

September 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry for September 8, 2016 was called to order by Fred Buckholtz, Chairman. This meeting is being tape recorded.

- **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Those in attendance were Fred Buckholtz, Harold Best, Jerry Brosius, Chad Findlay (Township Manager), Ted Williams (Road Supervisor), and Mike Erwin (Utility Manager). Guests in attendance were (see-attached sheet).
 - **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.
 - **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Jerry Brosius made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Harold Best, motion carried (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Harold Best - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes).
1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 08.25.16** – Fred Buckholtz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting, hearing none Harold Best made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jerry Brosius, motion carried (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Harold Best-yes, Jerry Brosius- yes).
 2. **EXPENDITURES** – Fred Buckholtz asked if there were any questions on the expenditures. Being none, Harold Best made a motion to approve the expenditures, seconded by Jerry Brosius. Motion carried. (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes, Harold Best- yes).
 3. **PERSONS ON THE AGENDA** – None
 4. **STAFF REPORTS**
 - Road Supervisor-** Ted Williams reported that his crew worked 8 days tar & chipping, 4 days blacktopping patches on Central Ave Ext., 3 days mowing on bike trail, 6 days mowing roads, 1 day ditching, 4 days sweeping roads, 1 day installing festival banners, and 3 days crushing gravel at the Pit. Fred asked Ted if Central Ave was getting blacktopped this year? Ted said next year. Jerry asked Ted what he was using to patch Central Ave Ext. Ted answered 19MM base material. Jerry then asked about a drainage overflow problem on Rich Street. Ted said he was aware of the location but didn't know the water was going over the road. Ted stated that he was aware of a problem with the ditch in the resident's yard getting larger. Bruce Getsinger spoke and stated that Ted had taken him to that location for legal advice, and from what he could tell; the Township does not have a legal obligation.
 - Utility Manager-** Mike Erwin stated that the water & sewer department helped with the blacktopping on Central Ave Ext., replaced 200' of 2" water line on Allegheny Ave, collected 30 samples of water for lead testing, flushed a sewer line at the Mall, cleaned the water tanks at the Mall, and continued working on replacing a 10" sewer line on Allegheny Ave.
 - Code Enforcement-** Koah Pentz was unavailable so Chad Findlay read his report. Over the past month the Township issued 10 zoning permits totaling \$185,534.00 in construction costs. These permits included 1 commercial, 2 garages, 2 porches, 3 sheds, 1 fence, and 1 sign. Koah also attended 1 zoning hearing and 1 Venango County Land Bank meeting.
 - Township Manager** –Chad Findlay reported that the Township received a \$4,968.49 payment from the PA Game Commission in lieu of property tax. A letter of thanks was presented to the Supervisors for all of the support to the Venango County Fair. Chad reminded the residents of Upper Sage Run Road

that their CDBG income surveys need to be sent back in. Chad then read a request from Trevin Chittester. Trevin asked the Supervisors permission to do work on the canoe and kayak launch on the bike trail near the 8th Street Bridge as part of his Eagle project. Harold Best made a motion to permit Trevin's request. Jerry Brosius seconded the motion. All in favor. (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Harold Best-yes, Jerry Brosius- yes).

Township Solicitor – Bruce Getsinger was on hand to offer a legal response to the cable franchise agreement discussion and also the International Property Maintenance Code. Bruce stated that unless the Township was interested in generating revenue through cable customers, there was no real reason to enter into an agreement. Harold said he believed the bills were already high enough and didn't think the Township needed involved. The other Supervisors agreed. Bruce then went into the International Property Maintenance Code discussion. He stated that he did not feel the Township's existing ordinances address the current problems, and there is no viable enforcement mechanism. He suggested that if the Township wishes to pursue certain property maintenance issues that it adopts all or parts of the International Property Maintenance Code. Harold Best stated that 99% of the IPMC is made up of laws that he doesn't want in the Township. Bruce stated that he is there only to provide the best legal opinion he can and not the policy decision as to whether or not to adopt the code.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS –Ed Barrett asked why the attorney is looking at ditches. Chad explained the attorney went to determine if the Township had a legal obligation to fix the problem.

Lou Betterman said he understands the need for zoning but said it goes too far when you tell him to mow his lawn.

Kevin Ross said the IMPC is more a building code than anything else.

Marilyn Brandon said this proposed zoning change on 322 is controlling her life. She is tired of fighting 1 or 2 people when 20 don't want the change. Fred Buckholtz assured her that a decision has not been made and the Supervisors still have not seen the draft Comp. Plan.

Beth Reed asked about the change from commercial to mixed commercial.

6. COMMENTS OF MEMBERS – None

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry will be September 22, 2016 at 7:00PM. There being no further business, Fred Buckholtz, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:09AM.

ATTEST

Chad Findlay
Township Manager