

Slippery Rock Township Supervisors

Minutes for: 8/12/19

Chairman Paul Dickey called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. in attendance was Supervisor's John Hines and Terry Doerr along with solicitor, Wil White and Tracy Frampton, representative from EADS. Eight members of the public attended.

Approval of Minutes / Payment of Bills / Financial Reports

John Hines made a motion to approve the minutes for July 22, 2019, approve and pay the bills and approve the financial report. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Comment(s)

Bob Crafton - S. R. Library. Bob presented the board with handouts presenting a summary outlining library spring activities and developments plus the grants received along with the financial budget report.

Scott Slattery – repair of drive way-169 Miller Road. Scott summarized the issue of the drainage along Miller Road and washing out part of his drive-way during the torrential rain in the past. Paul Dicky reported that the road crew last week completed their project along Miller Road diverting water away from the Slattery property. Scott added that to-date it looks like this diversion is working. Paul added that the TWP grader was out of commission and is now fixed and the road crew are scheduling to continue to work along Miller Road to further render this problem. Paul is still trying to contact a company to put a video camera down the pipe to make sure it is open with no restrictions. Scott is asking the board if the TWP can help repair the washout of their driveway; an invoice was submitted. Wil explained that this amount is below our threshold of insurance coverage and also there is the governmental tort immunity act of PA which, includes all govt. divisions, designating they are immune from this type of suit. Wil requested that the invoice be sent to him and he will review and instruct the board if they have any obligation in regards to this invoice.

Woodbridge Drive Commercial Section – proposed weight limit revisions.

Paul requested that we review the Woodbridge Drive weight limit change issue from existing 10 ton to 20 ton at this time. A lengthy discussion ensued with the following key points discussed:

- Wil strongly recommends along with the TWP Eng. recommendation that the TWP should not change the weight limit on the Woodbridge Drive commercial section when the study established it to be 10 Ton. There is an alternative by issuing the user a Local Hauling Permit, which allows the user to access a road posted under their weight limit where they are determined to be local traffic. Wil continued explaining that the laws allow the local government, municipality, to designate areas where the user has property located along a road as local traffic. The definition of local traffic is if property owned along that road to the extent that anyone whose local traffic is exceeding your posted wt. limits and all the township needs to do is issue a "Local Hauling Permit", basically it is a vehicle excluded from the weight limit posted on the road area. If there is excessive damage then a user Agreement will come in effect if determined by the TWP Engineer. Wil added that this is your Township and your Road and your right and ultimately I will do what you want but I advise you to not change this weight limit when there is another alternative by issuing a Local Hauling Permit.
- Paul summarized the pending sale of the Woodbridge Drive commercial area and why the proposed buyer is asking for a weight limit revision projecting there will be 20 Ton traffic traveling in that area. Paul reported that the proposed buyer does not want to utilize the permitting process due to the fact it can be revoked for any reason. Wil White clarified that the permit cannot be revoked anytime for any reason but can only be revoked by issuing a letter where the TWP Engineer has determined that the owners use is causing excess damage of the roadway and they, like anyone else, would have to enter into a user agreement with the TWP. Paul added additional information in regards to this property being commercial set at a 10 Ton limit may be valid for limitations in that commercial zone.
- John Hines asked about bonding and Wil responded that that is much too complex and don't have to use bonding for this type of issue. Bonding is mostly used construction projects or something temporarily going on the road. That is why the local hauling permit is used.
- Wil reported that this change can be done by completing the process as follows: notice of intent to amend (advertised twice), provide notice of intent to the PA State Police, hold a public hearing and then choose to modify ordinance. Conversantly looking at least 45-60 days with a cost of \$500 - \$1000.
- Terry added information in regards to the existing road conditions

- Mr. Gregg from Thomas Construction added that the owner will have to have the tenant to be responsible for any excess road damage and this may not be favorable for a selling point.
- David Meese and Bob Leone, property owners submitted an application for request for changing the weight limit on the commercial section of Woodbridge Drive noting that 10 Ton seems inadequate for a commercial area.

Paul requested that we consider to set a date and time for a public hearing contingent on the TWP engineer to review the commercial section of Woodbridge Drive. Schedule and proceed after Eng. Review is complete. Wil White will need a description of what the Township is proposing to do. This issue will be continued at the next schedule meeting where date and time for a public hearing will be considered after the engineer review.

Arrowhead Drive Speed Limit, change to 25 MPH – Wil stated that this can be done by resolution. The TWP Eng. should make a recommendation of the speed limit for this road and any other like areas where this can be applied within the Township. The board agreed to begin this action.

Engineer Report – submitted by David Neill

1. **Renick Brothers – reduction of developer’s escrow to \$50,000.00.** A discussion ensued which included the EADS recommendation of reduction of the escrow to \$50,000 per their site visit and inspection of the project.

John Hines made a motion to approve the Renick Brothers Land Development reduction of the escrow to \$50,000. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Report of 7/22/2019 covering stormwater issues as follows** - 508/512 Mercer Road/ water issue, 430 Deer Run Road/water issue, 109 East Crossbow Lane/water issue, 320 Crestview Road/bank sliding. Action: letters sent to residents and they are working with TWP engineer for resolutions if needed.
3. **Kiester Road drainage project** - It is completed, inspected and asked for Pay Request #1 for \$92,558.50 to be released. Discussion ensued.

Terry Doerr made a motion to release Pay Request #1 for \$92,558.50 to Terra Works Inc. for the Kiester Road Drainage Project. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Kiester Road Paving – Shields Paving – additional work.** Shields will complete profile milling of the road and install 24’ of new pavement for a majority of the road. This would impact the quantities of the final project. The estimated increase in cost by \$10,860.90. A change order will be completed at the end of the project once all final quantities are measured. Discussion ensued.

Paul Dickey made a motion to approve the Kiester Road Paving Project additional work estimated at a cost of \$10,860.80. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously

5. **SR TWP sewage project.** Paul conveyed that the installer is waiting for a pump which may take 2 weeks and the project will begin at that time.
6. **Sanderson Road update.** Surveying is scheduled with design in the fall and bidding in winter for spring 2020 construction. A brief discussion ensued with no action.

Unfinished Business

1. **Ordinance Chapter 15 revisions proposed** – speed limits in residential areas and weight limits on commercial road sections. This was addressed earlier in the meeting. No further action needed.
2. **307 Harmony Road** - Sewage Easement and Highway Occupancy Permit. Paul summarized this project to the board. Wil added that this is a nonexclusive agreement and the key is that the TWP is giving a neighbor the right to run a ditch with pipe across the property and it is very clear, in the easement agreement, that it is not exclusive meaning it does not prevent others from using it.

a. Grant Easement for 307 Harmony Road. A brief discussion ensued.

Terry Doerr made motion to grant this easement between SR TWP and Thomas Perry property located at 307 Harmony Road Map/Parcel# 280-S8-A2-0000. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

b. Transmittal letter - discussion ensued and the board agreed to execute.

c. Small Flow Maintenance Agreement. The board acknowledges and agrees to execute.

3. **Assistant Temporary Zoning Officer** – Mark Lazzari, The EADS Group. Discussion ensued with input from Tracy Frampton, EADS representative and Wil White.

Paul Dickey made a motion to empower the EADS Group to assist the TWP as necessary and have individuals designated including appointing Mark Lazzari as the TWP assistant temporary zoning officer. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **CDBG Projects:** Tracy Frampton summarized to the board the three ways to qualify a CDBG project as follows: low to moderate income, address slum or blight or do something addressing urgent need. Discussion ensued and Tracy reported that he did a small field view of projects which may be considered and reported his results to the board. Paul Dickey also added some information on a sewer and water extension along Route 108 West (Magnolia Woods Lane to the TWP Line) to consider for qualifying.

Paul Dickey made a motion to submit the following projects for the CDBG three (3) year plan to include as follows: 1. Housing Rehabilitation, 2. Boozel/McCandless stormwater and paving plus 3. Route 108 West Sewer and Water Extensions. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

- **Certificate of Deposit #3** – renewal 8/11/19. Discussion ensued and the board would like to keep the funds from this certificate that may be needed for paying the bills.

Paul Dickey made a motion to keep the amount of funds necessary to pay the bills from this certificate and reinvest the remainder with Nextier at 1.83% for 6 months. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- **Bradman Estates ditching/grading.** Paul Dickey will meet with the Road Crew to determine scope of project.
- **Ford 550** - been at McCandless Ford for over three months waiting for wireless harness. Terry reported that they are waiting for a wiring harness from Ford. Discussion ensued. Wil White conveyed that he will contact McCandless on behalf of the Township and the board agreed.
- **Maintenance Bldg. Improvements** - ceiling and lights plus paint bare wood around replaced garage door from accident. Discussion ensued. The board authorized the road crew department to get 3 quotes for garage ceiling and lighting in their maintenance building and submit to the board for review and consideration.
- **Ditching for TWP garage drain and neighbor easement** - Road crew identified the areas for the TWP drain from their garage and where it will hook into Branchton Road. Wil White indicated that Tom Perry is responsible to dig the ditch across the TWP property per the easement agreement. No further action needed.
- **Grader repair** - The road foreman submitted information and invoices from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company. The road foreman noted that these charges were from misdiagnosing the issue in regards to the grader cylinder. Discussion ensued and the board agreed to decline to pay these invoices. The board instructed the office to forward a letter reviewed by the solicitor to this vendor to decline payment.
- **Resolution# 19-8-1** – CDBG resolution of filing with Butler County. A brief discussion ensued.

John Hines made a motion to approve Resolution #19-8-1 CDBG filing with Butler County. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- **Resolution# 19-8-2** -CDBG three-year plan.

John Hines made a motion to approve Resolution #19-8-2 CDBG three year plan. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- **Resolution# 19-8-3 -CDBG Fair Housing**

John Hines made a motion to approve Resolution #19-8-3 CDBG Fair Housing. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- **Butler County CDBG – cooperation agreement** (sign agreement)

Terry Doerr made a motion to approve Butler County CDBG Cooperation Agreement. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

- Central Westmoreland Council of Government – COG 2020 Membership. No action taken.
- SRU Macoskey Boardwalk – Beren Environmental Services 30 day comments – due by August 18th. Corrections made by Terry Doerr were forwarded. No other action taken.

Additional or Further Business

1. Full time road crew. Paul Dickey asked the board if they would like to consider advertising and interviewing soon for this position. Discussion ensued.

Paul Dickey made a motion directing the TWP office to place an Advertisement for full time road crew position and begin accepting applications. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Part time road crew/lawn care. A brief discussion ensued.

Paul Dickey made a motion to considering hiring a part time lawn care/road crew personnel and conduct interviews. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.


3. Wil White reported on an issue with Campus Side Apartments in violation of the TWP's Alarm Ordinance. An enforcement notice was sent to them along with a fine in accordance with this ordinance. The fine is to be submitted to the Township. The ordinance does not identify where this money has to be used or deposited. The fire company was called out on ten occasions the same night for these faulty alarm system. The board may want to consider forwarding this fine to the SR Volunteer Fire Company.

Paul Dickey made a motion to authorize the office to forward this Alarm Fine as received from Campus Side Apartments to the SR Volunteer Fire Company. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

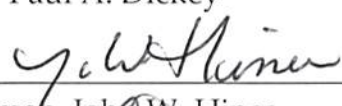
Paul asked if there was any additional business. There was none.

Adjourn Meeting

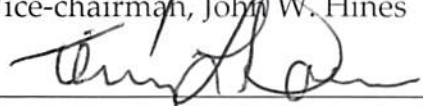
Terry Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



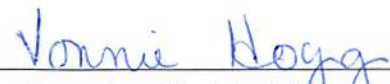
Chairman, Paul A. Dickey



Vice-chairman, John W. Hines



Supervisor, Terry L. Doerr



Minutes submitted by Vonnie Hogg



Date approved