

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 8, 2007**

The monthly meeting of the Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Longswamp Township Municipal Building, 1112 State Street, Longswamp Township, Mertztown, Pennsylvania, 7:30 p.m., prevailing time as previously advertised and posted.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. ROLL CALL.

Officials Present: Donald Siegfried, Chairman; Bruce Hall, Vice Chairman, Steven C. Wyka, Supervisor; Jill Smith, representing the Engineer; Richard Orwig, Esquire, representing the Solicitor; and Barbara Ebert, Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Siegfried called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. (delayed due to Conditional Use Hearing for Sprint/NEXTEL Cell Tower), and announced the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2007, would not take place. Draft copies of those minutes were available in the meeting hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve Wyka made a **motion** to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2007; Bruce Hall seconded that motion. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sixth & Seventh Grade Dance – May 11, 2007 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Spring Clean-Up Day – May 12, 2007, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Council – May 21, 2007 @7:00

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maryann Lantz requested information on the activity taking place near Barclay Street. The Engineer reported that Grande obtained a permit to do preliminary well drilling for The Estates of Briarwood and The Estates of Sutherland developments to provide water sampling and data on flows and water quality. The Engineer also assured **Win Lease** that proper permits have been filed with the Township and a geologist from Hanover Engineering has been on site to oversee the work.

Mr. Siegfried commented that the DEP is also conducting well monitoring/drilling in the Oreville area.

Cathi Kratzer requested that a sign be placed near her property on Longsdale Drive warning drivers of a sharp turn. The Engineer will discuss sign placement with the Roadmaster.

OLD BUSINESS

Atlas Conditional Use Application

The Solicitor reported that based on the public hearing held April 12, 2007, for the expansion of asphalt processing facilities at Atlas Minerals and Chemicals, Inc., the Board of Supervisors has determined the applicant met the burden of proof required in their application dated March 4, 2007,

and the Board will be granting Conditional Use approval subject to the following conditions:

1. The Applicant shall comply with all requirements to obtain a building permit and agree to site inspections by the Township Engineer or Representative of the Township during the course of the project.
2. As soon as practical, natural gas shall be piped to Atlas and shall be made available to Mertztown in order to utilize a cleaner burning fuel. Total emissions for the site shall remain below Title V threshold levels.
3. Applicant shall supply pre-construction DEP air quality reports to the Township.
4. The plant expansion will have a containment dike around it. This dike will be able to contain the contents of the manufactured product if the plant should fail.
5. All rainwater from the expansion will be contained and inspected before it is released to the on-site retention pond.
6. Centrifugal blowers will be used instead of positive displacement blowers to reduce noise.
7. Copies of DEP permits for the facility shall be supplied to the Township for their files with regard to said facility.
8. The emergency response plan for the project/plant shall be supplied to local emergency management agencies, including local fire companies.
9. Appropriate signage shall be installed to direct trucks to the facility.
10. The Applicant shall comply with all requirements, per testimony on April 12, 2007, of the Longswamp Township Zoning Ordinance of 2006 Sections 747, 609 and 1005.

Bruce Hall made a **motion** authorizing the approval and signing of the Decision of Longswamp Board of Supervisors RE: Conditional Use Application of Atlas Minerals & Chemicals, Inc.; Steve Wyka seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Frank Hanson of Atlas Minerals and Chemicals, Inc. requested the Board of Supervisors accept a plan submission for review by the Planning Commission at their June meeting. It was noted that the deadline for new plan submissions for the June PC meeting was Monday, May 7. The Engineer noted that until impact studies are completed and submitted to the Township, and the submission would be considered incomplete. The BOS denied Mr. Hanson's request.

ENGINEERING, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – Jill Smith

Schlossburg Street Engineering and Traffic Study

The Engineer reported that the Engineering and Traffic Study for Schlossburg Street has been completed. A separate report will be completed by the next meeting of the BOS to address possible truck restrictions.

The Engineering and Traffic Study includes the following information:

- Average Daily Traffic was calculated to be 479 vehicles – 90% passenger cars and single delivery vehicles.
- Accident history for the past five (5) years for the entire length of Schlossburg Street including the intersections with State Street and Longswamp Road consists of five (5) accidents.
- Safe-running speed analysis completed on Schlossburg Street determined an average safe-running speed of 34 mph in the north direction and 33 mph in the south direction, meeting criteria for speed limit posting between 30 mph – 35 mph.
- Spot speed analysis of the northern portion of Schlossburg Street determined the free-flowing speeds to average 44 mph northbound and 41 mph southbound; 85th percentile speeds were determined to 51 mph northbound and 48 mph southbound. This area would qualify for a

- speed limit posting between 45 mph – 50 mph.
- Speed for curves was measured by a ball-bank indicator. Findings indicate the recommended speed for the series of curves along Schlossburg Street is 25 mph.
 - Corner sight distance was measured at four (4) locations along Schlossburg Street and found sight distances to be adequate in the northern section for speed limits up to 55 mph, and 35mph in the southern section.
 - Hanover Engineering recommends 35 mph speed limit for entire length of Schlossburg Street and horizontal alignment warning signs (winding road ahead) supplemented with 25 mph advisory speed limit signs be installed for added guidance through the area of greatest curvature.

Bruce Hall made a **motion** accepting the Engineering and Traffic Study for Speed Limit Restriction on Schlossburg Street prepared by Hanover Engineering Assoc., Inc., and the recommended 35 mph speed limit for entire length of Schlossburg Street and horizontal alignment warning signs supplemented with 25 mph advisory speed limit signs be installed for added guidance through the area of greatest curvature; Steve Wyka seconded the motion. All in favor.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** authorizing the Solicitor to advertise adoption of a new Ordinance establishing a speed limit of 35 mph on Schlossburg Street and adding horizontal alignment warning signs supplemented with 25 mph advisory speed limit signs for adoption on June 12, 2007; Bruce Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Time Extension – Hills of Shalom – 3

Steve Wyka made a **motion** granting a time extension to Hills of Shalom-3 to August 14, 2007; Bruce Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Sewage Service Agreement Among Borough of Topton, Borough of Topton Municipal Authority and Longswamp Township

The Solicitor recommended the BOS consider approval of an intergovernmental agreement and ordinance to “amend and restate the existing Sewer Service Agreements in order to include sewage service to the area of the Township containing the new Brandywine Heights Area School District High School”.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** approving the execution of a Sewage Service Agreement Among Borough of Topton, Borough of Topton Municipal Authority and Longswamp Township and authorizing the Solicitor to prepare a letter of transmittal for the BOS's signature; Bruce Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bruce Hall made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an intergovernmental agreement to effectuate the Sewage Service Agreement Among Borough of Topton, Borough of Topton Municipal Authority and Longswamp Township; Steve Wyka seconded the motion. All in favor.

RECREATION REPORT – Bruce E. Hall

The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission will be held on May 15, 2007, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A walk around the park will be held at 6:00 that evening.

Spring Dance (6th & 7th Grades) – May 11, 2007 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Spring Clean Up – May 12, 2007, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Report for April 2007

NEW BUSINESS

Traffic Paint Bids

Steve Wyka made a **motion** to receive bids submitted for traffic paint and beads; Bruce Hall seconded the motion. All in Favor

The Board of Supervisors will review the bids and announce their decision for awarding of the contract at their next meeting.

PKF Industries Quotation

Steve Wyka made a **motion** accepting a quotation for landscape work around the veterans memorial and Township Building from PKF Industries in the amount of \$2494.86; Bruce Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Topton Borough – Outstanding Account Balance for Worker’s Comp Insurance Co-op

The Borough requested a payment schedule be drawn up for a balance of \$8166.79 due to the Township for Co-op Worker’s Compensation participation for the services of the Topton Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. The agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 27, 2007, and forwarded to the Borough. The Township has not yet received an executed agreement or the payment due on March 30, 2007.

Bruce Hall made a **motion** authorizing the Solicitor to send a letter to the solicitor for the Borough of Topton requesting resolution of this issue; Steve Wyka seconded the motion. All in favor.

RECORD NOTES

None at this time

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bruce Hall made a **motion** to approve processing for payment, bills totaling \$37,374.51; Steve Wyka seconded that motion. Roll Call Vote: Bruce Hall, Yes; Donald Siegfried, Yes; Steve Wyka, Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Young noted a discrepancy in signs posted on Benfield Road. A new sign for Benfield “Street” has been posted and should be corrected by the Roadmaster. The Engineer noted that an official Longswamp Township Street Map is in process.

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Wyka made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.; Bruce Hall seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K. Ebert

Township Secretary