

**Coolbaugh Township
Board of Supervisors
May 5, 2009 Meeting
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The Coolbaugh Township Board of Supervisors May 5, 2009 Meeting was held in the Township Municipal Center, in building #3, at 5550 Memorial Boulevard, Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania.

Call To Order

Chairman Joseph 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 included: Mr. Joseph O'Boyle, Ms. Lynn Kelly, Mr. James H. Frutchey, Jr., Mr. Robert B. Hutchins and Mr. Robert M. Zito. Also present were Township Solicitor Jerry F. Hanna and Township Secretary Linda Frutchey.

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.

Approval of April 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Frutchey moved to approve the April 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes as presented and dispense with the reading. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion - none.
The motion carried 5-0.

Minor Subdivision to join lots 212 and 213, Section F, A Pocono Country Place - Property Owners - Kenneth and Rosemarie Hanel

Ms. Kelly moved to approve the Minor Subdivision Plan to join lots 212 and 213, Section F in A Pocono Country Place for Kenneth and Rosemarie Hanel. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

Request for exemption of providing bonding re: On-Lot Sewage Management Agreement between Coolbaugh Township and Memorial B. Gregory Trummel VFW #3448

Andrew Sterner, Post Adjutant was present to represent the request for an exemption to provide bonding relating to the VFW #3448 On-Lot Sewage Management Agreement.

Based on a Maintenance Agreement with Gotta Go Septic and the VFW Post, Mr. Frutchey moved to exempt the VFW #3448 from providing bonding relating to their On-Lot Sewage Management Agreement between Coolbaugh Township and Memorial B. Gregory Trummel VFW #3448. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

Authorization to provide space in the Coolbaugh Township Community Services Center to the University of Scranton Small Business Development Center

Mr. Zito moved to approve providing space in the Coolbaugh Township Community Center to the University of Scranton Small Business Development Center. Seconded by Ms. Kelly. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

Township Resolution #08-2009 - Monroe County Financial Assistance Program Application and Grant Agreement to update Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances

Mr. Frutchey moved to adopt Township Resolution #08-2009. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion followed about the questions being cleared up by Carson Helfrich at the April 30, 2009 Work Session. The motion carried 5-0.

Authorization to refund \$30.00 to James and Terri Freaney re: overpayment of Sewage Disposal System Repair Permit

Mr. Hutchins moved to authorize the \$30.00 refund to James and Terri Freaney. Seconded by Ms. Kelly. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

It was the consensus of the Supervisors to discuss at their May Work Session a revision to the Township Fee Schedule that would eliminate a separate fee for a "tank replacement permit" as suggested by SEO Jacob Schray.

Authorization to Township Solicitor to utilize legal action against the property of Carlos Quinones to mandate/complete sewer connection and to collect tapping fee

Mr. Frutchey moved to authorize Solicitor Hanna to start legal action against Carlos Quinones to mandate/complete his sewer connection and to collect a tapping fee. Seconded by Ms. Kelly. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

Award - 2009 Paving Project Bid

The Paving Bid was advertised in the *Pocono Record* on April 11 and April 15, 2009 with the Bid Opening on Friday, May 1, 2009. The following Bids were received: Slusser Brothers in the amount of \$242,893.32, Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania, LLC in the amount of \$182,428.30, Leeward Construction in the amount of \$210,402.00 and Locust Ridge Construction in the amount of \$209,494.56.

Mr. Zito moved as per the recommendation of Township Engineer Russ Kresge to award the Paving Bid to the low bidder, Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania, LLC in their bid amount of \$182,428.30. Seconded by Mr. Frutchey. Discussion followed about taking the money to pay for the paving project out of the Liquid Fuels Fund. Mr. Zito and Mr. Frutchey amended the motion to reflect that paving invoices are to be taken out of the Liquid Fuels Fund. The motion carried 5-0.

Authorization to Township Engineer to prepare Bid specs and advertisement re: demolition of structure at Lot 471, Tamarind Holdings, LLC - A Pocono Country Place

Ms. Kelly moved to authorize Township Engineer Russ Kresge to prepare Bid specs and an advertisement for the demolition of the above referenced structure. Seconded by Mr. Zito. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

Authorization to proceed with the Laurel Drive Realignment Project

Ms. Kelly moved to proceed with the Laurel Drive Realignment Project. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion followed about the draft letter prepared by Township Engineer Russ Kresge, etc.

Ms. Kelly and Mr. Hutchins amended the motion to send the letter to Pocono Farms Country Club Association to include the request to do a Wetland Delineation and inquire about the Acquisition of a half acre of property. The motion carried 5-0.

Authorization to make application to PennDOT to convert the passing zone on SR 611 (from Hemlock Drive/Tegawitha Drive north to Clear Run School) to a center left turn lane

Ms. Kelly moved to authorize preparing an application to PennDOT to convert the passing zone on SR 611 (from Hemlock Drive/Tegawitha Drive north to Clear Run School) to a center left turn lane. Seconded by Mr. Zito. Public input was heard from Dave Pope who said it doesn't make sense, etc. Discussion followed. The motion carried 5-0.

Current Obligations

General Fund	\$57,993.39
Capital Projects Fund	\$16,464.38
Escrow Fund	\$ 2,869.50
Sewer System Fund	\$ 9,515.92
Total Disbursements	\$85,843.19

Mr. Zito moved to approve paying the Current Obligations in the amount of \$85,843.19. Seconded by Mr. Frutchey. Discussion followed about this being the lowest Current Obligations in a long time. The motion carried 5-0.

Other Business

Wal-Mart Distribution Center Request to hold a softball tournament.

Mr. O'Boyle read the letter of request from Andrew Tolpa at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center for a waiver of the fees to use the fields and pavilion on June 8 and June 9, 2009 to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Mr. Frutchey moved to grant the request. Seconded by Mr. Zito. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

Board Work Session and Regular Meeting - May 18, 2009

Mr. O'Boyle reminded everyone the next Work Session and the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009 due to Election Day.

American Red Cross - "Run For The Red" Marathon

Mr. O'Boyle announced that the "Run For The Red" Marathon will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2009, and there will be a highway closing for Coolbaugh Township from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Overtime - Mr. Frutchev moved to approve overtime on Sunday to direct traffic during the "Run For The Red Marathon". Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion followed about the number of employees needed, which will come from the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department, and Township employees selected will be from the lowest paid and/or the employee who has less overtime, etc. The motion carried 5-0.

Public Input

Fred Berg - asked why there was no money for flowers at the intersection of Main Street and at the Bridge, and over on State Route 940 Intersection. Discussion followed about the Supervisors appreciating the efforts of the Beautification Committee, but they had to cut numerous items from the Budget, etc. Mr. Zito explained that the CTCP is looking into a Grant that could put permanent plants in the areas.

Vincent Massaro - asked if the Monroe County Transit Authority installs and maintains bus shelters, etc. Discussion followed about the need, how they get damaged and run down within a short time, etc.

Geraldo Miguel - said he lives in Pocono Farms East and is unemployed. He went to the year round drop off site on Saturday and found out there is a fee. It was his opinion that there should not be a fee, especially since taxes were raised. Discussion followed about the Township not raising the local taxes, and that charging for the drop off loads was due to some people abusing the site. The Supervisors noted that details are being finalized to give Township residents a pass card to allow them a certain number of free drop offs per year.

Andy Sterner - commented that he lives in the Pocono Farms Community which offers curb side pick up at a cost, etc.

Fred Berg - asked if the Supervisors would look into trash pick-up being included in our taxes. Discussion followed about the Supervisors researching the matter in the past and explained that there are problems for the Township instituting curbside pickup, such as some of the community developments being located in two Townships. The Supervisors acknowledged that this issue will be reviewed again in the future.

Dave Pope - asked for something to be done about the litter from the Blue Bins blowing all over the adjoining properties, out into the street and across the street. Discussion followed.

Mr. Pope - questioned why PennDOT would paint the traffic lines when they are due to pave later this year. He also asked who is responsible for putting speed limit signs on SR 611, as additional signs are needed north and south from State Route 380 on State Route 611 to the Mount Pocono Borough line. Discussion followed.

Eleanor Massaro - expressed appreciation to the Supervisors for seeing that the graffiti on the ABC Building on SR 196 was painted over and for the Sunoco Station on SR 196 being cleaned up, etc.

Harry Smith - asked if they proceeded with having a traffic study on SR 611 completed. He was advised that our Township Engineer Russ Kresge is looking into the matter.

Mrs. Frutchey was directed to send a letter to the following:

Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority - regarding plastic bags, paper, bottles, etc. blowing onto adjoining properties and across the street from the Blue Bin recycling containers at the Laurel Drive maintenance building. The Supervisors want the MCMWMA to send them a "Plan of Action" for keeping the "Blue Bins" area clean at all times.

Pocono Mountain School District Department of Transportation - regarding complaints from the public about school buses exiting school property at the Clear Run campuses and not stopping at the "stop sign". The buses all follow in a rotation making this a dangerous situation for oncoming traffic on SR 611. Also us drivers are taking up two lanes while traveling on Laurel Drive, Echo Lake Road, etc.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - requesting additional speed limit signs north and south from State Route 380 on State Route 611 to the Mount Pocono Borough line.

Board of Supervisors Executive Sessions

Mr. O'Boyle announced that an Executive Session was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 5:00 p.m regarding Pending Litigation. A subsequent Executive Session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. regarding Personnel. Mr. Zito requested a 10 minute Executive Session following the meeting re: Pending Litigation.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Mr. Frutchey moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Frutchey

Township Secretary

Joseph O'Boyle

Board Chairman