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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 6, 2017**

**PRESENT:** TOM IMHOLTE, DENNIS STRAUB - SUPERVISORS; Larry Barrick, Manager; Marge Metzger, Asst. Manager/Secretary/Treasurer; Glenn Kelso, Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer.

**ABSENT:** LORELEI COPLEN, SUPERVISOR; Jason Reichard, Engineer; Andrew Miller, Solicitor; Bryan Swartz, Roadmaster.

**VISITORS:** Greg Bretzman, Ivan Bretzman, Bob Line, Brian Martin and his parents.

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Imholte called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- PA State Representative Stephen Bloom will hold a “Town Hall” Meeting at the Township Building on March 23, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Supervisor Straub and seconded by Chairman Imholte and unanimously passed to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. February 20, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Imholte mentioned on page 2 the discussion about the access driveway, and questioned if there will be a modification made on the plan. Manager Barrick said there will be a modification to the plan, and the plan will be recorded after the change is made and the signed right of way agreement is on file. This requires no change to the minutes.

Chairman Imholte mentioned on page 3, the discussion about holidays, the comment made by the Roadmaster, the words “so there may be a delay in road work” should be removed from the minutes.

A motion was made by Supervisor Straub and seconded by Chairman Imholte and unanimously passed to approve the February 20, 2017 Regular meeting minutes, as amended.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Supervisor Straub and seconded by Chairman Imholte and unanimously passed to approve the bill list for March 6, 2017.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

**PLAN REVIEW/CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS** None

**GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT (non-agenda items)** None

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** None

**EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

Greg Bretzman gave the report for February, which included 7 medical assist, 12 storm related, 3 auto accidents, 1 gas odor in a building, and 1 assist to State Police for directing traffic. He mentioned the county will be holding a series of meetings to review the agenda and policy and procedures to upgrade the County emergency radio system. This will be an expense that should be budgeted for to assist the fire and EMS companies to upgrade their radio systems in a few years.

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**MANAGER'S REPORT** None

**ASST. MANAGER - TREASURER'S REPORT** None.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** None

**ROADMASTER'S REPORT** None

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** None

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** None

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Zoning/SALDO Draft Ordinance – Development of the Proposed Zoning Map**

A list of current operating businesses and non-operational businesses was prepared by the Manager and Zoning Officer and plotted on the colored map. It was noted that there is not one area of concentration of businesses. There was discussion on where would be the best place for a commercial zone, and the definition of a business. Some home business uses do not have to be zoned commercial. Commercial uses should be along primary highways or state highways or intersections. Access is important, as well as traffic. The Snyder farm was mentioned as a potential location, as well as a strip along Walnut Bottom Road, and Route 174. The Yorlets property was mentioned, but the agriculture security and preservation would have to be considered, which is on both sides of the road. Differences between a commercial zone that includes lawn mower shops, outside storage, with outside lighting, and the MDRO zone that includes homes used for insurance businesses were discussed. The MDRO zone was originally created as a buffer between the residential properties and the industrial warehouses.

The Board agreed to have the Manager prepare a matrix listing each zone and all the proposed uses allowed in each zone, and what the special exceptions are in each. A determination of how many zones are needed must be made. Zones being discussed include LDR (low density residential), Rural Resources (conservation); Agriculture, Mixed use (MU), Commercial, Rural Industrial (includes mining), and Industrial.

The Board agreed to have the Manager provide copies of Article 1, which includes the definitions, as marked up by previous Solicitor Smith. The Board also agreed to have the Manager provide copies of the old notes that may be available, such as comments from prior Supervisor Wrightstone, Paul Strizzi, Denny Straub, and Harry Roth.

Bob Line suggested the Board must determine what is a fair share of each zone, and when do we have enough of a certain zone. There must be a balance between development and conservation. He supports the idea of small business, but they tend to have trouble making a go of it. Supervisor Straub agreed with the fair share idea, and feels we have satisfied that in some cases.

Chairman Imholte said Dickinson Township is a rural Township and he is not looking to change that. Does it make sense to plan for more commercial use on the fringe of the Township? He questioned the difference in noise levels, such as 50 or 55 decibels, and what is a significant difference. Manager Barrick said it is difficult to enforce anything noise related because of the certification and equipment needed.

Chairman Imholte questioned what ECHO housing is and Manager Barrick explained it is like an in-laws quarters for elderly family, which is removable on their passing.

The ordinance update was tabled until the requested information can be provided, reviewed, and then move forward with decisions.

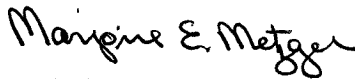
**2. Master Stormwater Feasibility Study – Mountain View Road Drainage**

Nothing to report

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Chairman Imholte and seconded by Supervisor Straub and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Marjorie E. Metzger  
Secretary/Treasurer

