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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING JULY 15, 2013

PRESENT: BOB WRIGHTSTONE, JONATHAN REISINGER, J.R. BARRETT - SUPERVISORS; Laura Portillo, Manager; Larry Barrick, Assistant Manager/Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer; Denise Gembusia, Secretary/Treasurer; Susan Smith, Township Solicitor; Jason Reichard, Engineer.

VISITORS: Judy Brough, Ellen Colyer, John Walsh, Raelene Gabriel, Bob Reisinger, Dan Wyrick, Ray Jones, Greg Bretzman, Ivan Bretzman, Jane Mitchell.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Wrightstone called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Supervisors is seeking volunteer residents to become part of a task force to review and comment on the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Park & Recreation is seeking volunteers to help plant 50 trees in Lindenwood Park on Saturday, September 28th, weather permitting. Please email the Township Treasurer at treasurer@dickinsontownship.org, if interested.

Park & Recreation is also seeking volunteers to join their Board. If interested, please email the Township Manager at manager@dickinsontownship.org. More information on these items is available on the Township website at www.dickinsontownship.org.

Park & Recreation will be hosting a free ice cream social on July 27, 2013 at Twirly Top from 6:00pm until 8:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Reisinger motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Supervisor Barrett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *June 17, 2013 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes*

Supervisor Barrett motioned to approve the June 17, 2013 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as submitted. Vice Chairman Reisinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. *July 9, 2013 Board of Supervisors Special Meeting – Road Maintenance Workshop Minutes*

Vice Chairman Reisinger motioned to approve the July 9, 2013 Board of Supervisors special meeting minutes as submitted. Supervisor Barrett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. *July 10, 2013 Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Joint Meeting*

Supervisor Barrett motioned to accept the July 10, 2013 Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission joint meeting minutes as submitted. Vice Chairman Reisinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Reisinger motioned to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Supervisor Barrett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with the following items approved:

1. Pay Bills
2. Ratify bill payments from July 1, 2013

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wrightstone noted that two meetings were recently held regarding the roads and the draft zoning ordinance. A summary of the road conditions will be added to the website when it becomes available.

PLAN REVIEW/CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS

No plans were reviewed.

PUBLIC INPUT (non-agenda items)

No public input was offered.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Greg Bretzman reviewed the June report. There were a total of 10 calls; 2 automatic fire alarms, 2 wires down calls and 6 medical assists. The new box areas have been assigned based off of the County's time/distance study. Once County updates their GIS, Greg will present the new map to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Paul Strizzi's resignation from the Planning Commission effective immediately.
Manager Portillo received an email from Paul Strizzi on July 3, 2013 indicating his resignation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Strizzi's term was set to expire on December 31, 2013. The vacancy will be advertised on the Township website and Manager Portillo will follow-up with a letter of appreciation.

Supervisor Barrett motioned to accept Paul Strizzi's resignation from the Planning Commission, effective immediately. Vice Chairman Reisinger seconded the motion and thanked Mr. Strizzi for his service, wishing him well with whatever comes his way. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Act 537 draft water and sewer agreements – discussion only.
Bob Reisinger from Glace Associates explained that the Act 537 plan is required to be updated and approved by The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) every ten years. Dickinson Township's current approved Act 537 plan is from December 1992. Past correspondence regarding the Act 537 update shows that in late 2005 the Township had a meeting with DEP in which they indicated that they would accept the plan update in two phases; phase one would address the northeast corner of the Township and phase two would address the remainder of the Township. Glace Associates produced a draft plan of phase one to a previous Board of Supervisors, but no official action was taken on the document. The draft plan recommends providing public sewers to the phase one area, which would require either buying capacity through neighboring municipalities for an estimated cost of \$3,425,000 or building a new treatment and collection system for an estimated cost of \$6,500,000. Mr. Bob Reisinger pointed out that these numbers were outdated.

Mr. Bob Reisinger reviewed the flow options noting that the Act 537 plan has to be updated before any action can occur. Typically, money has to be on the table before inter-municipal agreements are signed. Mr. Bob Reisinger discussed capacity stating that Carlisle Borough has 700,000 gallons available for purchase at this time. Dickinson Township currently has 25,000 gallon capacity of water supply from South Middleton Township. They can supply 100,000 gallons per day at the conveyance site. It was noted that phase two will have additional costs associated with it. The Board thanked Mr. Bob Reisinger for his presentation and stated that inaction on the Act 537 plan was no longer a viable option.

3. Single Trash Hauler contract renewal – discussion only.

At the June 17, 2013 Board of Supervisors' meeting, staff was directed to create an on-line survey that would gauge how Dickinson Township residents felt regarding the current trash service. A summary of results was presented to the Board. Manager Portillo noted that residents have expressed interest in being able to combine multiple properties into one trash account. Additionally, staff is in the process of negotiating the addendum to the current contract to extend the end date by two months to match the end of the service quarter. The Board has several options to consider including:

- Extending the current contract another year.
- Rebidding the contract pursuant to the current adopted ordinance in hopes of better pricing.
- Amending the current ordinance to address some of the resident's concerns such as exemptions for temporary residential housing (cabins), hours of service (currently they are 5am to 6pm), recycling of electronics as per the new Covered Device Recycling Act and rebid the contract under the newly amended ordinance.
- Repealing the single trash hauler ordinance in its entirety and permit residents to select a trash hauler without oversight from the Township.
- Repealing the single trash hauler ordinance and adopt a new ordinance that considers multiple haulers but still require residents to have a trash hauler and other regulations found in the current ordinance.

Chairman Wrightstone reviewed the results of the trash survey. Out of 100 respondents, 74% were either somewhat satisfied or very satisfied with the current Dickinson Township single trash hauler. The yearly trash bill decreased for 71% of those surveyed. When asked what action the Board should take regarding trash collection in the township, 76% of those surveyed wanted to remain with a single trash hauler and either keep the current ordinance or modify it to allow certain exemptions.

Dan Wyrick didn't think combining households on one account was fair. If the Board wanted to allow combined households, he suggested making the price higher for those types of contracts. Mr. Wyrick said he was happy with the current ordinance and the current hauler.

Ray Jones discussed the benefits of the current ordinance including the decreased costs, minimized illegal dumping and increase in air quality since burning of trash is no longer allowed.

Supervisor Barrett agreed with Mr. Wyrick's talking points. He added that having one truck collect trash not only helps preserve the roads, but helps keep the mornings quieter.

Manager Portillo discussed the most common complaints, including the problems with the customer call center.

Vice Chairman Reisinger liked the idea of being able to combine accounts, but didn't want to dictate how the pricing structure should be handled. He thought exemptions should be allowed if a resident could prove that they have another legal place, such as their business, where they could dump trash. Chairman Wrightstone agreed and felt that combining accounts should be allowed.

Dan Wyrick offered that, currently, the hauler can determine their costs by looking at the number of Dickinson Township households. However, if residents are allowed to combine accounts, the hauler has no way to determine their projected income. Mr. Wyrick thought that those paying for an individual account shouldn't have to subsidize those combining accounts. Mr. Wyrick did like the idea of offering seniors an exemption or discount, though.

Chairman Wrightstone disagreed with Mr. Wyrick stating that people in cabins who do not need or use trash service are subsidizing those who do need the service. Vice Chairman Reisinger said he was willing to put the contract out to bid again. Manager Portillo reviewed the options available to the Board.

Judy Brough offered that it wasn't just the elderly that didn't produce a lot of trash. She noted that her daughter is the only member of her household and works approximately 13 hours per day. Mrs. Brough also suggested keeping the covered bins. She has experienced problems with the bag service since they are not protected from wild animals and severe winds.

John Walsh disagreed with Mr. Wyrick's comments. He expressed his distaste for the current hauler stating that they lay the toter carts in the middle of his driveway or by his mailbox. Mr. Walsh said that his bill did decrease with the single trash hauler enactment. He thought the newsletter should contain a reminder that trash is to be collected in bags before putting it into the toter carts. Mr. Walsh stated that he has picked up a lot of trash that was left behind from the hauler.

Ray Jones said that there is a significant cost savings now that the township doesn't have a spring and fall clean-up event. He questioned how shared account customers will determine who can put out the one bulk item per week. Mr. Jones felt that homeowners share responsibility in cleaning up dropped trash and ensuring proper disposal techniques.

John Walsh said that it was not his responsibility to pick up after the trash hauler.

Dan Wyrick thought that Mr. Walsh would have to pick up more trash if the township switched to multiple haulers. He also thanked the Board for giving the public the opportunity to express their opinions in a survey.

Chairman Wrightstone felt that based off of the public's input, there were two options for the Board to entertain; keep the status quo or modify the ordinance with exemptions and go out to bid. The Board had a discussion over how to proceed. Manager Portillo reviewed the decision timeline and asked for a decision by the end of next month.

Dan Wyrick suggesting asking the current hauler what impact certain changes might have to their costs.

Vice Chairman Reisinger motioned to table the item, end the on-line survey and directed staff to obtain information on joint accounts from other townships. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Barrett and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Zoning/Saldo Draft Ordinances – task force progress**
Manager Portillo noted that the Supervisors now have individual email addresses which will be posted on the Township website. The group email of supervisors@dickinsontownship.org will remain in effect. The individual emails were created to help avoid confusion when communicating with the individual zoning task force groups and members. Solicitor Smith noted that while some email communication is not considered a township record for right-to-know purposes, the Supervisors and group members should assume that their communication will be subject to RTK requests.
2. **Server Upgrade**
Staff continues to compile information and will report back to the Board at an August meeting.
3. **DTMA Dissolve**
This item will not move forward until the zoning map has been finalized.
4. **Master Stormwater Feasibility Study – Mountain View Road Drainage**

There was nothing new to report on this item.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Portillo said that the Township received a check in the amount of \$3,390 for part of the first Tree Vitalize grant. The Act 101 DEP Recycling Performance Grant was approved in the amount of \$2,889.00 and the Township learned that the Land Partnership Grant was approved by Cumberland County.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gembusia's report was submitted without any additions or questions.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Zoning Officer Barrick's report was submitted without any additions or questions.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Reichard's report was submitted without any additions or questions.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Smith said that the Liquid Fuels Act was passed which means that the Township will receive liquid fuels money earlier in the calendar year. She reviewed a Municipal Planning Code amendment in regard to electronic advertisement for hearings and a court decision regarding text zoning changes versus map zoning changes.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

No reports were submitted by the Supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Reisinger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Supervisor Barrett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Gembusia
Secretary/Treasurer