

March 18, 2019

A scheduled meeting for Milford Township Supervisors was called to order at 7 P.M. by Chairman Gary Clark, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Vice-Chairman Penney Luhrs, Supervisor Gary M. Williams, Solicitor Anthony Magnotta, Secretary/Treasurer Viola K. Canouse, and Assistant Secretary Shahana Shamim.

A motion was made by Gary M. Williams, seconded by Penney Luhrs, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Gary Clark declared that although the hearing was over, no decisions would be made that night about the removal of the Planning Board Members, Kevin Stroyan and Ray Willis. The Solicitor informed that the decision about the hearing would be made within 30 days of the hearing, and the decision would be sent in writing to the people who had asked for the hearing. Penney Luhrs submitted a letter of resigning from the Planning Board. Gary M. Williams made a motion to accept Ms. Luhrs' resignation, Gary Clark seconded, and it was passed unanimously. The Supervisors thanked her for her service.

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts since last meeting: Zoning Permits \$150.00, Sign Permits \$50.00, County Waste reimbursement \$522.50, Real Estate taxes \$4838.75, 2019 Twp. Taxes Collected \$46,034.88

Report from Roadmaster:

Mr. Gary M. Williams reported that there was another snow and ice storm since the last meeting. He added that he had to send the 1996 Kodiak for repair.

Correspondence:

Seven applications for the positions of Planning Board, two flags from Mike Peifer, insurance certificates, notices of various meetings and training events, Pike Co. Planning and Conservation District reports, credit card applications, information and invitations, Earth disturbance inspection report, Census information about jobs, and PSATS news bulletin.

Public Comments:

Don Quick inquired if the names of the applicants for the positions of Planning Board would be announced. Gary Clark replied that the applicants' names would be announced in correspondence. One of the residents of Milford Township commented that a lot of residents have invested in the lands of Milford Township. These residents' opinions should be valuable for changing the Zoning Ordinance. Gary Clark said that he was willing to take this advice. Rachel Hendricks said that she had seen an article in the Dispatch about Milford Township getting money from Penn DOT, and she asked how much the money was. Gary M. Williams replied that it was somewhere around \$60,000 per year. Rachel inquired if this amount would increase. Gary M. Williams replied that this amount usually goes up every year, and this amount actually depended on the size of population.

Rachel inquired Penney Luhrs about the conversation she had with Kevin Stroyan prior to publishing a letter in the Dispatch regarding the amendment of the Zoning Ordinance. Penney replied that

Mr. Stroyan had told Penney that he was concerned about changing the Zoning Ordinance, as this change was going to increase the population in town by a lot. Penney told Mr. Stroyan that he could write a letter to the editor of Dispatch about his concerns, but with his own name only. One of the residents asked why the Supervisors thought about removing four Members out of the Planning Board only for publishing a letter in the newspaper. The Supervisors replied that it was discussed in the hearing, and they could not continue the discussion in this regular meeting. One of the residents thanked Gary M. Williams for doing an excellent job in maintaining the roads of Milford Township. One of the residents of Milford Borough inquired if public comments would be accepted for the Supervisors' decision about removing the Planning Board Members. The Supervisors replied 'no'.

Old Business:

- a. SRCP Contract: The Solicitor explained that this contract was about a grant from Pike County for the sewage feasibility study. He asked the Supervisors to move the execution of this contract to the next meeting, as he did not have enough time to review all the manuals for this contract.
- b. Schedule for adopting the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: The Solicitor informed that he had received a request for extension from Pike County Planning for their comments. He added that he had granted as much time as they needed.

New Business:

- c. Request from Hickory Hills POA to use the meeting room 7pm-10pm on April 25, 2019: Gary Clark made a motion to allow Hickory Hills POA on their requested schedule with the rules, Gary M. Williams seconded, and it was passed unanimously.
- d. Request from Eastern Pike Youth Soccer Club to use the meeting room on the first Tuesdays of every month from April through December, 2019 (except September): Gary Clark mentioned that the kids of the Soccer Club raise funds themselves, and as such, the Township should do their part by waiving their rent for using the Township building. He made a motion to allow this Soccer Club to use the meeting room on the requested dates and to waive their rent, Gary M. Williams seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Phyllis Simpson inquired about gathering information on how the construction and population would be for adopting the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The Supervisors replied that they had hired a Community Planner, Nanci Sarcinello, for performing this build-out analysis. The Solicitor informed that he had spoken with Ms. Sarcinello about the draft analysis that she had already prepared. He added that the Township might have more 20-acre parcels than it seemed like. He explained that there are a number of parcels in the area that are under the name of the same owner, and if these small parcels are combined, the combination of these smaller parcels could become larger than 20 acres.

Don Quick inquired if the schedule for adopting the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was still scheduled for April 1, 2019. The Supervisors replied that they had to change that schedule, as they could not advertise for adopting the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The Supervisors added that they were

waiting for comments from Pike County Planning and the build-out analysis. They added that they would advertise whenever they received these documents. Rachel Hendricks inquired the Supervisors if they were able to find out how much the build-out analysis was going to cost. Gary Clark replied that it would cost the Township about \$3,400. He added that he was looking for other prices also. Rachel Hendricks further inquired if there would be a Planning Board meeting at the end of the month, as three Members had already resigned. She also pointed out that this Board needed to review the addition that was made to the amendment of the Zoning Ordinance last month. The Solicitor replied that he would feel better if there was a full Planning Board. He added that some Members for the Board might be chosen that night.

Don Quick inquired if the Township had received any comments from Pike County Planning about the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The Solicitor replied that he had received a letter from Pike County Planning, and it had asked for more time to do a thorough review of this amendment. He added that he had granted Pike County Planning as much time as they would need for a thorough review. Patricia Lutfy inquired if the Supervisors were looking for a larger venue for adopting the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Gary Clark replied that everything was still at large, as they were waiting to hear from Pike County Planning, Milford Township Planning, and the Community Planner. He added that they would look for a venue whenever everything came together. One of the residents inquired if the comments of residents of Milford Borough would be utilized in making decisions about changing the population density. Mr. Clark replied that Milford Township designated 9/10 of its area is adjacent to Milford Borough, and these are two separate entities with different goals. He pointed out that Milford Township can and will grow.

Gary Clark declared that the website for Milford Township was up and running. He added that the URL of the website was www.milfordtownshippike.com. He said that the Assistant Secretary would post the agenda and approved meeting minutes on the website. Ms. Frances Harris suggested posting agendas on the website with a note of probable changes.

Executive Session:

The Supervisors held an executive session regarding personnel, and Gary Clark made a motion to appoint Robert DiLorenzo and James SeChrist as the full-time Member of Planning Board. He also made a motion to appoint Harry Forbes as the Alternate Member of this Board, Penney Luhrs seconded to these motions, and those motions were passed unanimously.

There were no other businesses or executive sessions needed, so a motion was made by Gary M. Williams to pay the bills and adjourn. Gary Clark seconded to it, and it was passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 8:00 P.M.