

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015
9:10 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Sam Abatta called the meeting of October 5, 2015 to order at the Robinson Township Municipal Complex, 1000 Church Hill Road, Robinson Township, PA at 9:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Present, Barefoot-Present, Kisow-Present, Shiwarski-Absent, Abatta-Present. Also in attendance were Jack Cambest, Esq., Township Manager Silka, Finance Officer Kezmarsky, Planning Director Urbano, Engineer Meyer and Mrs. Merks for the purpose of taking minutes.

Historical Society Update – No representative present.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Engineers Report dated October 5, 2015 is attached.

Engineer Meyer reported as follows:

ACTION ITEMS: Arbor Trail, Grace Manor Phase II Dedication, Grace Manor Phase II Bond Reduction and Campbells Run Business Center Building 2 Site Plan sidewalk waiver.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Fawnvue Drive Landslide – The Plans and specs are completed. Bids will be received on October 13th.

2015 Road Program – there have been meetings scheduled with the contractor. They have not started as yet. Mr. Silka and myself have reminded them that the project must be completed by October 15th, which is rapidly approaching or they will face liquidated damages. We were very clear on the fact that if it was not done by the 15th that we would be expecting some type of liquidated damages to come back. They have a schedule that is looking like they will be past that deadline. We are going to keep up on this and will keep pressure on the contractor.

Keiners Lane Storm Pipe – currently preparing plans and specifications for this project.

Swale at Conley Dr. and Falck Rd. – finishing metes and bounds description required for the easement.

DEVELOPMENTAL INSPECTION

Montour Elementary School – Contractor is continuing to work on the site. It is approximately 90% complete. The plans for the traffic signal were submitted by the school district engineer for review..

Brandy Mill Woods Site Plan – the contractor is continuing grading and storm sewer work on the site. Paving will begin next week.

The Ridge at Robinson Site Plan – clearing and grubbing work is complete. Most of the storm sewer is also complete. They are in the middle of putting some of the sanitary sewers in some of the buildings.

Arbor Trail – contractor has done base paving. A bond reduction is recommended.

Hampton Inn – work continuing at the site.

Hilton Garden Inn – work continuing at the site.

Grace Manor Phase II – Developer has completed the punch list. It is recommended that the Township accept the dedication of Grace Manor Drive. It is also recommended that the developers bond in the amount of \$84,819.90 be released.

Campbells Run Business Center Bldg. 2 Site Plan – recommending a waiver of the sidewalk with conditions as discussed in recent letter.

Moon Run Residential Plan – a pre-construction meeting was held. Construction is expected to commence shortly.

DEVELOPMENTAL REVIEWS

Bayer Heritage Drive Subdivision – development on hold.

Parkside Land Development – the developer has resubmitted the development under the PRD section. The developer had a Public Hearing earlier tonight for the PRD.

Moon Run A – the Planning Commission has recommended approval of this site plan with the waivers requested for sidewalk, RD Pipe, and limit of survey.

Pike Plaza – project is currently on hold.

Sheetz – the site plan was recently submitted and is being reviewed by our office. It is scheduled for the Planning Commission on September 16. They have also submitted a conditional use application which was accepted by the Planning Commission.

Drury Hotels – developer has submitted the site plan for review.

FC Hickman Rezoning Request 337-H-240 – a public hearing was held.

Cable Property – this development is on for approval tonight. This is a redesign of the site. They have already received grading plan approval. It is the site across the street. They had to resubmit because they are moving some buildings around and deleting a building so that has come back for re-approval. That is my report.

POLICE REPORT

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

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Mgr. Silka, just to update you, the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance update is going along on schedule. We are going to be in the process of scheduling a visioning session inviting the Board of Commissioners and the Planning Commission together to try to work on some of the main goals of the plan. We figured it would behoove the betterment of the plan to have both of those organizations involved in the goal setting. We will get some dates circulating to see when people can make it.

The National League of Cities Community Showcase Video Program, we are currently working on setting up those videos and getting those scripts written. We will update the Board as that gets into a little bit deeper and we get ready for production.

We have received a lot of calls recently regarding the water line protection insurance. This is the second phase of the utility line insurance that the Board has endorsed this year. Just to let our residents know that this is endorsed by the Township. It is an optional program and there is no requirement for anyone to partake in that.

A major announcement, the bridge at Ewing Mill Rd. is going to be closed on October 14th. That is the bridge over Montour Run. That is a PennDOT project and will be worked on by a contractor. It is going to last approximately 45 days. We have this on

the cable channel, but we are waiting for the official detour from the contractor and as soon as we receive that, we will get that dissimilated.

On the agenda tonight, there is an inter-municipal agreement motion. If you recall, I did speak a couple of times on this. Some of the West Hills municipalities are getting together to form our own little purchasing cooperative. This inter-municipal agreement will allow us to jointly bid certain projects that we use. This is not subverting the COG, this is giving us a little bit more purchasing power in addition to the COG and the state contracts that we use.

Chairman Abatta, who is involved with that?

Mgr. Silka, as of right now, North Fayette is spearheading it. Greentree is going to be involved. I believe Collier, us and maybe a few of the smaller municipalities.

Myself and Commissioner Shiwarski will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Municipal Symposium on October 21st. That is a visioning information gathering session. It is the first annual that the Chamber is hosting so we will be doing that process.

I will be attending an ACTA session tomorrow on intermodal transportation and the airport corridor so I will be sitting on that panel and engaging in that discussion.

The 2016 budget process is underway and we will be able to submit our first draft budget at the November meeting.

Engineer Meyer, PennDOT is about to put out their intermodal transportation grants as well. I believe that I received an email the other day, so I will give Mgr. Silka a copy of that.

Mgr. Silka, I did receive that email as well.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Cambest had no report.

FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer Kezmarsky, there is nothing unusual to report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Urbano , as far as the Building Department, things are right on schedule. We did \$28,859 this month.

The Building Inspection Report is attached.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDUCTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON OCTOBER 5, 2015 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 September 9, 2015 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Chairman Abatta, there is a change to the minutes to reflect that Commissioner Mapel was in attendance.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Kisow to approve the September 9, 2015 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes with the amendment as discussed. Commissioner Mapel was in attendance at the September 9, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting.
ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y.
M/C 4-0

Discussion to approve the September, 2015 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION Mapel, SECOND Barefoot to approve the September, 2015 Treasurer's Report.
ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y.
M/C 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion to approve the Amendment for the Cable Property Site Plan located on McMichael Road, Lot and Block 265-K-320 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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Discussion to accept the application for the Subdivision for the Drury Hotels to be located at the intersection of Chestnut Ridge Drive and Ridge Road as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 4-0

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M/C 4-0

Discussion to approve advertising for an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in C-3 Zoning District as recommended by the Planning Commission.

MOTION Mapel, SECOND Kisow to approve advertising for an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in the C-3 Zoning District as recommended by the Planning Commission.
ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y.
M/C 4-0

Discussion to approve bond Reduction Request #6 submitted by FC Aiken LLC dated September 28, 2015 for the Arbor Trail Phase 1. The bond is recommended to be released in the amount of \$290,381.30 with the remaining bond to be \$273,220.75 as per the recommendation of the Township Engineer.

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M/C 4-0

Discussion to approve Bond Reduction Request #4 (Final) submitted by Maronda Homes dated September 15, 2015 for the Grace Manor Plan of Lots. The bond is recommended to be released in the amount of \$84,918.90 with the balance to be \$ - 0 – as recommended by the Township Engineer.

MOTION Mapel, SECOND Kisow to approve Bond Reduction Request #4 (Final) submitted by Maronda Homes dated September 15, 2015 for the Grace Manor Plan of Lots. The bond is recommended to be released in the amount of \$84,918.90 with the balance to be \$ - 0 – as recommended by the Township Engineer.

Discussion to approve Ordinance No. 3 of the Township of Robinson, Allegheny County, PA establishing a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP).

MOTION Kisow, SECOND Barefoot to approve Ordinance No. 3 of the Township of Robinson, Allegheny County, PA establishing a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)
ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y.
M/C 4-0

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Discussion to grant a waiver of sidewalks along Campbells Run Road for the proposed 200 Business Center Drive project due to the anticipated widening of Campbell's Run Road by Allegheny County. The waiver is conditioned upon the Robinson Township Board of Commissioners reserving the right to require the installation of the sidewalks at their discretion.

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ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 4-0

Discussion to advertise an Ordinance accepting the dedication of a street known as Grace Manor Drive (entire length) in the Grace Manor Plan of Lots as recommended by the Township Engineer.

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ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 4-0

Discussion to authorize the Township Manager to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in a Joint Purchasing Program with North Fayette Township and other participating West Hills Municipalities.

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ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 4-0

Discussion to authorize the Township Manager to make a conditional offer of employment to Austin Bogatay for the position of laborer in the public works department at the current tier two (2) wage and benefit level as stated in the current collective bargaining agreement. This offer is conditioned upon successfully passing the

required physical, drug screen and background check. It is also conditioned upon obtaining a CDL prior to the one year anniversary.

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ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 4-0

Discussion to accept a request from F.C. Hickman LLC to withdraw the request to rezone property located along Hickman Rd., Lot and Block 337-H-240 from its current R-4 multiple family residential district to R-3 medium family residential and close the record on this proceeding.

Commissioner Barefoot, just one comment, this was the Hickman Road project that they have decided not to do? From the hearing that we did have, we were able to hopefully solve the problem of the water that was on that road. It did bring that to light and I believe that we have taken care of that. Is that correct Mr. Silka?

Mgr. Silka, that is correct.

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ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 4-0

Discussion to sign a four (4) year labor agreement with the Laborers District Council of Western PA on behalf of Laborers Local 1058 representing the Robinson Township Secretarial staff. The agreement will be from January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2019.

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M/C 4-0

Chairman Abatta, before I proceed to 24 (c) we have someone that would like to make a comment on one of the addendum items.

Michael Howard (member of Trotwood Acres Homeowners Association), my question is, I heard the statement that the water draining onto Hickman Rd. has been fixed? My question is, how was it fixed and where is there a record of what the fix was?

Mgr. Silka, the fix was the storm sewer basin at the bottom of Hickman Rd. , where we believe the problem was. It was sheeting ice at the base of Hickman. That collection basin was cleaned out. We started it last week, so I am not sure if it is completed. That is where we figured the water was coming from.

Mr. Howard, that was not correct. The water, as stated by the resident who lives on the right hand side of the property, indicated that there is a service road that goes up to Ventana Hills. The water begins at that location and as you go to Hickman Rd. towards her property or the entrance to her property, there is a driveway and the water collects there and forms an ice sheet there, usually annually. She was indicating that is where the water collects and not at the bottom of Hickman Rd.

Mgr. Silka, myself and our Public Works Supervisor did ride Hickman Rd. in a rainstorm and there were no areas of collections. Everything was reporting to the drainage areas and to the catch basins. We will look at that specific area again. There was no ponding that we noticed on Hickman Rd.

Mr. Howard, she indicated that her issue at that time was when the temperatures are freezing, the water will gather there and form ice. She indicated that she has to come out and pick the ice away. Just for clarification I wanted to mention that and perhaps during the winter time that area can be examined periodically throughout that time.

Mgr. Silka, we will sir.

Discussion to re-advertise the November 3, 2015 regular Township meeting to November 5, 2015 due to the regularly scheduled meeting being held on the same day as the 2015 municipal election day.

MOTION Kisow, SECOND Barefoot to re-advertise the November 3, 2015 regular Township meeting to Wednesday, November 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y.
M/C 4-0

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mapel, It is very late and I have no comments.

Commissioner Barefoot, no comments.

Commissioner Kisow, on October 10th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Moon Run VFD is having open house at their station on Route 60/Steubenville Pike. They will be doing live demonstrations with rescues and fire fighters techniques. Also, on October 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Forest Grove VFD is having their annual pancake breakfast. That is all that I have.

Chairman Abatta, I just have a short comment. Because of the lateness of the hour, I will keep this short. October is Halloween month. The parade in Clever Park will be on October 24th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. All ghosts and goblins will parade from the upper parking lot area in Clever Park down to the Rotary Shelter. The parade will be led by the Forest Grove Fire Department and the Montour marching band. Light refreshments will be served.

Halloween throughout the Township will be on October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For any of the other information regarding our parks, please go to our website, www.townshipofrobinson.com

Due to the lateness of the evening I am going to wait until next meeting to bring out to the public, all of our Autumn Festival donations. I want to give them the due credit that they deserve.

There was one motion that was missed regarding the list of bills.

Discussion to approve the September, 2015 List of Bills.

MOTION Mapel, SECOND Barefoot to approve the September, 2015 List of Bills.
ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 4-0

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MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Mapel to adjourn the meeting.
ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 4-0

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Merks
Township Secretary