

October 27, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry for October 27, 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 and Chad Findlay (Township 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 10.13.16** – Fred Buckholtz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting. 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. Jerry Brosius made a motion to approve the expenditures. Seconded by Harold Best. Motion carried. (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes, Harold Best- yes).

3. **PERSONS ON THE AGENDA** – Trevin Chittester provided the public with a PowerPoint presentation of the Eagle Scout project he completed. Trevin with the help of the boy scouts installed new wood and gravel steps from the parking lot near the Salt Box down to the Allegheny River.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Township Manager –Chad Findlay forwarded a recommendation to the Supervisors from the General Authority. The General Authority recommended waving the \$125 fee to sewer customers for the sewer lateral inspection prior to deed transfer. Due to most of the laterals being replaced in the last few years the Authority intends to continue to do the inspections, but without a fee at this time. The Supervisors all agreed and a motion was made by Fred to make a new Resolution 7-16 to waive the lateral inspection fee. Second by Harold Best. (All in favor.) (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Harold Best-yes, Jerry Brosius-yes). Chad then presented proposed Resolution 8-16 from Venango County for the approval of Cranberry Township Community Development Block Grant Application for 2016. The work included Upper Sage Run Road resurfacing for \$94,497 and administration of \$10,499. Motion was made by Jerry to accept Resolution 8-16 and was seconded by Harold. (All voted in favor.) (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Harold Best-yes, Jerry Brosius-yes). Chad provided the Supervisors with a clean report for the 2013-2015 Liquid Fuels Audit, and read a thank you from the Cranberry Area Lions Club. Chad reported that he attended a budget meeting, COG meeting, a tour of the new Knox Sewage treatment facility, and taught third graders at the Cranberry School District about local government. Chad then announced the proposed budget for 2017 as follows: General Fund \$1,833,785, Fire Dept. \$41,900, Road Machinery \$172,000, Water Dept. \$1,009,231, Sewer Dept. \$1,677,531, Street Lights \$17,750 and Liquid Fuels \$369,210.77. Total budget \$5,121,407.77. This budget is a balanced with no tax increase. The budget will be available for review at the Township Building with the final approval scheduled for November 22, 2017.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Andy Sentgeorge asked the Supervisors when they are expecting the Comp. Plan. Fred stated they haven't heard anything and Harold hoped within a month.

Scott Snow voiced his support for the commercial zoning change on 322 and listed several examples of small businesses that could have benefited from the change.

Beth Reed said she was speaking for Mrs. Brandon and Mrs. Lineman and they wish to have their properties remain residential.

6. **COMMENTS OF MEMBERS** – Fred Buckholtz told the public that the Supervisors had an executive session meeting with Randy Spencer on August 23, 2016 with regard to his property violations and Randy's request for a sit-down meeting with the Supervisors. Fred then told the public that Randy forwarded a letter to the Township requesting an \$189,803.06 payment plus reimbursement of a previously paid \$6,000 fine and a Township junkyard license permit for his Victory Heights Hill property and Garden Lane property. Randy would then move his items to the two properties with junkyard licenses. Fred told the public that the Supervisors are totally against the request and it is unacceptable. Fred then asked for the letter to be part of the public record.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry will be November 10, 2016 at 10:30AM. Chairman Fred Buckholtz adjourned the meeting at 7:27PM.

ATTEST

Chad Findlay
Township Manager