

Canton Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 11, 2020

Call meeting to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Tom Bodnovich.

Roll Call: Bodnovich-yes, Sheppard-yes, Main-yes, Solicitor-Makel-yes, Harshmans CE Group- Leasure-yes. Also, Code Enforcement Officer- Chris Hammett and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer- Christy Moore.

Engineers Report: See attached.

Parks and Recreation Report: No events.

Public Participation:

Tim Sakovich- 2192 The Circle- Talked about shooting on Weirich Avenue affecting residents in the Circle.

Motion to authorize the township solicitor to prepare an ordinance for discharge of firearms in a densely populated area in Canton Township.

Motion made by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Second by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Township solicitor sending letter to 926 Weirich Avenue to cease shooting.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the regular meeting on May 14, 2020.

Motion made by: Mr. Buch Main

Second by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to pay the bills found true and correct and payroll 11 and 12.

-Public Works: \$ 453.15

-General Funds: \$ 36,745.18

-State Fund: \$ 7716.79

-Impact Fee: \$ 0.00

-Payroll: \$ 42,909.17

-Municipal Shares: \$ 0.00

-General Escrow: \$4962.63

-Fire Escrow: \$0.00

-Dye Escrow: \$0.00

-Donation: \$ 0.00

-Developers Escrow \$ 0.00

Total: \$ 92,786.90

Motion made by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, but abstains from payroll, Motion carried.

Motion to approve the bids for the 2020-2021 Summer/Winter Materials, from Greer for PA2A for \$ 19,000.00, #57 for \$10,725.00, #8 for \$12,750.00 And #4 for \$10,125.00. From Coolsprings for R4 for \$13,000.00. From Golden Eagle for 9.5 MM for \$21,000.00 and 19MM for \$54,000.00 with Hanson for backup with the same price. From Ligneer for R4 sandstone for \$13,000.00 and to table the fuel bid for further clarification.

Motion made by: Mr. Butch Main

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 5 of 2020 Vacating a portion of an unopened road known as alley d from its intersection with Green Street, for a portion of its length extending approximately 206.88 feet.

Motion made by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to approve the HOP for SR4053-Segment 010-Offset 1730 to 2663 per the engineer comments,

Motion made by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to resind Resolution 3 of 2018 concerning the appropriation of fees to volunteers who respond to fire calls.

Motion made by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Second by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to rescind Ordinance 2 of 2019 Establishing a tax credit for volunteer fire companies.

Motion made by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to approve to discontinue the property insurance for the Volunteer Fire Department properties.

Motion made by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main yes, Motion carried.

Motion to approve to discontinue the townships contribution to the volunteer fire department and to only pay what is legally required.

Motion made by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to approve to sign the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative Agreement to continue the health insurance.

Motion made by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Second by: Mr. Butch Main

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to send a certified letter to the Canton Volunteer Fire Company regarding all motions made tonight.

Motion made by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Second by: Mr. Butch Main

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution 3 of 20 to designate an agent Stephanie Pettit for the Emergency Public Assistant Grant.

Motion made by: Mr. Butch Main

Second by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to approve PA Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Grant Program Agreement.

Motion made by: Mr. Butch Main

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the township solicitor to file responsive and counter claim against Al'Rubens and their attorney.

Motion made by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Second by: Mr. Butch Main

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to approve to purchase the items needed for the Emergency Management Offices for a cost of \$ 2494.91.

Motion made by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Second by: Mr. Butch Main

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

At 7:45 PM an executive session begins. Executive session ends at 8:28 PM and meeting resumes.

Motion on the Park property site regarding the concrete slab being removed by Washington County Redevelopment.

Tabled by Chairman Tom Bodnovich until further review by township engineer.

Motion to conditionally approve to start the bid process for Airport Bridge.

Motion made by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Second by: Mr. Butch Main

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Motion to authorize township solicitor to move forward with Mele, Mele and Sons performance bond if Mele, Mele and Sons chooses to not fix North Hewitt.

Motion made by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Public Participation: At the beginning.

Solicitors Report:

Motion to terminate health insurance benefits, life insurance benefits, and any other benefits the township can terminate on June 12, 2020 at the end of the business day for employee Dave Gump.

Motion made by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

New Business:

Chris Hammett talked about 90 Hawkins being a dangerous structure.

Motion to authorize the demolition of a structure located at 90 Hawkins subject to review by the township engineer to determine that the same is a danger to the health, safety, and welfare and needs to be demolished on an emergency basis.

Motion made by: Mr. Jack Sheppard

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Old Business:

-Equity injunction on 112 and 118 Ellis. Chris Furman working on.

-Eminent domain of 1853 Virginia Via. Chris Furman working on.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47PM.

Motion made by: Mr. Butch Main

Second by: Mr. Tom Bodnovich

Vote: Sheppard-yes, Bodnovich-yes, Main-yes, Motion carried.

Minutes Respectfully submitted,

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Township Engineer's Report
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Active Projects:

1. Berthel Bridge – Held pre-construction meeting with contactor. Work is schedule to start week of June 15th
2. Mulberry Bridge – Working with STV (PennDOT Consulatnat) on calculations for reduced weight limit.
3. McClay Bridge – Structural Engineer starting to design bridge deck replacement.
4. Jefferson Ave. Park – Contractor uncovered old tunnel / basemnt under section of the foundation. Working with Contractor and Redevelopment Authority on scope and price for demolition.

Inactive Projects:

1. Airport Bridge – Awaiting Funding.

CC: File 14.043

June 11, 2020

Hello my name is Tim Sakovich. I reside at 2192 The Circle. I have come here tonight to discuss a dangerous activity taking place within Canton Township that the Board has known about for approximately two years. It involves an individual discharging a weapon thus trying to create a private shooting range being located at 926 Weirich Avenue. No one living on the Circle knew where the gunshots were originating from until last Saturday, June 6, 2020. A group of my neighbors, all responsible gun owners, are ready to organize similar the Molycorp fight. Not familiar with this. Look it up in the township records.

FIRST:

MY NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE HAS A BULLET LODGED IN THE REAR WALL NEXT TO THEIR DINING ROOM DOOR. A gun shot from a neighboring property. This incident was reported to the PA State Police and they did nothing because there are no state weapons discharge laws. It is good that no one received any injuries or died from this event. There was only property damage this time, which is bad enough. It is up to the township to regulate discharging weapons illegally. Similar to neighboring Townships which have enacted:

- Peters Township Ordinance Chapter 206
- Moon Area Township Ordinance 6-101
- Fallowfield Township Ordinance Chapter 19
- Numerous other townships within eCode360PA guide which also have established ordinances

After a few internet searches I have discovered that there are also ordinances and regulations regarding the legal discharge of weapons on target ranges that should be followed:

- Discharged bullet not going beyond the property line
- A well constructed barrier behind the target
- Barrier must stop the bullet within 15 yards after barrier
- Discharge weapon 300 yards for the property line
- Object protection in all directions 45 degrees and more...

SECOND:

Let's briefly discuss the Second Amendment which everyone will say defends this activity. It does not really do that. Read it. People can join a militia. People can own a weapon. This doesn't give an individual the right to discharge a weapon illegally. Any truly responsible gun owner understands this, so they would only discharge weapons legally on an approved shooting range.

THIRD:

In closing before a ricochet takes someone's life or damages more property, I am pleased the township has started to do the right thing. Please provide a Cease and Desist Order for Public Safety reasons to the property owner as soon as possible. Do this so The Circle Residents can enjoy this summer any day and anytime. My neighbors and I are very concerned about going outside our homes, realizing even our homes may not protect us. This violates our freedoms. Remember the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution's 14th Amendment. It is your job to protect these human rights. The safety of all township residents is mandatory. Some people may say this will be overturned, but let any intruder of our freedoms fight that battle.

Thank you

Just a few statements from neighbors:

1. Night time shots fired.
2. People who work night shift being woke by the noise.
3. Afraid to let their dogs out of the house.
4. Afraid to use swimming pools
5. Afraid to sit outside in the evenings