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The Coolbaugh Township Board of Supervisors November 2, 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. Frutchet, Jr., Mr. Robert B. Hutchins and Mr. Robert M. Zito. Also present were Township Solicitor Jerry F. Hanna, Douglas Hein, Business Manager/Controller and Township Secretary Linda Frutchet.

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 October 20, 2009 Minutes

Ms. Kelly moved to approve the October 20, 2009 Meeting Minutes as presented and dispense with the reading. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion - none. The motion carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Frutchet abstained as he was not present at the meeting).

**Minor Subdivision to join lots 1209 and 1210, Section F, Pocono Farms -
Property Owners - Gerald and Christine LaChance**

Mr. Frutchet moved to approve the Minor Subdivision to join lots 1209 and 1210, Section F, Pocono Farms for Property Owners Gerald and Christine LaChance. Seconded by Ms. Kelly. Discussion - none. The motion passed 5-0.

Appointment of Vacancy Board Chairman

Mr. Zito moved to table discussion of the appointment of a Vacancy Board Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

Intersection Relocation - Laurel Drive & S.R. 611

Before the Board was a comment letter dated October 29, 2009 from Township Engineer Russ Kresge and a Truck Turning Diagram for the above referenced intersection relocation. Mr. Kresge stated that the wetlands at the site can be avoided, while providing for trucks (as required by PennDOT and good planning) with an arrangement that avoids the need for an undesirable reverse curve. If the plan is satisfactory, the design can be completed and submitted to PennDOT. Discussion followed.

Mr. Frutchey made a motion to proceed with the completion of the intersection relocation design and submission to PennDOT and to prepare the bid specifications and authorize the advertisement. Discussion - none. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Hutchins moved to proceed with transferring the property necessary to complete the intersection relocation from Pocono Farms to Coolbaugh Township and have Martin & Robbins Surveyors do the subdivision. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

Application between Pennsylvania American Water Company and Coolbaugh Township for the installation of one public fire hydrant to be located at the intersection of S.R. 611 and Sussex Drive near the entrance to the Lexington Woods Development

Mr. Frutchey moved to approve the application between Pennsylvania American Water Company and Coolbaugh Township for the installation of one public fire hydrant to be located at the intersection of S.R. 611 and Sussex Drive near the entrance to the Lexington Woods Development. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion followed about the number of fire hydrants in Coolbaugh Township. Public comment was heard from Harry Smith who asked if the Township was getting the hydrant pressure testing results from the water company. The Township Secretary was directed to contact Dave Altmiller at PAWC to get the 2009 test results on all the fire hydrants in the Township.

Act 101, Section 902 Municipal Recycling Grant Modification - SAP Document #4100043948 - Purchase of radial stacking conveyor in the amount of \$51,535.00 through Lackawanna County Co-Operative Purchasing Contract

Adoption of Resolution 18-2009 re: joining the Lackawanna County Automotive and Equipment Contract

Mr. Hutchins made a motion to adopt Resolution #18-2009 to join the Lackawanna County Automotive and Equipment Contract. Seconded by Mr. Frutchey. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Frutchey moved to purchase a 36" x 80' radial stacking conveyor in the amount of \$51,535.00 per the Lackawanna County Co-operative Purchasing Contract with payment to be taken out of the Emergency Services Fund. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding concerns about spending the money given the financial condition of the Township, etc. The motion was called and passed 3-1-1 (Ms. Kelly opposed and Mr. Zito abstained).

Five Year Fire Service Agreements for:

Coolbaugh Township Volunteer Fire Company

Gouldsboro Volunteer Fire Company

Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire Company

Thornhurst Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

Mr. Zito moved to approve the Five Year Fire Service Agreements with Coolbaugh Township Volunteer Fire Company, Gouldsboro Volunteer Fire Company, Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire Company and Thornhurst Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company and thanked them for the work they do for the Township. There was a unanimous second of the motion. Discussion - Ms. Kelly explained the breakdown of increase percentages of 5% for CTVFC and 3% for the Gouldsboro, Pocono Summit and Thornhurst fire companies. She also asked to amend #7 on the Gouldsboro, Pocono Summit and Thornhurst agreements to limit their required monthly reporting to call-outs in Coolbaugh Township only.

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The Secretary was directed to send a cover letter with the agreements requesting that the fire companies send their response as soon as possible or within thirty (30) days, no later than December 31, 2009. The motion carried 5-0.

Current Obligations

General Fund	\$247,401.28
Capital Construction	\$ 1,475.27
Emergency Services Fund	\$105,652.00
Escrow Account Fund	\$ 182.47
Sewer System Fund	\$ 12,317.83
Total Disbursements	\$367,028.85

Mr. Frutchey moved to approve the Current Obligations in the amount of \$367,028.85. Seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Discussion - none. The motion passed 5-0.

Other Business

PMREMS - request for use of Township's backhoe

Mr. O'Boyle asked if the PMREMS could use the Township's backhoe and an employee operator to dig a trench for a water line from the PMREMS building to the PAWC main water line.

Mr. Frutchey moved to send equipment and man power to dig a trench for a water line from the PMREMS building to the PAWC main water line and fill the trench when completed. Seconded by Mr. O'Boyle. Discussion - none. The motion carried. Mr. O'Boyle thanked the Board on behalf of the PMREMS.

Dennis and Grisel Bloom - Traffic Signal Modification

Before the Board was a letter dated October 21, 2009 from Marshall Anders, Esq. requesting further discussion of the traffic signal modification and proposed cost.

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The Township Secretary was directed to set up a meeting at the November 24, 2009 Work Session at 6:30 p.m. with the Blooms, Township Solicitor Jerry Hanna and Township Engineer Russ Kresge.

Mr Zito - comments to the Board and the public

Mr. Zito thanked the Board of Supervisors for the use of the Community Service Center in Building #2 for the Pocono Farms East annual meeting. He informed the Board that there is no American flag in the building for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Supervisors determined that the flag in the upstairs meeting room of Municipal Center could be moved over there.

Mr. Zito noted that it is his second run for Supervisor in tomorrow's election, and he went on to say that he believes all of the candidates in Coolbaugh Township do things the right way and run their campaigns with no back-stabbing, etc. He also complimented Mr. Hutchins on his campaign, and Mr. Hutchins responded that he echoed Mr. Zito's thoughts regarding the way candidates in our Township conduct themselves.

Coolbaugh Township Municipal Center Heating System \ Boiler Conversion

Mr. Hein reported that Russ Kresge and Jared Ferri are working on preparing bid specifications and advertisement to complete the work on the heating system at the Township Municipal Center.

Demolition of Dangerous Vacant Structures

Mr. Hein reported that the Zoning Officer was looking at several dangerous vacant structures that needed to be demolished and would be giving a report. He went on to explain that there may be enough funds through the Monroe County Redevelopment Authority to add two vacant structures to the list that will go out to bid. Discussion ensued whether or not to consider the structure on Mill Street.

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Public Input

Ronnie Frank - complimented that Board of Supervisors for their work and told them they are a Class A Act.

Board of Supervisors Executive Sessions

Mr. O'Boyle announced that the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 8:35 p.m. re: Personnel Issues and Pending Litigation. No subsequent Executive Sessions are scheduled.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Mr. Hutchins moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zito. Discussion - none. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Frutchey
Township Secretary

Joseph O'Boyle
Board Chairman