

TOWNSHIP OF ROSTRAVER**Monday, March 6, 2006****Minutes of Work Session**

Chairman, Nick Lorenzo called the Rostraver Township Board of Commissioners Work Session to order on this date at 5:34 p.m. in the Rostraver Township Municipal Building, Rostraver, Pennsylvania.

Members present were:	Thomas G. Patterson	Ralph Iacoboni
	Brian L. Sokol	Nick Lorenzo
	Patrick G. Egros	

Solicitor Maatta, Engineer DeiCas and Secretary Beard were also present.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Commissioner Sokol said Steven Morgan is working for the developer of Willow Links and he called Steven Morgan regarding putting his equipment on the new paved road. Commissioner Sokol said the agreement with the Township was to bring the equipment in through Willow Links. Commissioner Sokol said Steven Morgan wanted to attend the meeting to represent Bob Jagger and himself and to discuss this issue. Mr. Morgan said what they are doing is according to the drawings approved by the Township. ~~Mr. Morgan said they will be paving everything on the Willow Links side and up to the existing cul-de-sac next month.~~
2. Walter Johnson, Supervisor for the Rostraver Township Sewage Authority and Dennis Manown from the sewage board attended the meeting to discuss the Rt. 51/I 70 sewage project. Mr. Manown said the contract for the sewage project will be awarded on Tuesday. Mr. Manown said the construction will begin in the middle of April, 2006 and the closing for Penn Vest should be in August, 2006. Attorney Maatta said Secretary Beard needs to advertise a summary ordinance in April, 2006. Mr. Manown said there will be no assessments and no tap-in fees. Mr. Manown said the Sewage Authority would like to meet with the Commissioners at the March 27, 2006 Work Session.
3. Commissioner Iacoboni went to the Landfill to discuss Jim Schoaf being charged a surcharge. Commissioner Iacoboni asked if Mr. Schoaf could be credited for the surcharges. Keith Bowser from the landfill said maybe they could credit half of the amount due. Commissioner Sokol said the Board of Commissioners in the past has helped the land fill out by waiving late fees and would like to see them do the township a favor. Chairman Lorenzo and Commissioner Iacoboni will go back to the land fill and let Mr. Bowser know that the Board of Commissioners are in agreement and ask that what is owed (around \$800.00) be credited to Jim Schoaf.
4. Commissioners discussed Vale Karlski and his issues. Commissioner Patterson said years ago Jim Jones, neighbor to Mr. Karlski had Attorney Frank Bialon type on his deed a 15 ft. alley and then took the deed to the court house and had it recorded. Commissioner Patterson said Mr. Jones has black topped the alley and put a 6ft. high fence on Mr. Karlski's side of the alley. Commissioner Patterson said he told Mr. Jones that he was wrong by putting the fence up on Mr. Karlski's side. Commissioner Patterson said Mr. Karlski went to court and the fence had to come down.

Commissioner Patterson said he thought this issue was over but Mr. Jones and Mr. Karlski still have issues with each other. Chairman Lorenzo said Mr. Karlski said when he calls the police they never respond. Chairman Lorenzo said Mr. Karlski would like to attend a work session to discuss these issues.

5. Chairman Lorenzo said Attorney Maatta said not to sign the letter regarding Jim Staff's pension and to forward the letter to Mockenhaupt.
6. Engineer DeiCas said the contract has been awarded to Farnham & Pfile for the lighting at the ballfields. Engineer DeiCas said he spoke to Doug from Farnham & Pfile and said bonds are needed. Engineer DeiCas said that Farnham and Pfile wants typed in their contract that it is per these terms and conditions that were in the book.
7. Engineer DeiCas said the Schall Road Bridge is in bad shape but the abutments are okay. Engineer DeiCas said the Township could buy a pre-engineered bridge while the bridge is being repaired. Commissioners are going to look into getting funding for the bridge.
8. Chairman Lorenzo said he is trying to set up a meeting with Alan Bailey from PennDOT regarding the ARC grant (\$500,000) and the 201/70 needs study (\$1.2 million).
9. Chairman Lorenzo discussed getting the Finley Road project moving. There will be a meeting on March 21, 2006 at 1:30 p.m and Attorney Maatta said to have Planner Spedaliere invite John Surmacz from the county to this meeting.
10. ~~Commissioner Sokol said there was a pine tree in the right-of-way on Collinsburg Road and this has been cut. Commissioner Sokol said a resident is asking if a three way stop sign be put in on Collinsburg Road and Collingate. Engineer DeiCas will prepare an Ordinance for this stop sign for Secretary Beard to advertise.~~
11. Commissioner Egros said Planner Spedaliere is applying for a grant through the DCNR. Commissioner Egros asked if the police could patrol Rt. 51 near his home. Commissioner Egros said he would like to sit with an officer near Mr. Karlski's home because Mr. Karlski said there never are police in his area.
12. Attorney Maatta said he was notified that the Township won the tax appeal with A & L construction. Attorney Maatta said the Township is owed \$103,970.00 and the School district is owed \$207,940.00.
13. Commissioner Patterson said he is concerned about the "Right Turn Only" off of Broad Ave extension into Rostraver Square. He said people do not come to a complete stop before turning and what can be done with this problem. Attorney Maatta said the sign can be changed to "No Turn On Red".
14. Secretary Beard said Fred Exley sent an e-mail regarding the mulch fire at the Three Rivers Marine. Secretary Beard said he would like to meet with the Commissioners regarding this fire. Chairman Lorenzo and Commissioner Sokol said to let Zoning Officer Lohr handle the issue.

15. Secretary Beard said Sophie Lynn came to the building complaining that her car was damaged last year during the Elks Bridge project. Secretary Beard said Attorney Maatta sent a letter to her last year stating that the Township is not responsible. Chairman Lorenzo said for Secretary Beard to send Ms. Lynn a copy of the letter that was sent to her last year from Attorney Maatta.
16. Secretary Beard said Suzuki and PennDOT are meeting tomorrow in Uniontown at 9:00 a.m. regarding them opening a Suzuki business on Rt. 51. Zoning Officer Lohr had suggested that Planner Spedaliere attend this meeting. Chairman Lorenzo said it would be okay for her to attend.
17. Secretary Beard said Sharon Fleming will be attending at Seminar in Greensburg on April 4, 2006.
18. Secretary Beard said the Township billed Dick Robidoux for Engineer DeiCas's time in the amount of \$257.00. Secretary Beard said Mr. Robidoux feels he did not ask for this meeting and said he is not responsible for this bill. Chairman Lorenzo said for Secretary Beard to send a letter to Mr. Robidoux stating that he is responsible for the bill because the Township Engineer, DeiCas had to be at that meeting.
19. Secretary Beard said Mon Valley Progress Council sent a letter inviting the Commissioners to their kick off meeting for the Smart Government Project.
20. Secretary Beard said when the Auditor was in they suggested that the Township update the W-4 forms and if anyone receives a raise throughout the year an approval form needs to be put in their personnel folder with the reason for the raise.
21. ~~Commissioner Sokol wanted to know how the Township can get rid of their old computers.~~
22. Commissioner Sokol said PennTownship has the Tax collector in their Muncipal Building like we do and their Tax Collector pay's \$500.00/month in rent and would like the Commissioners to consider this.
23. Secretary Beard said Zoning Officer Lohr was questioning why the Pension Plan is capped at 12% for employee contribution. Attorney Maatta said the Township needs to contact Mockenhaupt before any changes can be made.

ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:44 p.m.

RECOVERED TO WORK SESSION – 7:55 p.m

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss Patrick G. Egros moved the Work Session be adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Thomas G. Patterson seconded the motion. The following yea and nay votes were recorded:

Thomas G. Patterson – yea
Brian L. Sokol – yea
Patrick G. Egros - yea


Ralph Iacoboni – yea
Nick Lorenzo – yea

Total yeas - 5; nays – 0



Nick LORENZO, President

ATTEST:



Pamela S. BEARD, Township Secretary

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED.