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The Board of Supervisors of East Brunswick Township held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Municipal Building. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Faust at 6:31 PM. There was a PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to our flag.

In attendance for the meeting were Chairman Jeff Faust, Vice-Chairman/Treasurer Tom Strause, Jim Crossen, Esq.; Brian Baldwin Engineer; Secretary Kelly Coldren; and Roadmaster Thomas Noecker. Supervisor John Heim was absent.

Also in attendance for the meeting were residents Keith Coller and Jane Tamulonis; Matthew Rossi, Joseph Mattera, David Humenansky and Crissy Zaprazy for the former Smith's Country Inn; Christine Verdier of Senator Argall's office and Lauren Miller of Representative Knowles' office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Joe Mattera is under contract to purchase the former Smith's Country Inn. He is wondering what kind of information and detail the BOS is requiring for the Conditional Use approval. He explains it will remain the same type of use as it has been for the past 4 decades. It will need some renovation, septic and possible stormwater management work and he will attend to whatever is required. No floor plans have been drawn up yet. The building will not be expanded at first, but down the line it may. B. Baldwin says there really is no stormwater impact right now as there is no new impervious area planned at the moment. A land development plan is not needed. He will need to submit plans with the zoning and UCC applications. The BOS is glad he is purchasing and re-opening the property and are excited to see it up and running again.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Internet Complaints

Christine Verdier from Senator Argall's office and Lauren Miller from Representative Knowles' office are present at tonight's meeting. BOS was hoping a representative from Verizon would also be attendance. While this is a federal issue, there is a senator from York County really pushing for reform at the state level. She has been successful in limited areas getting service installed in mile-long stretches. It costs \$5000 per person in that stretch. C. Verdier explains that Comcast/Verizon are doing the minimum requirements of what is required by Federal and State regulations and are currently working on moving to 5G. J. Faust doesn't believe they are even meeting the minimum requirement in areas such as ours. Explains how a

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section of the township, impacting 100 people on E. Rausch's Rd, was out for 8 days. Blue Mountain School District requires homework be done via Google Docs which requires the internet and forced families to go to the local library or sit in the school parking lot to do homework. Also a hit for small businesses in area. C. Verdier also mentioned use of an app called TestIt which is a national organization for tracking speeds at any time/location. It gathers data to make a case to Congress. Argall's office will check with their Verizon representative on the 8-day outage, especially regarding refunds. J. Faust says this is a consistent problem, not just a one-time issue. C. Verdier says that next time someone tells us their services are out, to have them call the Senator's office right away. C. Verdier did the test at the meeting and the levels at the office at that time were lower than the FCC benchmarks.

BOS and B. Baldwin express gratitude to Senator and Representatives office for their support in the township receiving two new grants for a bridge and a multi-purpose field recently.

Planning Commission Vacancy Appointments

T. Strause made a *motion to appoint Carol Bylone to complete the term of Clyde Spehrley and Tom Noecker to complete the term of T. Strause who filled in for Paul Sleva.* Second by J, Faust. Voted all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Proposed Township Budget

T. Strause made a *motion to adopt the township budget for 2020 as presented.* Second by J. Faust. Voted all in favor.

2020 Proposed Meeting Dates

J. Heim makes a *motion to advertise the proposed budget as presented.* Second by J. Faust. Voted all in favor.

BM Soccer Club Field Request

A request for field usage has been made for Spring. J. Faust makes a *motion to approve dates as requested.* Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

Foggy Valley Tree Farm Annexation

B. Baldwin explains this is a simple boundary line adjustment. All conditions have been addressed and he is recommending final approval by the BOS. J. Faust makes a *motion to grant final approval for the Foggy Valley Annexation.* Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

Dolores Smith Subdivision

B. Baldwin explains this is a minor subdivision regarding the former Smith's Country Inn. He says all conditions have been met and is recommending

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final approval by the BOS. J. Faust makes a *motion to grant final approval for the Dolores Smith Subdivision*. Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

Tamulonis/Troutman Ag Securities

They are requesting that two additional parcels of their land be included in the Agricultural Security Area. The BOS is acknowledging receipt of this request. Next, J. Crossen will draw up a notice for advertisement and posting. The Planning Commission will be notified and then a public hearing will be held. J. Faust makes a *motion to grant J. Crossen permission to publish notices as required*. Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

SOUTHERN SCHUYLKILL COG MEETING

The next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2020 at 7 PM.

BLUE MOUNTAIN RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The monthly recreation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 7 PM.

SCHUYLKILL TCC MEETING

The TCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6PM.

CONCERNS

A resident called about the condition of Evergreen Drive. This is an ongoing issue the township has tried to correct by paving, but residents will not approve. Road crew says a resident there cut trees and removed stumps without a permit adding to the trouble. They have also seen trash in the gutter and the pipe is blocked by a resident. J. Faust asks road crew to look at road. He will do the same and then call the resident to discuss.

PERMITS

November Zoning Permit report is enclosed in folders.

SEMINARS

No applicable seminars available

ROAD MASTER REPORT

T. Noecker reported on the work they have been doing which includes installing drainage and doing base reconstruction on Whitetail; cleaning out gutters and pipes on Schmaltzdahl; putting up snow fence and deliniators; and cold patching

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MEETING MINUTES

J. Faust made a *motion to accept the minutes from October 22, 2019 as presented*. Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tabled until next meeting

REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS

Motion by T. Strause, seconded by J. Faust *to approve the Payment of Bills as presented*. Voted all in Favor.

On a motion by T. Strause, seconded by J. Faust, *the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM*. All Voted in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly A. Coldren
Secretary