

March 16, 2016
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Chairman John P. Sivick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Richard C. Vollmer, Vice Chairman; Robert H. Rohner, Jr., Supervisor and Secretary/Treasurer; Robert F. Bernathy, Esq., Township Solicitor and Jon Tresslar, P.E., Township Engineer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A comment was received regarding the township owned property located on Milford Road.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2016:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Sivick to approve the minutes of March 2, 2016 as presented. Mr. Rohner abstained because he was not present for that meeting.

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS ON LIST #1, LIST #2 AND THE TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to authorize the payment of the bills on List #1, List #2 and the transfers as presented. Unanimous.

ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; ALL FUNDS, FOR THE MONTH ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2016:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended February 29, 2016. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. VAN WHY ROAD DEDICATION REQUEST:

Mr. Tresslar's report dated March 15, 2016 has been submitted. The proposed dedication is for the first 1,200' where it is proposed to be terminated publically in a cul-de-sac. Beyond the cul-de-sac it will remain private (Steele Road). Per ordinance requirements, the bulb at the end of the cul-de-sac is required to have a 50' radius with a 40' paved turnaround. The cul-de-sac bulb is yet to be constructed.

The Van Whys are requesting a waiver from the requirements of the 50' radius with a 40' paved turnaround because of the amount of land area the bulb took up on the property of Daniel and Kristen Van Why. There may be a precedent established with the roads located within Section 6 of Rustic Acres, and that will be reviewed.

If relief is granted, Mr. Tresslar recommends a "T" turnaround. This would result in paving a small section of roadway 20-25 feet in length for the full width of the 50' right-of-way. This provides an area for vehicular turnaround without the need for additional right-of-way. It is worth consideration in this instance because this road will not "dead end" at the limit of dedication and the need for a vehicle to turnaround will be minimal.

In addition to performing a survey, Mr. Tresslar made an evaluation to determine if the roadway alignment and construction is in accordance with dedication requirements. Since this dedication is being limited to the first 1,200', he is considering this a cul-de-sac.

Ordinance 85 lists the following design requirements in Table 1 for a cul-de-sac street. Design speed requirement is 25 mph. Provided is 25 mph. Required right-of-way width is 50'. Provided is 50'. Required cart way width is 22'. Provided is 22'. Required travel way width is 16'. Provided is 16', but tapers at Station 12+00. Required shoulder width is 3'. Provided is 0'. There are no shoulders alongside the paved roadway. Required minimum centerline radii is 150'. Provided is not applicable. Required minimum sight distance is 150'. Provided is greater than 150'. Required maximum grade (%) is 16%. Provided is 10.4%. Required sustained grade (%) is 12%. Provided is less than 8%.

There is a grass swale on the uphill side and water sheet flows off on the downhill side. There are three (3) cross pipes, a 24" cmp at Station 0+25, and 18" cmp at Station 1+24, and an 18" cmp at Station 4+08. Drainage appears to be adequate.

According to the Van Whys there is a 7" of paving reported on an unknown depth of base. Ordinance 85 requires a minimum of 2.5", ID-2, on an 8" stone base. Mr. Tresslar's inspection of the roadway indicates no settlement of paving or other conditions which would suggest inadequate base of depth of black top. To verify depth of paving will require core borings, or an excavation alongside the road to determine depth of blacktop and base. Mr. Tresslar's inspection found that potholes beginning to form and unraveling of the surface course in many areas from Station 0+00 to Station 7+00. Mr. Tresslar recommends a 1 1/2" wearing course be applied to this section of road.

In summary, the portion of roadway being offered for dedication appears to be in general conformity with Ordinance 85 requirements. The supervisors must determine the type of end treatment, whether they will accept the road without shoulders. Whether they will require an overlay for the first 700', and finally, depth of pavement must be verified.

Mr. Bernathy stated that Ordinance 85 does not provide for modifications or variances, but that the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code does. The Code allows for peculiar condition of the land. The requirement for a cul-de-sac to have a 50' radius with a 40' paved turnaround is for a closed end cul-de-sac. This particular cul-de-sac would not be closed end. The Code allows for modifications for shoulders. This is a pre-existing road, so no probationary or posting of a bond will be required. Shoulders are constructed to give support to the travel way, or if a driver needs to pull over. There is a shoulder area, just not stoned or paved. The supervisors could grant no shoulders.

This cul-de-sac would have little traffic. There is an existing swale that keeps water off of the road.

It was decided that to determine the road base depth, two (2) sites will dug along the edge of

the road.

Signage stating "Dead End" at the beginning of the road and "Private Road" at the end of the cul-de-sac will be installed.

Motion made by Mr. Sivick and second of Mr. Rohner to give conditional preliminary approval with the modifications (bulb size and no shoulders) based upon a site inspection for wearing course and depth of base. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LEHMAN TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR ROSEANN VAN WHY EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016:

After 38 years as Lehman Township's tax collector, Roseann Van Why has decided to retire. Mrs. Van Why has forwarded correspondence that her resignation will be effective June 30, 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Sivick and second of Mr. Vollmer to accept Mrs. Van Why's resignation effective June 30, 2016. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 19th beginning at noon at the municipal building.
2. The Electronics Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
3. Spring Clean Up Days will be held on Friday, May 6th from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 7th from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Sivick stated that the crew has been busy making repairs to Brisco Mt. Road after the recent heavy rain storm. Two (2) culverts will be replaced on that road, and the national park service will be notified to determine if permits will be needed. The township's alternate engineer Fred Courtright is finalizing cost figures.

CPR course and certification will be scheduled for employees who certifications are about to expire.

Repairs were made to the furnace at the community park.

A water pipe leak was repaired at the community park. Pennsylvania American Water will be removing sewer lines from the park, and installing new lines.

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Maintenance work has been completed on township vehicles.

Litter pick up throughout the township.

The township received an email from Middle Smithfield supervisors to see if Lehman would be interested in their annual "1000 Feet of Street" litter pick up, specifically River Road and Timothy Lake Road. The road crew has already picked up the litter on Timothy Lake Road. Middle Smithfield will be notified that Lehman will not participate, but will partner with Middle Smithfield to pick up the litter on Winona Falls Road within Middle Smithfield.

Drainage and shoulder work completed on Emery Road.

The Bushkill Inn will be contacted to see if they would be interested in volunteering for litter pick up on Bushkill Falls Road, and perhaps notify the school district to see if any of their students would be interested as well. This is a PennDot road.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. by the motion of Mr. Sivick and second of Mr. Rohner. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Rohner, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer