and act of selflessness on the night of November 4, 2014. They put their own lives at risk to save a person from their burning home. I am asking that the Board of Commissioners recognize these three officers for their bravery and act of heroism. They are truly an asset to our community.

Chairman Abatta, Chief, we will do that, but I wanted that to go out to the public so that all of the taxpayers realize that our force under your guidance is doing a great job for us.

Chief Vietmeier, we never know what we are getting into. Thank you.

Chairman Abatta, finally I would like to close with a short Parks Report. The Robinson Township Christmas in the Park will be on Friday, December 5, 2015. Santa and Mr. Claus will arrive at Clever Park in the VIP Forest Grove Fire truck. To welcome in the holiday season, there will be the signing of Christmas carols while sipping hot chocolate. Bring your cameras and enjoy Christmas tree light-up night. Festivities will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Visit the Township of Robinson Facebook for additional information. Dates for the 2015 events are now posted on our Township web page at www.townshipofrobinson.com. Robinson Township Parks and Recreation Board would like to wish you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. I also would like to wish all of our residents and all of our viewers a happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Merks
Township Secretary