

**FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
February 24, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Stanley, at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Robert P. Stanley, Jr., Chairman
Mario D. Pirritano, Vice-Chairman
John C. Minito, Supervisor
Christopher L. Allen, Supervisor
John W. Jones, Supervisor
Stephen F. Smith, Manager
Donald F. Martin, Assistant Manager
David A. Jones, Stock & Leader, Solicitor
Stephen M. Waller, Codes Administration Director
Lt. Jason Loper, Police Department
Donna L. Nissel, Secretary

III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Stanley advised that the following executive sessions were held:
Feb. 10 – Hockenberry v. Township
Feb. 20 – Police contract, personnel matters, Hockenberry v. Township
Feb. 22 – Four members toured sewer plants
Prior to this meeting – Police contract, Hockenberry v. Township

IV. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:

1. Arvel Freydenfelt, Wyndamere Road, addressed the letter residents received about the increase in sewer rates. He asked if the mobile home park would pay the same tapping fees and user rates as everyone else. Mr. Smith advised that they will pay the \$9,000 tapping fee for each lot in the park and the user rates will be the same as all other customers. Mr. Freydenfelt said he didn't feel the rate hike was fair and equitable since the current rate payers will be paying the higher cost while the new customers will not be paying for a year or more. He also asked what will happen if the MHP refuses to pay the tapping fees and connect to the system. Mr. Smith advised that DEP will not renew their permit, so they will either have to connect or close down the park. He also said that he has met with the current management of the park who assured him that they will have the funds to comply with the mandated connection.
2. Sheri Moyer, Sunset View Drive, also addressed the sewer project and asked if public water will also be installed. Mr. Smith advised that the Township is working with PA American to install water lines in conjunction with the sewer installation.
3. Mark Perry, Sunset Drive, asked why the Township borrowed the money last year since the project has not yet started construction. Mr. Smith advised that the construction was scheduled to begin last year, but outside agency permitting held it up and the project had to be rebid.
4. Bob Cocklin, Sunset View Drive, said he knew of water pressure problems on Lewisberry Road and asked if that would be a concern for the new connections. Mr. Stanley advised that pressure should not be any problem.

V. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Ratify Declarations of Snow Emergencies:

Mr. Stanley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pirritano to ratify the two Declarations of Snow Emergencies from 2/03/14 to 02/07/14 and 02/12/14 to 02/18/14.
Vote on the motion: All yes. The motion carried.

2. Discussion – Snow Events:

Mr. Smith showed video taken from a dash cam in his vehicle as he followed plow trucks in Green Lane Farms and New Market during the last snow storm. Snow removal efforts are severely hampered by the numerous cars parked on the street, despite the declaration of emergency. In one instance, a resident actually stepped out in front of the truck. Mr. Smith also advised that to date, the township has spent +/- \$160,000 on salt. We have also shared salt with other municipalities and the DDSP.

3. Award Contract – Chemical Toilets:

Mr. Minito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allen to award the contract to furnish chemical toilets for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 to Walters Services in the estimated amount of \$5,493.00, plus extra service as needed.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Pirritano, no; all others, yes. The motion carried.

4. Authorization to Award Bid – Transfer of Liquid Waste & Wet Well Cleaning:

Mr. Pirritano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allen to authorize staff to award the bid to be opened on March 18th for the transfer of liquid waste and wet well cleaning to the lowest responsible bidder, with ratification at the March 31st meeting.

Vote on the motion: All yes. The motion carried.

5. Building, Zoning, Codes:

A. Subdivision & Land Development Modification Request - H. Fox, Ridge Road:

402.1.O Adjacent Features

602.2.C Cartway Widening

Mr. Pirritano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve both modification requests.

Vote on the motion: All yes. The motion carried.

B. Zoning Hearing Board:

Mr. Waller advised there were no cases for February.

6. Resolution No. 2014-8 – Fee Schedule:

Mr. Pirritano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minito to adopt Resolution No. 2014-8, amending and restating the Township's fee schedule.

Mr. Pirritano questioned the cost vs. revenue for the parks. Mr. Minito said we do not charge any youth groups, only adult leagues pay for field use.

Vote on the motion: All yes. The resolution was adopted.

7. Franchise Agreement – Blue Ridge Cable:

Mr. Smith advised that an audit was done last year to verify compliance with the payment of franchise fees under the Comcast and Verizon franchise agreements. Although we do receive franchise fees from Blue Ridge Cable, there is no formal agreement in place.

Mr. Minito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allen, authorizing staff to proceed with formalizing a franchise fee agreement with Blue Ridge Cable.

Vote on the motion: All yes. The motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business discussed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business discussed.

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VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minito to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Vote on the motion: All yes. The motion carried.

IX. RATIFICATION OF BILLS PAYABLE:

1. Mr. Pirritano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minito to ratify payment to GHD, Inc. as presented.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Stanley abstained as he is a semi-retired employee and shareholder of the company; all others, yes. The motion carried.

2. Mr. Pirritano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minito to ratify payment of all other Bills Payable as presented.

Vote on the motion: All yes. The motion carried.

X. ANNOUNCE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There will be an executive session following this meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.