

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting was called to order by acting chairman, James R. Jones, at approx. 3:32 P.M. on Monday, March 8, 2010. All rose to pledge the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were James R. Jones, Lois J. Rankin, and Lois J. Fennell, Sec/Treas.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Jones announced that they met very briefly, in executive session, before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

The second public hearing on the 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (duly advertised by the County) was held at 3:16 P.M., prior to the start of this meeting. Wendy Leslie, County CDBG Coordinator, reported that the 2010 allocation has not been determined yet, but it should be similar to 2009. \$20,000 or more will be for administration. Suggested 'eligible' projects for these funds are \$15,000.00 for park ADA projects and the balance (approx. \$79,000) for housing rehabilitation. There were no written or verbal comments received prior to the hearing.

MINUTES:

James R. Jones *moved* to approve the Feb. 8, 2010 meeting minutes as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. Agreed and *motion carried*.

FINANCIAL:

The secretary/treasurer reported that the bills paid between Feb. 8, 2010 and the month end totaled \$8,574.99. The bills presented for payment from the General Fund today totaled \$25,334.32. No bills were presented from the State Fund. The total of all the funds after payment of the bills presented was \$287,859.71. James R. Jones *moved* to pay the bills presented plus any that become due before the next meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. Agreed and *motion carried*.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Tom Alberti asked if there was anything submitted in regards to the proposed race track. Evie Gross, P.C. Chair., said no, nothing new has been submitted; no appeal has been filed in regards to the PA UCC regulations; and the Butler Co. Conservation District filing is in process.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Leo Rosenbauer, Recreation Committee Chairman, reported on the March 3, 2010 meeting. The Butler Co. Park Renovation Grant application was prepared and submitted. Four projects were listed, one or more to actually be done if awarded. The projects listed were: replace the roof on the pool bath house; replace bleachers throughout park; install permanent fall-safe material under the swing sets; and/or drill a well for the concession stands for softball and the lower baseball fields (with handicapped accessible drinking fountains.) All organizations are to submit season schedules and tournaments schedules to the township secretary, Lois Fennell, for pavilion rental. Vogel has already tried to pick-up the soccer dumpster on March 1st, which Lois noted was on the agreement that the Committee reviewed last fall! It was requested that the first pick-up be on April 5th. Leo also noted that BASEBALL

RECREATION COMMITTEE, cont.:

probably will NOT have 'fall ball' and therefore, their season is from April to July (5 months.) Leo and Lois will be in contact with Vogel regarding these matters and the signed agreement with Vogel. POOL: The pool must be uncovered for a meeting scheduled on Thursday, April 1st. At least one Supervisor needs to attend this meeting with Mike McCarren (pool director), Gary Pinkerton (Co. Parks and Rec.), the pool contractor and the Butler Co. Commissioners to discuss the solution to the pool leakage. They asked that the road crew remove a 4 x 12' area of sidewalk (pool entrance) by April 1st. The County will provide a crew to replace it. Foreman, Bill Foertsch, will schedule this and will also find a place to store the pool cover, as requested. SOFTBALL: Workday scheduled for March 27th. Season opens April 24th. They want to coordinate additional fencing with Penn Fencing, when the township's section is installed. SOCCER: Cleanup day is March 27th. Season begins April 10th.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

P.C. Chair. Evelyn Gross reported that the Feb. 25th meeting was cancelled due to lack of business. She noted that she called Cheryl Prybock three times for something in writing (as she had indicated verbally that she was resigning from the P.C.) The Supervisors agreed to table for now.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A *motion* was made by James R. Jones to adopt Resolution #299 designating the secretary/treasurer as the chief administrative officer for the non-uniform pension fund. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. Agreed and *motion carried*.

Chairman Jones noted that Phil Bachman's resignation as 'elected supervisor' was announced last month and was effective on March 5, 2010. He noted that several names were submitted for consideration, which were: James Chick, Larry Plowman, L. John Cypher, William Foertsch, Paul Hartzell, and Gary Stone. Lois Rankin moved to appoint John Cypher to fill the vacant supervisor position. Chairman Jones said he has a problem agreeing to that appointment. He said John did a great job as supervisor and chairman, but was removed from chairman position due to matters regarding the trail and Buffalo Township at an executive session 10 years ago. Jim said he would like to talk to John Cypher privately because he didn't think it appropriate to discuss it in public. John Cypher said his focus was and would be 'the best interest of the township.' Evie Gross suggested a short recess for an executive session between Jim and John, and in order to inform Lois Rankin of the issue. No one objected, and James Jones announced a short recess at 4:01 P.M. He resumed the meeting at approx. 4:11 P.M. Lois Rankin said that her *motion* to appoint John Cypher *still stands*. *Motion died for lack of a second*. James R. Jones *moved* to appoint James P. Chick. *Motion died for lack of a second*. James R. Jones *moved* to appoint Gary Stone. *Motion died for lack of a second*.

Motion by James R. Jones to schedule a 'vacancy board' meeting on April 7, 2010 at 3:30 P.M. (if Larry Plowman, vacancy board member, is available.) *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. Agreed and *motion carried*.

The second public hearing on the 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding was held prior to the meeting at about 3:16 P.M. No comments were received prior to the hearing and no comments were offered during the hearing. James R. Jones *moved* to adopt Resolution #300 designating the County of Butler to administer the CDBG funds and authorize signing of the contract with the County of Butler. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. Agreed and *motion carried*. James R. Jones *moved* to adopt the 'Three Year Plan' Resolution #301. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. Agreed and *motion carried*. James R. Jones *moved* to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution #302. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. Agreed and *motion carried*.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Jones announced that the Auditor's have completed the audit and everything is in order with the books. Sue Hartzell reported that she did not go on the road department 'walk-thru' since she had no tape recorder (neither did the other two auditors), so the other two auditors did that 'walk-thru.' (Note background: Using a tape recorder was a suggestion made by James R. Jones during discussion on Jan. 4, 2010, and was not something voted on by the Board of Supervisors.) Bill Foertsch said if they want use of a tape recorder in the future, they can borrow his. Mrs. Hartzell said that Phil Bachman did not submit his log/calendar books for review by the auditors (the other road crew did.) The Auditors want the log books for all the road crew on the 1st day of auditing next year. Chairman Jones thanked Sue for the good job the auditors do.

James R. Jones *moved* to sign the agreement with Butler County and the Redevelopment Authority for the 2009 Housing Rehabilitation Funds. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. Agreed and *carried*.

James R. Jones *moved* to authorize payment for registration for Lois Rankin to attend the Sunday morning class at the PSATS Convention. She is already registered for the convention, but this class is an additional \$50.00 registration for the "PA UCC for Newly Elected Officials." *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. Agreed and *carried*.

The Butler Co. Sewage Association submitted a DEP 'repair' modules for the Benninger Property on Saxonburg Rd. James R. Jones *moved* to adopt the Resolution from Plan Revision for New Land Development (#304) required by the DEP. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. Agreed and *motion carried*.

MISC. BUSINESS:

Chairman Jones noted that the Council of Governments meeting is Thurs., March 11th at 7 P.M. at Penn Township. Neither he nor Lois Rankin will be attending, but it was noted that perhaps the new supervisor will take an interest in attending these meetings. We are currently members of the COG and plan to use their 'crack sealing machine' this spring, as well as hope to purchase stone through them (via the Butler COG's membership with the South Hills COG.)

The Supervisors agreed to take a few quotes for the workmen's comp. insurance (due in July), in addition to that of our current insurance agency (C. W. Howard Insurance.)

The secretary noted that because the Butler Co. Planning Commission had to be given 30 days to review the proposed Subdivision and Land Development Revisions, she could not advertise the hearing and adoption for today. The advertisement will go out this month, the hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2010 at 3:15 P.M. and adoption is planned for during the regular meeting on April 12th.

ATTENDANCE: Paul Hartzell, Sue Hartzell, Maria Mills, Stan Mills, John Cypher, Shirley Widenhofer, Gene Widenhofer, Carol Williams, Ralph Criscella, Tom Alberti, Laura Alberti, Brett Neupert, Norm Neupert, William L. Foertsch, Jane Limbacher, Denise Foertsch, Jim Rankin, Wendy Leslie (Co. CDBG), and Leo Rosenbauer.

ADJOURN: *Motion* by James R. Jones to adjourn at approx.4:50 P.M. *Seconded* by Lois J. Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 12, 2010 3:30 P.M. (*Public Hearing on the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Revision is scheduled for 3:15 P.M. on April 12, 2010.*)