

HEREFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

September 1, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the regular meeting of the Hereford Township Board of Supervisors was held via Zoom and in person. Those present were Supervisors John Membrino, Keith Masemore, Karla Dexter, Secretary Norann Warmkessel, Assistant Secretary Louisa Masemore, Engineer Jennifer McConnell, Solicitor Eugene Orlando, Randy Kahler, Peter Masemore and Harlan Snyder. On Zoom attendees Irene Frick from Hereford Estates, Thomas O'Connor from Berks Properties, Mike McManamey from Hunt Real Estate Group and Candace Perry, reporter from the Town & Country.

The board held an Executive Session regarding pending litigation beginning at 7:25pm and ending at 7:36 pm.

Mr. Membrino called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 7:37 p.m.

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Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Mr. Masemore seconded to pay the bills. All were in favor. Motion carried.

WORK CREW REPORT

The road crew has been working on mowing, line painting, equipment repair and clean up from storms/heavy rains.

ENGINEER

1904 Tollgate Road Land Development

Chuck Frantz and Rita Sisselberger represented the plan.

Based on the Technicon review letter dated August 27, 2020, the Planning Commission has recommended the following waivers.

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to approve a waiver to Section 204-207 of the SALDO to allow combined preliminary/final plan approval. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to approve a waiver to Section 502.4 of the SALDO not requiring sidewalks along Tollgate Road. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to approve a partial waiver to Section 503.2 of the SALDO to require only 10 street trees on the Tollgate Rd frontage, primarily between the two ends of Wetland "A". All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to approve a waiver to Section 306.B.3 of the Stormwater Ordinance to allow a minimum pipe diameter of 12: for the basin outlet pipe. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to approve a waiver to Section 306.B.3.k of the Stormwater Ordinance to allow disconnected roof leaders. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to approve a waiver to Section 8.1.5 of the Driveway Ordinance to allow a gravel driveway beyond the 50' required entrance paving off Tollgate Road. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to grant Conditional Final Plan approval based on the applicant complying with the comments in the Technicon review letter dated August 24, 2020. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The applicant requested an agreement to begin sitework until the plan is signed and recorded. The Board stated that it could not honor that request.

Camp Mensch Mill Road

The Secretary will check with EMA again to see if Emergency Funds are available. The issue will be discussed again at the September 15th meeting.

Stove Road

The pipe in question was replaced when road work was completed. Several options were suggested to alleviate the water problem that the Engineer will discuss with Mr. Jensen,

WAWA Improvements Agreement

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to accept the general concept of a letter of credit in place of a bond for escrow. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ZONING & ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Bearfoot Lane – no new updates on the complaint

Hunter Forge Rd – update will be available for the September 15th meeting

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

SEO Report

The Board reviewed a copy of the SEO report for July 2020

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Board reviewed a copy of the Building Inspectors report for July 2020

Mr. Membrino asked if there was anything else for Ms. VanDyke in any of her capacities. There were none.

SOLICITOR

ACT 537 Plan

Working group is meeting again and a long-term plan is being proposed by Mr. Ebert who will update the board at a future meeting.

Habitats of Hope LLC

The applicant has submitted a letter/revision to the prior application and has added a Constitutional Challenge to the Zoning Ordinance. The Board authorized the Solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearing.

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Mr. Membrino asked if there was anything else for the Solicitor. There was none.

Secretary Report

The Secretary reported that Louisa has been handling quite a few permits in recent weeks. She performed a budget review and reported that the income has not fallen much if at all for the first half of the year. The files brought back from the Secretary are in the process of being combined with those in the office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kahler Road Vacation

The discussion continued regarding the possible vacation of Kahler Road. Randy Kahler attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of his father. Mr. Masemore and Mr. Kahler questioned the board regarding the costs of the deed changes, and it was noted that the property owners would be responsible for them. It was also noted that Kahler Road was not the only road in the township that should be considered.

Mr. Membrino made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to begin the process. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

There being no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Membrino made a motion and Mr. Masemore seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 P.M. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular and budget meetings will be held via Zoom and in person on September 15, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Norann L. Warmkessel, Secretary