

August 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry for August 10, 2017 was called to order at the Municipal Building 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), Koah Pentz (Code Enforcement), Mike Erwin ( Utility Manager) and Ted Williams (Road Supervisor). Guests were recorded in the attendance book.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.
- **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Harold Best made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Jerry Brosius, motion carried (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Harold Best - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes).

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 07.27.17** – Fred Buckholtz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 27, 2017 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 approve the expenditures, seconded by Harold Best. Motion carried. (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes, Harold Best- yes).

3. **PERSONS ON THE AGENDA** – Barrie Brancato spoke to the Supervisors and the public about her vested interest in the Township regarding the Comp. Plan, Economic Development, and the meeting attacks and personal accusations.

Kylie Gahrng stated that she believed property owners have the right to do what they want on their own property.

#### 4. **STAFF REPORTS**

**Road Supervisor-** Ted Williams reported that his crew ditched roads for 11 days, installed 3 driveway pipes, installed 1 cross-over pipe, worked 3 days on storm damage clean-up, mowed roadsides for 20 days, tar and chipped for 4 days, black topped a piece of Central Ave Ext, worked on Moody Park restroom project, and worked at the Venango County Fairgrounds for 1 day.

**Utility Manager-** Mike Erwin reported that his crew repaired a 10" water line on Bredinsburg Road, worked on manhole lids on Central Ave Ext., and installed 1 sewer tap on Allegheny Ave., ordered 2 sewage pumps, and monitored the concrete encasement work by Horizon Construction, for the 10" sewage line crossing Sage Run. Fred Buckholtz asked about the longevity of the pumps. Mike said the old pumps have been in place since Dick Castonguay was at the Township.

**Code Enforcement-** Koah Pentz reported that he issued 7 permits totaling \$40,800 in construction. These permits included (1) commercial, (2) porches, (1) structure removal, (1) shed, (1) fence, and (1) sign. Koah also issued (1) heavy hauling permit and (3) driveway permits. Koah also attended a Venango County Land Bank meeting, an Economic Development Committee meeting, a meeting with planner John Trant, and worked at the Venango County Fairgrounds for a day.

**Township Manager** –Chad Findlay announced that an Executive Session was held on 7/31/2017 at 2:30PM at the Township Building by the Supervisors regarding the legal challenge of the Crexit petition. Chad reported that a motion was made by Harold Best and seconded by Jerry Brosius to have Bruce Getsinger file a petition placing an objection to the referendum on the ballot to allow the annexation of some Cranberry Township properties to Rockland Township. (All voted in favor.) (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Harold Best-yes, Jerry Brosius-yes). Chad then presented the Supervisors with a request for donation to the Blue & White Booster Club for their sports program. This donation was not budgeted for and the Supervisors chose to table the request and discuss adding it into the 2018 budget . Chad then read an invitation for the Township Officials to attend the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Venango County Association of Township Officials to be held Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at the

Oakland Township Fire Hall. All three Supervisors and Chad said they are planning to attend. Chad then informed the Supervisors that no other suggestions were forwarded for the CDBG application. Chad informed the public that the Supervisors held a public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan prior to the Supervisors meeting.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

Ed Barrett informed the public of his past sewage problems.

Aaron Bollinger explained to all that government is “force” and “law”.

Gordon Bickel informed the public of grant funding that he wrote asking for \$9,800 to purchase new emergency scene signs.

Robert Zacherl asked how the Township was coming with building our own sewage plant.

Sherrie Emrick informed the Supervisors again of her water problems.

Lou Betterman said he is opposed to all zoning that doesn’t have an effect on infrastructure.

Andy Sentgeorge felt the presentation at the beginning of the meeting was an attack on his freedom of speech. He also wanted all to know he has applied for positions within the Township and has participated in Township meetings.

**6. COMMENTS OF MEMBERS –** Fred Buckholtz informed the public of the car show and bluegrass festival at the Morrison Park, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry Brosius said he would like to see another flashing stop sign on Horsecreek and State Route 157.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry will be August 24, 2017 at 7:00PM. There being no further business, Chairman Fred Buckholtz adjourned the meeting at 11:40AM.

ATTEST

Chad Findlay  
Township Manager