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Board of Supervisors
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The Coolbaugh Township Board of Supervisors March 4, 2008 Meeting was held in the Township Municipal Center, in building #3, at 5550 Memorial Boulevard, Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania.

Call To Order

Mr. O'Boyle called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Supervisors present for the meeting include: Mr. Joseph O'Boyle, Ms. Lynn Kelly, Mr. James H. Frutchey, Jr., Mr. Robert B. Hutchins and Mr. Robert M. Zito. Also in attendance was Township Secretary Linda Frutchey. Solicitor Jerry Hanna was absent.

Statement on the Agenda: Mr. O'Boyle announced that the Public will be given an opportunity to speak on each agenda matter. Public Input is considered at the end of the meeting for other issues. He also announced that cell phones should be turned off for the duration of the meeting.

Approval of February 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Frutchey moved to approve the February 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes as presented and dispense with the reading. Seconded by Ms. Kelly. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

Recognition of Pastor Dennis Bloom and the New Addition to Shawnee Tabernacle

Pastor Dennis Bloom was present on behalf the new addition to Shawnee Tabernacle. Mr. O'Boyle thanked him for his dedication and read a letter from the Board of Supervisors recognizing his accomplishments. Pastor Bloom thanked the Supervisors for their support.

Resolution #6-2008 re: PennWorks Loan and Pledge Agreement

Mr. Frutchey moved to adopt Resolution #6-2008 re: PennWorks Loan and Pledge Agreement that outlines a loan in the amount of \$172, 964.00 and a grant in the amount of \$1,981,692.00. Seconded by Ms. Kelly. Discussion - none. The motion passed 5-0.

Emergency Access related to the new cul-de-sac at Arcadia North Business Park - Lot 2

Robert P. Boehning of Arcadia Properties, LLC was present on behalf of the matter referenced above. He summarized the letter from Attorney James Preston. Discussion followed amongst the Board members about preferred options relating to the emergency access road and issues associated with the approved underlying subdivision at their February 26, 2008 Work Session.

Mr. Hutchins stated that to facilitate an overall global solution for the access issue, he would make the following motion: the preferred option for a second access is a direct road coming out from the Cleveland Brothers property across from Sharbaugh Road (Industrial Park Drive North to SR 611), and the road along the gas line should be considered a less desirable option for a second access because it requires the road to be reconstructed and paved, along with the bridge being upgraded. Seconded by Mr. Frutchey. Discussion - it was the consensus of the Board members to forward the motion and Jim Preston's letter to the Township Planning Commission when they consider officially accepting the Arcadia North Business Park - Lot 2 land development plan for review. Motion carried 5-0.

Arcadia North Business Park, South Phase - Section 1 - Request for Partial Release (#3) of Performance Guarantee

Robert P. Boehning of Arcadia Properties, LLC was present on behalf of the matter referenced above. The Board reviewed a letter dated March 4, 2008 from Township Engineer Russ Kresge regarding the request for partial release of the performance guarantee.

Mr. Frutchey moved to release \$171,329.00 from the Letter of Credit, as per the Township Engineer's recommendation. Seconded by Ms. Kelly. Discussion followed. Mr. Frutchey amended his motion to approve the release subject to the final review of Hanover Engineering. Ms. Kelly seconded the amended motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Arcadia Properties, LLC - Presentation of Emergency Signal Activators

Robert P. Boehning of Arcadia Properties, LLC presented the emergency signal activators for the traffic light at Industrial Park Drive North and Tegawitha Road to the Board to pass along to the fire company for installation.

Extension request - Open Space Grant Agreement - Pocono Mountain Public Library Property

Ms. Kelly moved to send a letter of request to the Monroe County Commissioners for an extension to April 30, 2008 on our Open Space grant agreement regarding the Pocono Mountain Public Library Property, which expires on March 31, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Zito. Discussion - none. John Eden, present in the audience, asked several questions on the Open Space Agreement, whether the Library has had other offers to sell the land, if this might be considered a conflict of interest for Ms. Kelly, etc. A lengthy discussion followed on several Open Space purchases, Solicitor Hanna's opinion regarding the matter of a conflict of interest, possible uses for the land in question, etc. The motion was called and carried 3-2-0 (Mr. Frutchey and Mr. Hutchins opposed).

Pocono Mountain Public Library request re: Endorsement for tax increase for a new library building

Mr. Zito read the referendum on the ballot for the April 22, 2008 Primary Election regarding a tax increase for the construction and establishment of the new Pocono Mountain Public Library building for a duration of 20 years. The Library Board of Trustees was present at the February 26, 2008 Work Session and asked the Board to endorse this tax increase.

Mr. Zito moved to send a letter to the Pocono Mountain Public Library Board of Trustees endorsing the tax increase for the new library building. Seconded by Ms. Kelly. Discussion - Mr. Hutchins said he would endorse it, if he knew the Library would accept an offer on the land. Public comment was heard from John Eden, who said the wording of the referendum is deceiving, what one mill of revenue amounts to, etc. Werner Frank, also present in the audience, asked if Mt. Pocono Boro is endorsing the tax increase. Discussion followed. The motion was called and carried 3-0-2 (Mr. Frutchey and Mr. Hutchins abstained).

Selection of Steering Committee - Coolbaugh Celebration

Mr. Zito announced that he would take his turn on the Steering Committee this year. Ms. Kelly said she would help. Mr. Hutchins said we should take a year off and plan for it in 2009, because we have too much going on this year financially. Discussion followed.

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Authorization to Monroe County Planning Commission to request a traffic count on SR 611

Before the Board was a Memo dated March 3, 2008 from Township Engineer with his recommendations for a traffic study for a "No Parking" zone along SR 611.

Mr. Hutchins made a motion to go ahead with Mr. Kresge's options, outlined in order of efficiency as follows: Option 1 - Request PennDOT to extend their study through the desired area, and Option 2 - Obtain a copy of the PennDOT study so it can be expanded, as necessary. Seconded by Mr. O'Boyle. Discussion - Mr. Frutchey suggested looking at Ed Possinger's letter from PennDOT and consider just putting the "No Parking" signs between SR 423 and Coolbaugh Elementary Center. Discussion followed about whether we should contact an engineering firm about the cost for an independent study (Option 3 in Mr. Kresge's Memo), the danger of tractor trailers parked along SR 611, etc.

Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Council for a term ending on 12/31/2011

Mr. Zito moved to appoint Karen Green to the EAC term ending on 12/31/2011. Seconded by Ms. Kelly. Discussion - Mr. Hutchins said since he did not have time to call Ms. Green with some questions he has, he would abstain from voting. The motion carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Hutchins abstained).

Pocono Mountain School District - Clear Run Intermediate School requests for the use of the Township Municipal Park on May 30, 2008 and a waiver of the fees

Mr. Frutchey made a motion to approve the request from Clear Run Intermediate School for the use of the Township Municipal Park on May 30, 2008 and to waive the fees. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

Discussion - Fee Resolution Number 03-2008

Mr. Hutchins moved to adopt Fee Resolution Number 03-2008, superseding the previous Fee Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Frutchey. Discussion - none. The motion passed 5-0.

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Township Municipal Insurances Renewal

Mr. Frutchey moved to stay with Brown & Brown Insurance. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion - Mr. Hutchins pointed out that changing insurance carriers would put a lot of work on the staff, and with everything that going on, they do not need the extra work. Further discussion followed about coverage on the red barn. The motion was called and carried 5-0.

Current Obligations

General Fund	\$340,279.75
Escrow Fund	\$ 26, 491.00
Pocono Community Bank (Sewer Fund)	\$168,677.25
Sewer System Fund	\$ 8,320.05
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	Total Disbursements
	\$ 543,768.05

Ms. Kelly made a motion to pay our Current Obligations in the amount of \$ 543,768.05. Seconded by Mr. Frutchey. Mr. Frutchey said he will abstain from voting on item #36, reimbursement for a truck repair. Discussion followed about the expenditures listed, The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Hutchins commented that the Township should put a freeze on all new spending, including not having "Coolbaugh Celebrates", etc. He made a motion to put a freeze on all new spending. The motion died for lack of a second.

Other Business

Authorization to prepare Bid Specs for Anti-Skid

Mr. Frutchey moved to authorize Township Engineer Russ Kresge to prepare Bid Specs for anti-skid, including having it delivered. Seconded by Mr. O'Boyle. Discussion - none. The motion carried 4-1-0 (Mr. Hutchins opposed).

Outhouses of Coolbaugh Township

It was announced that the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association was having a program on March 17, 2008 featuring outhouses of interest in the Township.

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Project Support Form - Faith Outreach Ministry

Ms. Kelly handed out the Project Support Form referenced above, encouraging everyone to read it and requesting that the matter be on the next meeting agenda.

Mr. Frutchey was called away from the meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Public Input

John Eden - said he agreed with Mr. Hutchins about having a spending freeze and not holding "Coolbaugh Celebrates" this year, consider using the money for the celebration to offset the library costs, etc. He also asked if taxpayers were paying for the expansion at the sewer plant. Discussion followed.

Werner Frank - commented that the Pocono Mountain School District is one of the users of the sewer plant.

Board of Supervisors Executive Sessions

Mr. O'Boyle announced that the Board of Supervisors held Executive Sessions on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. regarding Pending Litigation and one scheduled for this evening re: Personnel will be postponed until March 18, 2008.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Mr. Hutchins moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Kelly. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Frutchey
Township Secretary

Joseph O'Boyle
Board Chairman