

**GIRARD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Paul Pangratz at approximately 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Supervisors Bill Felege, Chuck McConnell and Paul Pangratz; Secretary, Zoning Administrator Lisa Vallimont; Treasurer Lindy Platz, Roadmaster Ray Branthoover. Also, in attendance were visitors Brian Borland, Juston Cannon, Stan Freeland, Joyce Goodman, Beth Hanna, Thomas Hosack, Jim Mattson, Steve Michael, Gerald Moryc, Rick Newton, Linda Niles, Dennis Olesnanik, Ed & Tanya Orr, Kristen & Kyle Reinwald, Darlene Robertson, Nicole Snow, Jeff Stevens and Shirley Wagner.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING TODAY'S AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:

The MEETING MINUTES from 01/07/2019 and 01/22/2019;
The INVOICES from 01/23/2019 through 02/12/2019;
The PAYROLLS ending 01/26/2019, 02/02/2019 and 02/09/2019; and
The TREASURER'S REPORT ending 01/31/2019.

Motion by B Felege, second by C. McConnell to approve the Consent Agenda, motion carried (3-0).

Chairman Pangratz addressed the group of volunteer fire fighters who were present. Stan Freeland, Platea VFD, stated they were present at the meeting to provide an update and to thank the township for their support and assistance. Mr. Freeland asked if the township had ever considered enacting an ordinance to require address signs, as unmarked or poorly marked addresses is a major problem, B. Felege mentioned that the township does offer signs for a minimal fee. Mr. Freeland and the fire fighters thanked the township for the grant match payment for the recently acquired SCBA's.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/AGREEMENTS

- Motion by B. Felege, second by C. McConnell to approve Resolution #19-004, EACOG Audit, motion carried (3-0).

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

On February 4, 2019 at a public meeting, the Planning Commission members voted unanimously to:

- Recommend a conditional use hearing for 8641 Middle Road, index #24-19-80-4, for an in-law apartment.
- Recommend approval for the Borland subdivision, index #24-17-95-12, creating 4 lots.

Motion by C. McConnell, second by B. Felege to approve the Planning recommendations, motion carried (3-0). L. Vallimont will schedule and advertise the conditional use hearings for Tuesday, March 12.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Ashley Porter was present to update the Board on a few items their firm is working on.

- Westgate's land development plan is complete; however, we will hold the bond until the NPDES is terminated.
- The land development plan for the new garage will be ready for the planning commission on March 4.
- The garage bids should go out soon with bids due on March 22.

OLD BUSINESS – Motion by B. Felege, second by C. McConnell to approve and sign the Easement Agreement between Girard Twp and Sandra Anderson for property index # 24-001-006.0-008.01, motion carried (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion by B. Felege, second by C. McConnell to appoint L. Platz as Alt. Delegate to EACOG, motion carried (3-0).
- Discussion was held regarding stop signs in the Birchdale Subdivision. Action will be tabled until it is determined whether an engineer study will be required.
- Motion by B. Felege, second by P. Pangratz to approve EACOG's letter of intent to convene a meeting with PA DCNR, motion carried (3-0).
- Motion by C. McConnell, second by B. Felege to authorize the solicitor to file liens on four (4) properties for unpaid sewer fees, motion carried (3-0).
- Motion by B. Felege, second by P. Pangratz to donate \$500 for the "Our Town Mural" project, motion carried (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS NOT ON THIS EVENING'S AGENDA

- P. Pangratz requested that the Supervisors do a road inspection with the Roadmaster in the near future, all in favor.
- Motion by B. Felege, second by C. McConnell that Girard Twp complete the necessary paperwork and return funds to PA DCNR to cancel the pavilion project, motion carried (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING ANYTHING NOT DISCUSSED THIS EVENING

Gerry Moryc spoke in favor of designating Cross Station Rd as a snowmobile road. He stated that the snowmobilers seem to ride with respect, at safe speeds, etc. and inquired about ATV's using the same routes. It was explained that when possible the ATV's can use the trails, but some trails cross planted fields and it is not possible to use during the warmer months. Mr. Moryc also inquired about PSP funding and B. Felege explained that we are against the Governor's proposal of charging each municipality based on population, this would cost Girard Twp a few hundred thousand dollars. This is not feasible with our budget and would potentially mean a tax increase.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by B. Felege, second by C. McConnell to adjourn meeting at 8:05 PM, motion carried (3-0).

Respectfully submitted

Lisa A. Vallimont
Secretary