

**Pike Township Trustees****Regular****Monday, December 7th****09****Regular Meeting**

President Doug Baum called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Trustees Lee Strad and Don Charnetzky were present as well as Fiscal Officer Steve Knox. Others in attendance were Nancy Cramer, Gary Alkire, David Ross, Nancy Collier, Clarence Flowers, Paul Mosberger, Arnie Adams, John Miller, Jerry Eibel, Nancy Snyder, Tom O'Dell, Tracey Weiner, Jason Geisinger, Zoning Inspector Sharon Perrine, and Road Supervisor Mark Pahanish.

A motion was made by Charnetzky accepting the minutes and financials as presented. Seconded by Strad.

**1<sup>st</sup> Public Speaks Session**

Jason Geisinger, who owns the East Sparta Avenue apartment complex, asked if the Board would give him time to fix the property up before they move forward on tearing it down. Strad stated that the Board's concern was that it has been boarded up for some time, and is an issue for the Township. Perrine said that she has been in contact with him.

Strad asked how long will it take to get started and finished. Jason stated that he would start after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year with the septic. The Trustees agreed to wait another 30 days and get a proposal from Jason outlining all of the steps that he is going to take to fix up the property, along with a timeline. Jason agreed to do so.

January 6<sup>th</sup> is the Zoning Commission reorganizational meeting.

Tracy Weiner from the Humane Society is hosting a spay and neuter van and wants to bring it to the Township, as well as park the van in the Township parking lot. It can do 30 dogs and an unlimited amount of cats on a Saturday. She would also like to put an ad in the newsletter about the spay and neuter program. The Trustees agreed to let them use the lot to do the spay and neuter. This would be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April 2010.

John Miller thanked the Trustees for doing a good job historically at appointing the people to the Boards, and hopes that continues. The second thing is that we are going to have a new Trustee, which he didn't vote for. He discussed how the new Trustee never came to any meetings until he wanted something, and that something was a 600 foot setback for people that wanted to mine. It protected people without land, but there was no consideration for the people who had land. Plus, Mr. Miller stated that he didn't like how the new Trustee went around scaring residents into rallying around the setback.

Tom O'Dell from Lawrence Township said he got an email from the Township asking for help trying to get a bigger portion of the 10 million dollar settlement, and asked the Trustees what they wanted from the people and why. Charnetzky stated that he just felt like the EPA has no right to take 7 million of a 10 million dollar settlement to clean up other landfills. He would like 7 million to go to the community and 3 million to the cleanup of abandoned landfills.

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His concern is that the Township has received over 5 million dollars from the landfill and he wants to know what the Township has done with the monies. The Trustees said that we have not asked for any increased millage from the residents, yet have offered increased services including police protection.

Nancy Snyder mentioned that Pike Grange was in the paper for delinquent taxes, but it was found that they were not delinquent in the taxes and has been cleared up. When she asked them for a retraction, the auditors wouldn't do that.

Clarence Flowers thanked the road crew for the good job they did on the tree trimming.

Gary Knepper said they have a chance to go to Operators Training. It would be free except for the hourly wage, and then there would be OT on that Saturday. The Trustees agreed to let them all go.

**New Business**

Charnetzky thanked the Commissioners for giving their support for the landfill proposal of trying to get 7 million instead of the 3 million. He said he wasn't trying to steal anyone's idea, as he never knew someone else stated that to the EPA, but he just wants the money to come to the residents in the area.

Charnetzky added that a Sandy Valley student had a project to work in a public entity and wanted to work here. Knox said he would check on liability for the future.

Baum gave Don a lot of credit to try to build support on getting the money more fairly disbursed from the EPA.

Strad made a motion to go into executive session for personnel sick time. Seconded by Charnetzky.

Strad made a motion to adjourn executive session. Seconded by Charnetzky.

A motion was made by Strad to take 25 hours of vacation from Mr. Knepper, and credit 25 hours back to the sick time due to sick time misuse. Seconded by Charnetzky.

**Old Business**

Nothing at this time.

**Sherriff's Report**

Nothing at this time.

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Strad made a motion to enter into our annual contract with the East Sparta Volunteer Fire Department for fire coverage in the amount of \$80K. Seconded by Charnetzky.

Roll Call Vote: Strad – Yes  
 Baum – Yes  
 Charnetzky – Yes

Strad made a motion to enter into our annual contract with the East Sparta Volunteer Fire Department for a lease of the Fire Station for \$1,200. Seconded by Charnetzky.

Roll Call Vote: Strad – Yes  
 Baum – Yes  
 Charnetzky – Yes

**Road Report**

Pahanish read the road report.

Howenstine drive was approved through the county to be fixed through paving and chip and sealing. We will pay a ¼ of the projects total cost.

He also needs new tires for one of the trucks. The Trustees approved.

**Zoning Report**

Perrine read the zoning report.

She has been in communications with Regional Planning about nuisance building and some monies that are available to tear them down.

She went over other zoning issues including the possibility of taking a barn down on Seamen.

**Second Public Speaks**

Nothing at this time.