

**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Eric P. Schaffhausen, Chairman
Morgan Cowperthwaite, Jr., Vice Chairman
Glenn A. Wismer, Member

STAFF: John T. Terry, Manager - absent
Jean Herstine, Secretary/Treasurer
John B. Rice, Township Solicitor
Thomas Fountain, Township Engineer
Mark R. Ofner, Chief

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Township Building in the Village of Bedminster, leading those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda Work Session & Meeting Minutes:

On a motion made by Glenn Wismer, seconded by Eric Schaffhausen the Board approved the minutes of the agenda work session held March 9, 2010. The motion carried with 2 votes for, and with Supervisor Cowperthwaite abstaining.

On a motion made by Eric Schaffhausen, seconded by Glenn Wismer the Board approved the minutes of the monthly meeting held March 10, 2010. The motion carried with 2 votes for, and with Supervisor Cowperthwaite abstaining.

On a motion made by Glenn Wismer, seconded by Morgan Cowperthwaite the Board approved the minutes of the agenda work session held April 13, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Glenn Wismer, seconded by Morgan Cowperthwaite the Board approved the minutes of the monthly meeting held April 14, 2010. The motion carried with 2 votes for, and with Supervisor Schaffhausen abstaining.

Approval of the May Invoices:

On a motion made by Glenn Wismer, seconded by Morgan Cowperthwaite the Board approved the May invoices totaling \$78,512.48. The motion carried unanimously.

Subdivision and Land Development

Escrow Release No. 3: Jaster Associates Land Development

Escrow Release No.3 for Jaster Associates Land Development was presented by the Township Engineer in the amount of \$12,916.15 for the construction and installation of certain improvements. On a motion made by Eric Schaffhausen, seconded by Glenn Wismer the Board approved Escrow Release No. 3 for Jaster Associates. The motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

Authorize Subordination, Consent & Non-Disturbance Agreement: Harrison Conserve. Easement

The Harrison Subordination, Consent, and Non-Disturbance Agreement was presented for authorization for TMP# 1-11-110. The agreement stipulates that the conservation easement stands legally in front of the mortgagee (the bank).

On a motion made by Glenn Wismer, seconded by Morgan Cowperthwaite the Board approval the Harrison Subordination, Consent, and Non-Disturbance Agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2010-10: Harrison Conservation Easement

Resolution No. 2010-10 authorizing the purchase of the Conservation Easement for Theodore Harrison, 486 Deep Run Road, TMP# 1-11-110 was presented. The Harrison easement consists of approximately 73 acres. The conservation easement per acre is \$10,000.00. The Township's portion is \$415,655.13 along with the County's portion of \$317,343.00.

On a motion made by Eric Schaffhausen, seconded by Glenn Wismer the Board approved Resolution No. 2010-10 for purchase of the Harrison Conservation Easement. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2010-11: Mary & Jeffrey Miller Conservation Easement

Resolution No. 2010-11 authorizing the purchase of the Mary & Jeffrey Miller Conservation Easement, 2729 Bedminster Road, TMP# 1-11-65 was presented. The Miller easement consists of approximately 96 acres. The conservation easement cost per acre is \$8,000.00. The Township's portion is \$453,391.38 along with the County's portion of \$317,434.00.

On a motion made by Glenn Wismer, seconded by Morgan Cowperthwaite the Board approved Resolution No. 2010-11 for the purchase of the Miller Conservation Easement. The motion carried unanimously.

Application for the Agricultural Security District: Bues Tract

The following application was received for inclusion into the township's Agricultural Security District for Joseph and Kelly Bues, 1036 Slotter Road, TMP# 1-6-52-2 consisting of 10.2 acres. Prior to inclusion in the district, various county and municipal boards review each application.

Adoption of Police Department Policies: Administrative Directives 10-1 thru 10-5

Five (5) Administrative Directives are required by the Township's Police liability insurance carrier to establish procedures for custodial interrogations; warrant service; prisoner transportation; the handling of individuals with mental illness; and medical assistance. On a motion made by Glenn Wismer, seconded by Morgan Cowperthwaite the Board approved the Police Department Policies as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Department Activity:

The Police Department's Activity Report for April is on file. Chief Ofner alerted the public to a recent increase in paving and telephones scams and a reminder to residents to contact the police department regarding any suspicious activity.

Public Comments:

Jack Valente, Wickham Place was informed the final punchlist for the maintenance bond is due by the end of the month. The maintenance bond process requires the township to file a claim with the bank, at which time the bank would handle the claim by hiring the contractors to complete any work necessary.

Janice Meiser, 1221 Deer Run Road was informed that the township is unwilling to spend an addition \$500.00 to have Mr. Mercuri, the township's hydrogeologist produce an additional letter providing the basis for his earlier conclusions concerning their well/water problems. In addition, Mrs. Meiser has requested to be on the supervisors June 8, 2010 work session agenda. Prior to the June work session John Rice, Township Solicitor has requested copies of any documentation Mrs. Meiser may have from the EPA and/or DEP.

Joe Bauer, Pipersville, spoke in support of Mrs. Meiser's request for an explanation from Bruno Mercuri, of Mercuri Associates regarding the basis for his proposed solutions. Mr. Bauer also inquired as to the status of the traffic signal at Route 611 and Deep Run Road. Mr. Bauer was informed that PennDOT is revising the plans to include ADA ramps on Route 413 side of the intersection.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board, Eric Schaffhausen made a motion, seconded by Morgan Cowperthwaite, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean L. Herstine
Office Administrator
Secretary/Treasurer