

November 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry for November 9, 2017 was called to order at 10:30AM 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), Ted Williams (Road Supervisor), Mike Erwin (Utility Manager), Ben Breniman (Code Enforcement). Guests were recorded in the attendance book.
 - **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 10.26.17** – Fred Buckholtz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting. Being none, Jerry Brosius made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Harold Best, motion carried (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Harold Best-yes, Jerry Brosius- yes). The minutes for the Comp. Plan Hearing minutes were then presented. Harold Best made a motion to approve the minutes, Fred seconded. (All in favor.) (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes, Harold Best- 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** – Gordon Bickel informed the public of the expected population loss in the next few years. He also complimented the Township employees and thought they each should get a raise of at least \$1.00 an hour.
 4. **STAFF REPORTS**
 - Road Supervisor-** Ted Williams reported that his crews picked up 40 loads of leaves in 14 days. They also worked 2 days prepping trucks for winter, crushed gravel for a day, installed a driveway pipe, cleaned ditches/pipes for 2 days, hauled scrap to the scrapyard, and installed a new pipe on Astral Road. Jerry asked Ted about a leaf plan to decide what property owners would be collected. Ted said Koah was working on it but was having trouble. Ted is going to work on it. Fred asked Ted if he was going to do any crack filling on the roads. Ted said they already did.
 - Utility Manager-** Mike Erwin reported that his crew repaired a water leak on Sage Run and Cranberry Rockland Road, repaired an 8" valve at Bredinsburg and State Route 257, flushed the new line extending from Ranch St. to Emrick Dr., cleaned up the pipe yard, closed the restrooms at the Parks, pulled the fountain at the Park, and are working on flushing hydrants. Jerry questioned the fluctuation on sewer payments to Oil City. Mike explained that it is still infiltration affecting the flows.
 - Code/Zoning Officer-** Ben Breniman reported that he issued 13 permits totaling \$3,298,000. Most of that was for UPMC upgrades. Other notable permits were Hards Fabrications project for \$230,000 and a new house. Jerry asked Ben if he has worked on the mixed use. Ben explained where the Planning Commission stood and explained that they do not meet again until January. Chad informed the Supervisors that he received a draft from John Trant for the mixed use zone specifically including

the 80 acre parcel intended to be used for a retirement community. Fred asked where the township stood with regards to the retirement community. Chad said that he and planners are working on it and the wetlands were just identified by the Engineers. Fred asked where the Township stood with the Property Maintenance Code. Chad explained that nothing has been done with it since the Supervisors held the last workshop and put it on hold. Jerry asked Ben if there were any positions available in the Planning Commission. Ben said no, and that 2 members will be providing letters by the end of the year to be re-appointed due to their term expiring.

Township Manager –Chad Findlay presented a formal proposed Resolution 5-17 prepared and suggested by Ron Olsen and Bruce Getsinger to re-affirm the adoption of Comprehensive Plan that was approved at the Comp. Plan hearing. Jerry questioned Chad on what was in the Resolution and Chad read the Resolution. Harold Best made a motion to approve the Resolution 5-17 and Fred seconded the motion. (All voted in favor.) (Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes, Harold Best- yes). Chad then presented a letter from PSATS regarding category 4 casinos. Chad explained that Townships have the ability to pass a resolution to prohibit those casinos in the Townships. This resolution would need to be passed and returned to the PA Gaming Control Board by Dec. 31, 2017. Chad was directed to have Bruce Getsinger look into the details for the next meeting. Chad informed the Supervisors that he attended a General Authority meeting and an Economic Development meeting. Jerry told Chad to double check the Township calendar because the website shows a Supervisor meeting on 11/16/2017 and it should be 11/21/2017.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS –Jeff Heeter of MAHO explained to the Supervisors that a strip of property in their development was transferred to the Township several years ago. He stated that it is a vacant right of way and is requesting that it is returned to the MAHO Reality Company. Jeff stated that MAHO would pay all the costs for the transfer. Jerry Brosius made a motion to have Bruce Getsinger look into the procedure for returning the property back to MAHO at their expense. Fred Buckholtz seconded the motion. (Fred Buckholtz-yes, Harold Best – abstain, Jerry Brosius-yes).

Ed Barrett asked why the Supervisors told Scott Snow that all he needed to do was ask to change the zoning of his property. He was told it was the Planning Commission that made that statement.

Beth Reed asked where the people were who want to start small businesses.

Gordon Bickel stated that the building out front was one of the most depressing buildings in the Township.

Marilyn Brandon voiced her opposition of casinos in the Township. She complimented the Township staff and employees and suggested that everyone use a microphone during the meeting.

6. COMMENTS OF MEMBERS – None.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry will be November 21, 2017 at 7:00PM. There being no further business, Fred Buckholtz, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:25AM.

ATTEST

Chad Findlay
Township Manager