

PALMER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 8, 2010

A general business meeting of the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Palmer Library with four Supervisors in attendance: Dave Colver, Mike Mitchell, Ann-Marie Panella and Bob Smith. Robert Lammi was absent. Also in attendance were the Township Manager, Public Services Director, Planning Director, Police Chief and Township Solicitor. Chairman Colver convened the meeting and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

2. APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS MARCH 8, 2010

INFORMATION

The report will be provided at the meeting.

DISCUSSION

On motion by Mitchell, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the disbursement of funds for March 8, 2010.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 1, 2010

DISCUSSION

On motion by Panella, seconded by Smith, and agreed by all, the Board approved the minutes of March 1, 2010.

4. LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT – NEW CREATION CHURCH

INFORMATION

The Board needs to approve/disapprove the lot line adjustment plan. The Board needs to approve/disapprove removal of condition #15 from the development plan approval letter of January 12, 2010.

DISCUSSION

Cyndie Carman said this plan was previously approved by this Board. You approved the lot line but the church would like to approve the lot line in advance of the plan so they can close on the property. Bruno said all public improvements are associated with the land development plan so the lot line adjustment can proceed.

On motion by Mitchell, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the lot line adjustment and removing condition #15 from the development plan approval letter of January 12, 2010.

5. STOP SIGN FOR DAKOTA DRIVE AND NEWLINS MILL ROAD

INFORMATION

The Traffic Safety Committee is recommending a stop sign be installed on Dakota Drive at the tee intersection with Newlins Mill Road pursuant to the attached memo. The Board needs to approve/disapprove the stop sign request.

DISCUSSION

On motion by Smith, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved adding a stop sign at the tee intersection of Dakota Drive and Newlins Mill Road.

6. STREET LIGHT RESOLUTION – HACKETT AVENUE/CHELSEA STREET

INFORMATION

A malfunctioning 175 watt mercury vapor cobrahead street light at Hackett Avenue/Chelsea Street was upgraded to a 100 watt high pressure sodium vapor light. The Board needs to approve/disapprove the street light resolution.

DISCUSSION

On motion by Mitchell, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the Board approved the street light resolution.

7. STREET LIGHT RESOLUTION – WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY AND PARK AVENUE/COOLIDGE STREET

INFORMATION

Two malfunctioning 400 watt mercury vapor cobrahead street lights at Park Avenue/Coolidge Street and pole #68722-49646 at William Penn Highway were upgraded with 250 watt high pressure sodium vapor lights. The Board needs to approve/disapprove the street light resolution.

DISCUSSION

On motion by Smith, seconded by Mitchell, and agreed by all, the Board approved the street light resolution.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ruth Ann Cardell, Stones Crossing, said she thought the road department did a great job plowing this year.

9. REPORTS

Solicitor

- Bruno said there is a discrepancy between the township engineer's office and Woodridge Fall's on classifying what needs to be secured. Bruno distributed a letter from the developer's attorney for the Board to review. Bruno said he doesn't believe his office, the township engineer's office, or the planning director will recommend changing the amount to be secured. Colver said the areas they believe are non public,

like parking lots, shouldn't need to be secured. Bruno will set up a meeting with the parties to discuss.

- Bruno had one litigation item for executive session.

Manager

- Anckaitis said at the last meeting Steve Klaver from Hermitage Avenue asked about changing the township ordinance to include "neighbors cannot throw snow on neighboring properties". Anckaitis said the township does not have anything in the ordinance that could be interpreted that they cannot do it. Colver said we can't pass an ordinance from one resident's complaint that happened one time. Anckaitis said he will call Mr. Klaver back with an update.
- One personnel item for executive session.

Public Services Director

- Adams reviewed with the Board the most recent plan for the community center tree vitalization project.
- Adams said he would like to reiterate the roads, parks and sewer departments did a great job with snow this past year.

Police Chief

- Fretz said he, Lt. DeMarco and Bob Anckaitis attended a meeting Friday related to the wireless/data services for Palmer, Easton and Bethlehem areas. Fretz said it was a \$5 million grant the provider was going after. Fretz said there isn't enough time or data to be able to make the March 26th deadline. Fretz said he estimates it would be close to \$130,000 for us to be involved. Fretz said it appears it would be too costly for us and at this point there needs to be a lot more planning in advance.

On motion by Mitchell, seconded by Panella, and agreed by all, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with one litigation item and one personnel item for executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Anckaitis
Township Manager