

WEST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisor's Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2009

Chairman Gerald Cox called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

The following were in attendance: Gerald Cox, David Ross, Eric Todd, Candace Miller, Patricia Vail, Cynthia King, Miriam Wright, Theodore Hobson, Patrick Hughes, Lewis Watson, and Marcella Peyre-Ferry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Committee reports available from the Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2009 – Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes from the Board of Supervisors meeting of August 18, 2009. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS/INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Mr. Cox and Mr. Todd participated in a panel to interview candidates interested in the part-time File Clerk position on Tuesday, August 1. The Board met on Tuesday, September 8 to set the agenda for the regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2010 budget will be discussed during the workshop sessions in October and November.

AGENDA COMMENTS

Mr. Hobson of 164 Cemetery Road expressed concern over the erosion taking place on his property. Mr. Cox said that he and the Road Master would call him to make arrangements to look at the damage on his property.

Mrs. Wright of 10 Willow Road complained about the “joy riders” who were driving their vehicles through her yard during weekend nights and tearing up her grass. Mr. Todd said that he would ask the Police to investigate. Mrs. Wright also expressed her feelings about Mr. Ross not saying the pledge. Mr. Ross said that he had a love of country and respect for our soldiers, but he is acting on his faith.

Mr. Watson discussed the renewal process for junkyard license holders. He expressed dismay at the uneven compliance with the junkyard ordinance. He asked the Board to consider inspecting the junkyards in early spring instead of waiting until summer. Mrs. King agreed with Mr. Lewis' suggestion. She further suggested that perhaps the Zoning Ordinance Review Task Force should consider making junkyards exempt from the vegetation ordinance during the revision process.

OLD BUSINESS

McMichael 6-lot Subdivision – Mr. Todd moved to accept the extension of the review period for the McMichael 6-lot Subdivision through December 16, 2009. Mr. Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cox said that there is some confusion about this subdivision. He is going to check with the Township Engineer to see if he can get clarification.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill 1861 Opposition Letter – Mr. Todd moved to send a letter to Senator Pileggi and Representative Houghton stating the Board’s opposition to House Bill 1861 which would raise certain fees collected at Recorder of Deeds office for the Commonwealth. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ross noted that the state legislature is trying to balance the budget by raising fees, thus balancing the budget on our back.

UCC Appeals Board and Alternates – Mr. Ross moved to make the following appointments to the UCC Appeals Board and alternates for the terms agreed to by the other municipalities:

Board Members:

- Dan Dolinger, Electrician
- Ed Holbrook, Fire
- Scott Moran, Builder
- Rob Ritchie, Electrician
- William Sumner, Plumber

Alternates:

- Bruce Vanderhoef, Builder
- Jeffrey Young, General Contractor

Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Miller will contact Lower Oxford Township to verify the terms for the appointees so they can be announced at the October meeting.

UCC Appeals Board Fees – Mr. Ross moved to adopt Resolution 6-2009 setting the fees for the UCC Appeals Board. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Union Fire Company No. 1 – Mr. Todd moved to adopt resolution 7-2009 congratulating Union Fire Company No. 1 on the Nottingham Substation and 138 years of service to the community. Mr. Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Frank Lobb – Mr. Todd moved to provide a copy of the letters from Mr. Lobb to the Solicitor, Engineer, and the Conservation District and seek their help in understanding the water run-off problem and the Township’s responsibility, if any. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ross commented that the run-off problem goes beyond Mr. Lobb’s property. The Board needs to get a clear picture the problems and the Township’s responsibilities.

File Clerk position – Mr. Ross moved to create a part-time file clerk position to be filled at the Board’s discretion. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Conditional Use Hearing Applications – Mr. Todd moved to acknowledge the Conditional Use Hearing Application submitted by Schagrin Gas Company, to set the hearing date for October 20 at 7:30 p.m., and to authorize the Secretary to advertise the hearing. Mr. Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ross noted that the applicant is seeking approval to

install propane distribution tanks on a property owned by Eustace Nelson and located on the corner of Route 1 and East Ridge Road. The property is currently zoned Limited Industrial.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Ross moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2009 subject to audit. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ross moved to accept the Bills List for the period August 19 to September 15, 2009, subject to audit. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ross moved to accept the Reconciliation Report for the period ending August 25, 2009, subject to audit. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hughes asked about the August minutes, specifically the purchase of the used tires on the dump truck. Mr. Cox said that the tires are 10-years old but have 95% of their tread. He explained that the tire blew out and damaged the fender. By switching the wheels, the Township could use tubeless tires, which are safer when a repair is required. Mr. Todd said that the tires don't support the weight of the plow. Mr. Cox said that the springs are weak and he is trying to get new springs which will solve the problem.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Todd moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace Miller
Secretary/Treasurer