

# MINUTES FOR NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING

April 10, 2012, 6:30 pm

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

**ROLL CALL:** Linda Brown, Phil Dent, Norm Giancola present

### **PUBLIC SPEAK:**

1. Don Pflugh, 323 Turnpike Street. Asked questions regarding the budget shortfall and reason for spending money to have the Supervisors attend convention in May. Norm Giancola and Linda Brown explained the benefits of attending the convention.
2. Tosha Sterner, Foster Road. Directed a question to Norm Giancola regarding a comment he made at last month's meeting with regards to the budget. Norm Giancola explained how creating a budget is just using somewhat unknown factors based on past knowledge and anticipated expenses.
3. Mr. Beegle, Bennett's Run Road. Expressed concerns regarding the increase in the street light tax and that he refuses to pay it, just as he has refused in the past to pay the street light tax. Also asked that the light be removed as he felt it served no purpose. Phil Dent advised him to put his concerns and request in writing so that it was on record at the Township.
4. Ron Perno, 152 Rustic Park Road. He wanted to know if the Township was going to correct the water drainage situation along Rustic Park Road. He felt that the road department caused his under-driveway culvert pipe to be higher than the ditch, since they keep grading the ditch deeper than his culvert pipe. He claims that this issue has been on-going for 11 years and would like it resolved. He also noted that the neighbor to the left of his property had his driveway culvert installed by the Township and wanted to know if he would get the same service. Norm Giancola indicated that he should work with Phil Dent as he is in charge of the road department. Phil would then inform the other Supervisors of a possible resolution.
5. Dan Plassmayer: updated the Supervisors of the improvements to Bradshaw Park and indicated that the electrical improvement should be done in a week or two.
6. Janet Miller, Country Club Drive. Asked if the Supervisors had an opportunity to assess the drainage situation along Country Club. Phil Dent stated that drainage needs to be continued by cutting in a swale and that it is on the Road Department agenda to complete soon.

**ACTION ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Motion to approve March 13, 2012 minutes made by Phil Dent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Brown, all were in favor

### **CORRESPONDENCE**-none

### **REPORTS OF OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES:**

**Treasurer's Report/Permit Officer's Report-** none presented/no action

**Police Report/ACO Report.** Read by Linda Brown, presented by Sgt. Becze, attached

**Road Report,** Read by Phil Dent, presented by Wayne Young, attached

**Engineer's Report:** Bill Hummel stated that he, Phil Dent, and a representative from Russell Standard met on Country Club Road. The representative acknowledged that the road had bled, but he would not commit to the extent of Russell Standard's liability. He did note, however, that the Township should receive a written reply before our (April) meeting. This document was not received as of the meeting date.

**Solicitor's Report:** Phil Clark stated that he sent Russell Standard a letter regarding the reimbursement to the Township for the milling of Country Club Drive. They responded that they needed a more accurate measurement of the area milled. \*It was then noted that while the representative was out with Phil Dent and Bill Hummel, he also measured the area that was milled.

Regarding the Scottsdale Insurance Co., Phil Clark stated that the Pa. Human Relations Claim deductible was a total of \$2500. We used approx. \$1717 and that the current bill now due for \$347 would reduce the amount left on the deductible to approximately \$500.

Phil Clark also noted that Jeremy and Kimberly Shearer had appealed their taxes and that their new assessment on land was \$11,500 and building was \$23,950, making a total assessment of \$35,000. This was noted, as the Township will adjust their taxes to the \$35,000 total assessment.

Regarding the Blight Act: Phil Clark noted that one action can include all issues that need to be addressed regarding one property. He explained that most of the Act was addressing absentee

landlords/owners. He also stated that it was proper for the police to personally deliver notices to the owners, but certified mail could be sent to owners who no longer live in the area.

Phil Dent inquired about the ongoing issue of the distressed property on Maxine Drive. Phil Clark had corrected the letter that was to be sent to the mother (co-owner) and the police were to deliver it to her. Sgt. Becze will check to make sure that there was delivery. \*Note: the son (co-owner) filed bankruptcy, so action cannot be taken against him, but Phil Clark will check the bankruptcy records to see if it was settled.

**BUSINESS:**

***Date of May meeting changed*** to May 15, 2012 due to conflict with the PSAT Convention. Motion to change the date made by Phil Dent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Brown, all in favor. Norm Giancola will insure that the advertising is completed for the meeting date change and that it will be placed in the newspapers.

***PMRS word change in contract:*** The request was made by PMRS asking that the Township agree to the wording change, as they have already been following the procedure for quite awhile. Phil Clark did not receive the request, so Linda Brown will forward it to him by email. Once Phil Clark has reviewed the request, he will forward his opinion to the Supervisors, so that action can be taken at the next meeting.

***Spring Road Tour:*** Norm Giancola noted that he and Phil Dent met and reviewed the pictures and properties noted on the road tour report. Some pictures were not able to be matched. Linda Brown will also review pictures once Norm Giancola makes them available.

***Uncollected real estate tax as prepared by the Tax Collector, Karen Trozzo:*** Norm Giancola presented the following figures of delinquency: Taxes not paid \$31,674.77 . Penalties total is \$1,583.73 for a grand total of \$33,258.50 of uncollected taxes. This amount will be filed at the Beaver County Tax Assessment Office.

**ACTION ON BILLS:** *No bills presented due to Cindy, Township Secretary being ill. Norm Giancola did ask that department heads for the Road Department and Police Department, in the future, to please review the invoices prior to bills being submitted for payment and initial each invoiced reviewed.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** **Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:35 pm for personnel reasons, made by Phil Dent, all agreed. Executive Session ended at 7:48 pm.**

**Motion made to adjourn made by Linda Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Dent, all were in favor.**

**Prepared by Supervisor Linda Brown.**